



05 March 2024

Dear Families

## Year 11 Performing Arts and Dance Component 3

The year 11 performing arts and dance students are currently working on *Component 3: Responding to a brief* which is the final component of their course. This unit of work is assessed by the **exam board** and is worth **40% of their final grade**.

Component 3 is made up of milestone activities; three of these are written assessments and the fourth is a practical performance. The written milestones focus on different parts of their practical work development:

- Milestone One: Initial ideas
- Milestone Two: Skills log
- Milestone Three: Workshop performance
- Milestone Four: Evaluation log

The students will complete the written milestones in **exam conditions**. They have **one hour** to complete each activity and are allowed to take in **one page of notes to support them**. Before each written assessment we support the students in lessons to plan their answers. We have found that students who write a draft answer get the best grade in this component and set this as classwork and homework before each assessment. This enables us to give personalised feedback and support before the assessment and shapes what they write for their notes.

### The assessments dates are:

- **Milestone One: Thursday 7 March 2024**
- **Milestone Two: Thursday 28 March 2024**
- **Milestone Three: Wednesday 24 April 2024**
- **Milestone Four: Thursday 2 May 2024**

We would also like to make you aware of the catch up sessions available for students. This time can be used to support them if they are resubmitting Component One or to offer support whilst preparing for their milestones. The sessions are on Monday and Wednesday each week in T04 until 4.00pm.

If you have any questions about the exam or the course please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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