

Dance Examination Policy

Pupils will be invited to be entered for their Royal Academy of Dance Ballet exams and Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing Modern and Tap exams **when, and only when, their teacher in the discipline in question determines that the pupil is ready to complete the examination.**

All students wishing to take RAD graded ballet exams from Grade 1 and above will be required to attend **2 ballet classes at their level each week** throughout the whole dance year. If a pupil would prefer to attend ballet classes only **once a week** then they will be entered for a **RAD class award** and not a full examination. Pupils taking **Primary** will be expected to take a **2nd class** in addition to their regular class **during the examination term.**

Parents and pupils will be informed of the dates, times and cost of these extra classes when invited to take part in the examination. If these extra classes are not attended the pupil will only be able to be entered for a class award and not a full examination. Pupils taking Pre-Primary level class award will be expected to attend a few extra exam classes prior to the class award, parents and pupils will be informed of the dates, times and cost of these extra classes when invited to take part in the class award.

Any student wishing to be entered for vocational RAD examinations (Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced Foundation, Advanced 1 and Advanced 2 must take at least 2 vocational and 1 graded level class throughout the year.

All students wishing to take ISTD Modern and Tap exams must expect to attend extra classes during the exam term. Parents and pupils will be informed of the dates, times and cost of these extra classes when invited to take part in the examination.

If a pupil does not attend enough classes prior to an examination or does not progress in the expected way they may be removed from the exam entry even after being invited to take the exam.

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