Content focus

Autumn 1 - Year 10

Introduce *Unit 1*.

- Discuss how different briefs could affect the outcome what would make a good/bad response to a brief in terms of content? Why?
- What do learners need to research before deciding on the repertoire they will perform? (refer to the task details)
- Consider repertoire which could be selected. Some learners may be more experienced
 and will have several suggestions, but others will require resources such as scripts,
 music scores etc. A selection of materials should be made available so that learners can
 play an active role in the decision making.
- Learners should be taught about purpose, impact, space, resources, audience etc. as well as undertaking background research on the selected performance repertoire, covering the original creator, the style/genre, the social/historical context, themes etc.

Unit 1 Task 1a: Outline the findings of the research you have undertaken for your chosen piece(s). (1 hour)

Unit 1 Task 1b: Discuss how this research will influence your performance and what impact you are hoping to achieve. (1 hour)

This could be submitted as a written piece, or as an audio/video presentation.

Introduce *Unit 2*.

- Discuss how different briefs could affect the outcome what would make a good/bad response to a brief in terms of content? Why?
- How might the theme be interpreted? Make a mind map or similar of the theme to draw out the possibilities for creative potential.
- What do learners need to research or consider before they come up with their creative brief? Learners should be taught about purpose, effect, performance space, audience, ideas, required performers, resources available, any relevant social or historical factors and at least two named practitioners, and should also consider their own interests and experience. (Refer to the task details.)
- Learners should write a creative brief, then complete Task 1.

Unit 2 Task 1: Outline the components that you considered when writing your creative brief. (2 hours)

This could be submitted as a written piece, or as an audio/video presentation.

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Unit 1 and 2

What is the importance of rehearsal and practice? What different types of rehearsal are
there? How do you practise effectively? What is the point of a rehearsal plan? What
can you learn from practising, and how can you use this to improve both your
performance and your creative work? Explore rehearsal and practice so that learners
can complete Unit 1 Task 2.

Unit 1 Task 2: Outline a rehearsal schedule that will enable you to be fully prepared for the performance required in the brief. (1 hour)

This can be presented in any appropriate format.

Autumn 2

Unit 1

- Now that repertoire has been chosen and a rehearsal schedule set, learners should begin to prepare for their performance.
- Task 3 should be completed over time as a diary of the process of preparation. In order
 to complete this, learners should be taught about the importance of planning, personal
 practice away from group rehearsals, how to give and respond to direction as
 appropriate to the chosen discipline, how to make useful notes during rehearsal time,
 the importance of improving and refining their work and also relevant Health and
 Safety requirements including safe movement, use of electrical and other equipment,
 hearing protection, general hazards etc. Learners can then produce an appropriate
 template to complete over time as they prepare for their performance.
- Learners should also be given the opportunity to take part in workshops, or work with specialist tutors (such as a ballet teacher, DJ etc.) to develop discipline-specific skills or to learn how to use specialist equipment, methods of notation etc.

Unit 1 Task 3: Produce a reflective journal that records the rehearsal process required to ensure you are fully prepared for the performance required in the brief. (3 hours)

This can be presented in any appropriate format. Learners are required to make 3 recordings of their performance – at the beginning, during the rehearsal process and the final performance, so the first of these will need to be done once repertoire is selected.

Autumn 2 continued

Unit 2

- Now that the creative brief has been set, learners should begin creating their piece for presentation.
- Task 2 should be completed over time as a log of the process of creating the original piece of work. In order to complete this, learners should be taught about the elements of the discipline they have chosen, including the appropriate technical language.
- Learners should also have opportunities to take part in workshops to develop their skills
 or to undertake teacher set exercises to develop particular discipline-specific skills
 which need to be taught. These could be, for example, drama devising workshops,
 learning how to sew a costume together, or music composing exercises as well as how
 to use equipment and software. These can occur regularly through the learning as
 required.
- Learners should produce an appropriate template or decide on a format for their log and begin to make entries in it as they work on their original piece.

Unit 2 Task 2: Produce a development log that records the exploration and development of your ideas in response to the creative brief. (3.5 hours)

This can be presented in any appropriate format.

