

CONNECT.

A CONFIDANCE PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
CREATIVE FOLKESTONE, FOLKESTONE TRIENNIAL,
WHITFIELD ASPEN SCHOOL AND WYVERN SCHOOL





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OVERVIEW



Confidance are delighted to be returning to Wyvern School this term, and are offering a celebratory creative project, engaging with the Folkestone Triennial. We will work closely with Sixth Form and KS4 students to explore dance and art responses to the public artworks in Folkestone, and have performances opportunities with ConfiCo, Confidance's professional company of dancers with LD.

Staff and pupils will engage in:

- Being audience to ConfiCo's "Take a Dip" performance, at the Rana Begum Beach hut site.
- Learning choreography developed by ConfiCo, and have opportunities to develop their own creative responses.
- Making mini-public artworks by decorating school spaces.

Benefits to pupils: The project promotes pupils (and staff) well-being, providing playful social opportunities through creative dance and arts engagement, and is open enough to have opportunity for cross curricular learning. The project is designed to support the recovery curriculum and increase pupils awareness of the wider cultural community in East Kent.

Confidance aim to engage as many staff and pupils as possible, brought together digitally in a celebratory dance film in lieu of a live dance performance.

OUR PROJECT AIMS TO CONNECT:

- **Pupils with their school spaces**

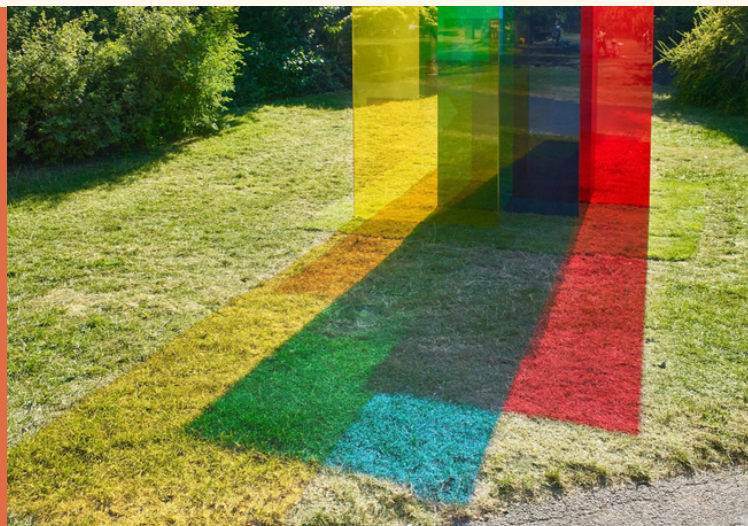
Transforming school spaces, inspired by the artworks of Rana Begum.

- **The school to the local cultural community**

- Folkestone Triennial 2021
- Creative Folkestone, Quarterhouse
- ConfiCo - Confidance's professional dance company, to raise aspirations for a career in dance for pupils both with and without learning disabilities

- **Staff and pupils through creative work & digital performance**

Sharing of a "Flashmob" dance resource, which can be used in-class by teacher across the school.



WAYS TO ENGAGE

• Sixth Form Offer

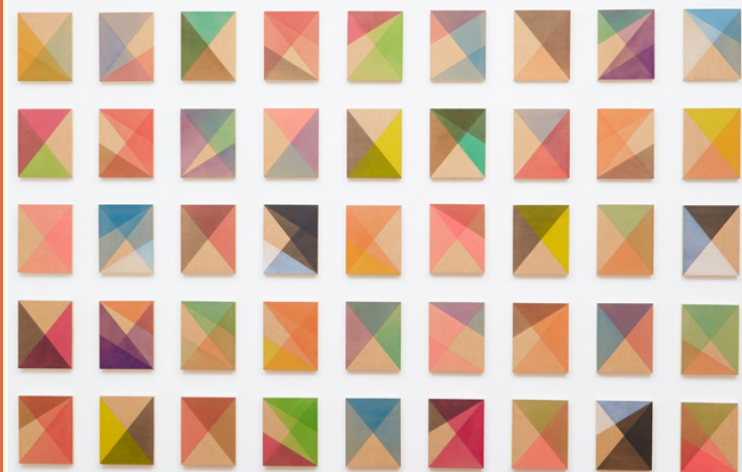
Students will be able to choose dance as one of their options, where they will learn ConfiCo "Take a Dip" choreography, and develop their own creative responses to the Rana Begum artwork. This work will include opportunities to share work with ConfiCo artists, and contribute to Arts Awards.

