



Dear Parent/ Guardian,

GCSE expectations and advance notice of practical exam dates

As you are most likely aware, GCSE Dance is a very demanding qualification ensuring learners are adept in both practical and theory work. As last year, we do expect students to attend a minimum of 3 intervention sessions per half term to support both their theory and practical work. As a department, we really appreciate your support with this.

This year, intervention sessions will run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tuesday sessions will be focused upon practical technique with Wednesday sessions being an opportunity to use the rehearsal space for choreography rehearsals with a teacher present to support and guide learners. After the practical exams, these sessions will change to support the written paper.

In the examining year of study, this qualification allows us to video the practical work at different times across the year. With this in mind, the practical assessments will be split in to two separate exam days to ensure learners can focus on the individual parts. The first practical exam will be the solo performance of the two set phrases your child has chosen to perform. These will take place in the week commencing the **17th December 2018**. The final practical exam day will be the students own choreographies and their group performance in a duet/ trio. These will take place in the week commencing **1st April 2019**.

The written examination will then take place alongside all of their written exams in May/ June 2019 (date TBC). We have also been able to secure a workshop with one of the dance company's who choreographed one of the set works we are studying for the written exam. This will take place on **Monday 15th October**. More information regarding this exciting workshop will be sent out in due course.

It is vital that your son/ daughter prepares for these exams early. We do advise students to attend intervention sessions early in the academic year before the pressure from their other subjects increases.

If you have any queries regarding GCSE Dance please contact me on n.hughes@bridgewaterhigh.com

Yours faithfully

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I can confirm that I have received the exam letter and am aware of all important dates.

Name of student:

Form:

