



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

A Level Dance

Purpose of task:

To prepare students for the written element of the course and encourage engagement in research and observing dance / dance analysis.

Task:

Part 1

Familiarise yourself with the Rambert Dance Company website (see resources). Read about the history of the company. Create a time line on A3 paper for the period **1966 to 2002**. Include the directors and works that were choreographed, (with choreographers name and date).

Part 2

Using the YouTube links, observe a section from Christopher Bruce's work Swansong and a section from Richard Alston's work Roughcut and carry out an analysis and comparison between these two works. Write under the following headings:- **movement – style** – evidence of a recognisable dance style, **actions** – what actions they perform/ **space** – how they use the stage space, levels, directions, pathways / **dynamics** – the quality of movement, speed, energy, continuity / **relationships** – unison, canon and other ways that the dancers relate to each other. **sound accompaniment**, including information on music, lyrics, **dancers** – number gender, role, **costume** :- colour, style, design, how the costumes links with the movement, **lighting** – colour, intensity, placement on stage, You can present in grid format or in essay format (minimum 1000 words).

Recommended resources:

Rambert Dance Company website

<http://www.rambert.org.uk>

Christopher Bruce Swansong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=038BdfaaVVs>

Richard Alston Roughcut

<http://www.thealstonstudio.com/repertoire/roughcut>

Additional information:

Observation of any clips of work by choreographers Christopher Bruce and Richard Alston will be beneficial. As will reading any articles about them and their work.

Recommended reading & activities list:

Some suggestions are -

Christopher Bruce Ghost Dances <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0o2PEewTu8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fghI3vscIjU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pswB5ikZPg0>

Sergeant Early's Dream <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HACqsZ6PhFs>

Rooster [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hjq-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hjq-exC5XZo&list=PLUZmZnRCfZVuDTJElOY0XB3XVwZ2LUREW&index=3)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uSj4OereW8>

Deadline for Task: First lesson in week commencing 11th September 2017