



ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE BALLET EXAMINATIONS
Possible provisional dates to be confirmed: 21st & 22nd November

EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD AT DANCE WAREHOUSE CANTERBURY

We would like to enter your child for their RAD Exam/Class Award next term in November. As we don't have enough examining hours to hold a session in Ashford all exams will take place at Dance Warehouse in Canterbury. At present we don't have confirmed dates but they should be on one of the dates listed above, and we will confirm these once we know.

As the closing date for entries is at the very beginning of next term, please can you complete the entry form below and return it as soon as possible by no later than 13th September (I am very happy for cheques to be post-dated to September). **It is very important that you have read and understood all of the information below and are willing to commit to the requirements outlined.**

EXAMS & CLASS AWARDS

Exams are not compulsory at Dance Warehouse. Ballet classes offer many rewards and although most pupils benefit from taking the exams and enjoy the challenge, we are more than happy to accommodate those who do not want to or are unable to commit to extra classes as well. Pupils who do not take exams can still move on to the next grade with their peers.

The RAD offer two types of assessments at each level – the Exam and the Class Award:

In **exams** candidates perform their syllabus in small groups of up to four without the presence of their teacher and are required to perform two solo dances.

The **class award** allows the teacher to go in with the candidates. Students present the same syllabus as for the exam but with only required to perform one dance. This type of assessment may suit the more anxious or less confident candidate, and is best for those who haven't taken an exam before or been studying the syllabus for as long.

All candidates in both forms of assessment are awarded with a certificate, report and medal from the RAD. We have indicated on this letter which form of assessment we recommend for your child. Please do come and speak to us if you have any concerns or queries.

COACHING CLASSES:

These extra classes are compulsory. They not only give pupils extra tuition but confidence and a chance to do their best. They also give the extra time needed to practise dances with groups and partners that just cannot be fitted into one class a week.

Please be sure that you can attend these classes before committing to taking the exam. If some are missed it puts unnecessary pressure on both pupils and us. Two classes a week is really the minimum amount of time rather than ideal amount! I am sorry to have to be quite so blunt about this, especially as we appreciate that weekends can be tricky, however we have had a number of children who have missed a number of these classes this term and it is not fair to them, other pupils in their exam groups or us as teachers. If you know more than two of the extra classes will be missed a class award should be considered instead of an exam. Please note that we reserve the right to take a pupil out of an exam if they miss more than two of these extra sessions. Exams and Class Awards do require commitment and should not be taken if that could prove difficult.

These classes will be held in Canterbury as follows and will start on SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER :

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| 9.30-10.30am | Grade 7 |
| 10.30-11.30am | Grade 8 |
| 11.30-12.30pm | Grade 1 (Tuesday class) |
| 12.30-1.30pm | Grade 1 (Thursday and Friday classes) |

Please note that there will also be a coaching session during the half term week (but no normal classes except for the exam coaching classes listed above). There will be at least **nine extra classes** and a **mock exam**, the date of which will be confirmed once we have our exam dates. These will cost **£45** payable to Dance Warehouse with entry fee please.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS/COSTS INVOLVED:

Pupils are required to wear the correct uniform as outlined below:

Grade One: Exam fee £40/ Class Award fee £33

GIRLS - Marine blue short-sleeved leotard with belt
Pink ballet socks and new pink satin ballet shoes with elastic
Character skirt and shoes

BOYS - White short-sleeved leotard and navy shorts
White ballet socks and new white leather ballet shoes with elastic
Character shoes

Grade Seven: Exam fee £57

GIRLS - Cotton lycra leotard of any style in either purple or red - must be a classical style (no lace etc).
Please check with us first! All candidates must be wearing the same colour in each exam set.
Pink ballet tights and new canvas/leather ballet shoes with criss-cross elastics
Character skirt and character shoes
Chiffon skirt to match leotard colour and silk scarf – to borrow from Dance Warehouse

Grade Eight: Exam fee £59

GIRLS - Cotton lycra leotard of any style in own choice of colour - must be a classical style (no lace etc).
Please check with us first!
Pink ballet tights and new canvas/leather ballet shoes with criss-cross elastics
Character skirt and character shoes
Chiffon skirt to match leotard colour and silk scarf – can be borrowed from Dance Warehouse if we have the correct colour to match your leotard

All students will be given a **practise CD** to use at home – these cost **£1** which should be paid with the exam fees please so we know all pupils have one to listen and practise with at home. This will be refunded if returned after the exam.

The **pianist fee** (which covers the cost of the accompanist for both the mock exams and real exams) is divided between candidates and is calculated accordingly. This is also payable with the exam fees please and will be **£10**.

Any concerns or questions please ask. These exams do require work and commitment from us all but provide a valid and well tested system of achievement that is recognised by the QCA which places them on the National Qualifications framework and now offers UCAS points for the higher grades! Most children enjoy the challenge and consequent achievement so it is all worth it in the end! Thank you for your support.

K Marquis



NAME OF CANDIDATE:

DATE OF BIRTH:

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE LETTER AND GIVE MY CONSENT TO THE ABOVE TAKING GRADE.....

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| Exam / Class Award entry fee | £ | |
| Coaching classes fee | £45 | |
| Pianist fee | £10 | |
| Practise CD | £1 (refunded if returned after the exam) | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED | £ | (Cheques payable to DANCE WAREHOUSE please) |

Signed.....