**Year 8 – Culture in Performing Arts**

**DANCE** – Year 8 experience cultural dance and experience a range of styles from around the world including Bollywood and Capoeira.  As well as creative strategies, students also learn about performance skills and developing into an effective performer.

**DRAMA** - In year 8, students build on the drama techniques learned in year 7. On this rotation, they cover the history of theatre and study Greek and Elizabethan theatre. Students consider the styles: tragedy, comedy and history and develop their confidence, whilst working independently and in groups.

**MUSIC** – Students in year 8 will begin to extend their musical skills by learning to play pop songs on the keyboard. This unit will embed technical skill as well as consolidating theoretical knowledge. In their second unit pupils continue to look at popular culture, specifically a cappella singing and beatboxing. Work in this unit also explores Blues music.

**Year 7 - Fundamental Skills and Techniques**

**DANCE** - In year 7 Dance lessons, students learn about fundamental dance skills and use actions, dynamics, space and relationships to create group dances based on a given stimulus including 'Magnets and Springs' and 'Graffiti Art'.  The main focus in year 7 is exploration of movement and creative skills.

**DRAMA** - In year 7, students work practically to cover the fundamental skills in Drama. By the end of the Drama rotation, students will have worked in groups to develop devised performances and work on script based material. They will develop their confidence and learn key drama techniques that they will continue in Year 8.

**MUSIC** – Students in year 7 will begin to understand the fundamentals of music through practical exploration. The first unit of work focuses on introducing the basic elements of music through rehearsing and recording a full class mini-musical which embeds skill through performing. The second unit of work embeds and utilises these fundamentals whilst developing instrumental performance skills.

**Subject: Performing Arts Year Group: 7 - 8**

Students in years 7 and 8 receive teaching in Dance, Drama and Music as part of a carousel system and experience a curriculum designed to enhance their knowledge and skills development in each subject. The Key Stage 3 curriculum is designed in the following format:

**Year 7** – Fundamental Skills and Techniques

**Year 8** – Culture in Performing Arts

