



25 March 2025

Dear Families

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.

We would like to invite you to watch their final performances. This will take place on Thursday 3 April starting at 4.00pm in P02. Please complete the [Google Form](#) to confirm you give consent for your child to stay for their exam afterschool and to let us know if you will be able to join us.

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 Mondays and Fridays each week in P12 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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