

A Level Dance Summer Independent Learning Activity

Welcome to A Level Dance, please complete the following tasks ready for your first day at Pontefract New College.

Part 1, Task 1 - Understanding practitioners from the Independent Contemporary Dance scene in Britain 2000 to current - named practitioner is **Matthew Bourne**.

Task 1 – Research Matthew Bourne’s;

- Training
- Collaborations with other artists
- Stylistic qualities
- Themes covered in his work

Part 2, Task 2 – Watch, analyse and make notes on the following clips from two of Matthew Bourne’s professional pieces.

1. Edward Scissor Hands

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_LgxmUKIFQ

2. Swan Lake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChOnhxe-Vm0>

When analysing any professional work please ensure you make comments on constituent features including:

- Lighting
- Costume
- Music (Aural setting)
- Set
- Stylistic features of the dance – including dancers used.

You will be assessed on your knowledge of Matthew Bourne as a practitioner and also the two professional works that have been named above.

Please ensure you bring this work to your first Dance class in September.