Spring 1

Unit 1

- Learners should use this half term to continue to prepare for a performance scheduled in the second half of the Spring term.
- Workshops and access to discipline-specific teaching should continue to be available as before, with tutors and teachers giving general giving feedback, which should be detailed in the journal.

Unit 1 Task 3: Produce a reflective journal that records the rehearsal process required to ensure you are fully prepared for the performance required in the brief. (3 hours)

This can be presented in any appropriate format.

Spring 1

Spring 1 continued

Unit 2

- Learners should use this term to continue work on their response to the creative brief.
- Learners should still have access to workshops and discipline-specific teaching as before, with tutors giving general feedback and suggestions for improvement. They should continue to add to their log.

Unit 2 Task 2: Produce a development log that records the exploration and development of your ideas in response to the creative brief. (3.5 hours)

This can be presented in any appropriate format.

Spring 2

Unit 1

• Learners should perform their chosen piece(s) in front of an audience (which could be the other members of the class). They should have the opportunity to demonstrate evidence of discipline specific ideas and techniques.

Unit 1 Task 4: Perform/present your chosen piece(s) to an audience. (2 hours)

This should be recorded in an appropriate format – either audio or video – and accompanied by a copy of the original published piece(s) e.g., a music score, script.

Unit 2 must be completed in time to be assessed and submitted by 5th May, so centres may prefer to move this Unit 1 task into the Summer term.

Unit 2

- Learners should use this term to continue work on their response to the creative brief.
- Learners should still have access to workshops and discipline-specific teaching as before, with tutors giving general feedback and suggestions for improvement. They should continue to add to their log.

Unit 2 Task 2: Produce a development log that records the exploration and development of your ideas in response to the creative brief. (3.5 hours)

This can be presented in any appropriate format.

Unit 2

 Learners should perform or present their created piece(s) to an audience (which could be the other members of the class.) They should have the opportunity to demonstrate that they have explored communication, creativity, development of ideas, appropriate health and safety and discipline specific ideas and techniques.

Unit 2 Task 3: Present your final piece(s) to an audience. (2 hours)

This should be recorded in an appropriate format – either audio or video – and accompanied by any relevant documents or other materials e.g. a score, script, diagrams, photographs.

Spring 2

Unit 2

- Learners will now have performed or presented their created piece(s) in front of an audience.
- The final task for the unit is an evaluation. Learners should be taught how to write a
 thorough and evidence-based evaluation of an originally created piece, perhaps by
 completing class tasks evaluating pre-recorded materials e.g. from talent shows, live or
 recorded performances of original work.
- Learners should be encouraged to focus on the bullet points identified in the task they
 will be completing whilst learning how to write this type of piece of work. They should
 be allowed to view/listen to the recording made of their performance or presentation
 and refer to their work completed for the other Tasks to complete their own selfevaluation.
- Part of the task is to respond to feedback, so there should be opportunities to receive feedback formally and informally from the teacher, tutors, any other relevant professionals and/or peers.

Unit 2 Task 4: Evaluate the success of your creative process and final creation. Discuss the areas of your work that need improving/developing and explain how you would make the improvements or justify why particular feedback has not been acted upon. (2.5 hours)

This can be presented in any appropriate format.

This completes Unit 2.



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Summer

Unit 1

- Learners will now have performed their chosen piece(s) in front of an audience.
- The final task for the unit is an evaluation. Learners should be taught how to write a thorough and evidence-based evaluation of a performance, perhaps by completing class tasks evaluating pre-recorded materials e.g., from talent shows such as the *X Factor* and *Britain's Got Talent*.
- Learners should be encouraged to focus on the bullet points identified in the task they will be completing whilst learning how to write this type of piece of work.
- Learners should be allowed to view/listen to the recording made of their own performance and refer to their work completed for the other Tasks to complete their own self-evaluation.
- Part of the task is to respond to feedback, so there should be opportunities to receive feedback formally and informally from the teacher, tutors, any other relevant professionals and/or peers.

Unit 1 Task 5: Evaluate the success of your performance including what you have learned from undertaking this work and how it will inform your future performances. (2 hours)

This can be presented in any appropriate format.

This completes Unit 1. It can be submitted for January or Summer assessment, so learner work should be stored securely.