• KS4 Offer

Students will have an inclusive dance session each week, to develop dance skills, learn choreography and create a dance piece to share at the end of term.

• ConfiCo performance

ConfiCo will be performing "Take a Dip" at the Rana Begum artwork on Folkestone seafront on Friday 24th September. Audience numbers are limited - to be arranged with Sixth Form team.



ARTS AWARD ENGAGEMENT



This CONNECT project allows many of the Arts Award criteria to be achieved by students, from Explore through to Bronze Award. Here are some of the key features, which align with the Arts Award criteria:

- ***Arts Award: Part A- Explore The Arts as Participant***

Students will work weekly with the Confidance team in inclusive dance classes, where they will develop dance skills, learn key terminology, develop their own creative responses and perform their work.

- ***Arts Award: Part B - Explore The Arts as an Audience Member***

Live dance performance of "**Take a Dip**" by ConfiCo (professional dancers with LD), for Sixth Form students. Further opportunities to be audience to ConfiCo's work can be arranged throughout 21/22.

- ***Arts Award: Part C - Arts Inspiration***

This is an element which includes research by the students into an artist of their choice. This artist could be Confidance, ConfiCo, Rana Begum, or any artist in the Triennial that the students are inspired by.

Confidance can support you with sharing of any resources and Confidance engagement, but class teachers will be responsible for documenting and submitting to Arts Award.

CLASSROOM CONNECT



For classes looking to get involved in a light-touch way in their classrooms, we invite you to take inspiration from Rana Begum in any of the following ways:

- **Flash Mob Video Resource:** an instructional dance film, where students learn a short, inclusive choreography connected to ConfiCo's new performance piece. The film will include a "Wake and Shake" style warm up, a taught phrase, and an open task where students contribute their own dance responses (guided by Confidance). This can be used for in-class learning, and alongside the Dive into Dance films, encourages you to jump into dance with your students.
- **Create your own Triennial artworks!** You could paint your own Beach Huts, experiment with block colours, use triangle stencils, tie-dye material or exploring with fabrics - any and all creative responses are welcome.
- **Decorate your classroom.** Could you transform your classroom into a sensory beach scene? Could you decorate your windows with bold geometric colours and shapes?

It is your choice how you would like to engage with the project, and all responses can be flexible to best suit the needs, interests and creative engagement of your students. Classroom Connect does not have a final performance output, but if you would like support from Confidance, or to share your work, then please get in touch.

CONNECT TO CULTURE: CONFICO LIVE EVENT



ConfiCo Performance Event / Folkestone Triennial Artwork visit.

Date: Friday 24th September, 11am or 1.30pm.

This is an opportunity for Sixth Form students to come and see ConfiCo (our professional company of artists with learning disabilities) perform their new dance piece **"Take a Dip"**, responding to the Begum artwork, which is situated at the Beach Huts along the promenade on the sea front near The Lees, Folkestone.

The session will include being audience to ConfiCo, and an opportunity to have a conversation with our dancers in an informal Q&A after the performance and explore the surrounding Triennial Artworks. There is opportunity here for school radio students to conduct an interview, or report about the event.

This element of the project focuses on raising aspirations for young people with learning disabilities through representation, as well as developing a more inclusive cultural community in Folkestone and the surrounding areas.



TEACHERS RESOURCES

Optional Wrap-Around Activity

- **Off site visits to Folkestone's many Public Artworks**

Their website (links below) has lots of information about the individual works, and has a map of the artworks around Folkestone.

<https://www.creativefolkestone.org.uk/folkestoneartworks/>

<https://www.creativefolkestone.org.uk/folkestoneartworks/maps-and-routes/>

- **Inspiration for Classroom Artworks / Decorating your Dance Spaces**

Rana Begum <https://www.ranabegum.com/>

- **Confidance**

For more information about ConfiCo or our company more broadly, visit

<https://www.confidance.org.uk/confico>

- **Classroom Connect Film Resource**

Our 'Flashmob' dance, to be learnt in-class, is available here:

<https://vimeo.com/559912784/00d12b7316>

Our 'Dive into Dance' educational films are also available here, and feature a Wake and Shake style warm up, and further information for teachers:

<https://vimeo.com/436030683> - Wake and Shake

<https://vimeo.com/436031281> - Creative Tasks in Class