

## DTA Exam sessions - Frequently asked Questions

- **What exam boards are DTA Academy affiliated with?**

Our Teachers follow a range of syllabi and content to give our students a well rounded and diverse performing arts education. We are members of the IDTA (International Dance Teachers Association) and ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance) teaching associations.

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- **Do our children do exams in all subjects?**

No, we think it is really important that students get a good range of opportunities within the school. We try to offer a good balance between performing opportunities, community projects and exams. We currently offer ballet, tap, Jazz, Acro and Musical Theatre and LAMDA.

- **When will my child be ready for their first exam?**

This all depends on the length of time the child has been dancing and regular attendance, but we enter children from the age of five years. We enter students once we feel they have reached the required standard and are demonstrating enough self confidence for it to be a positive experience.

- **How often will my child take exams?**

We run our exam sessions once or twice a year. However, depending on the type of exam your child takes it can be 1-2 years between each grade or medal.

- **Will my child definitely pass?**

We have a vast amount of experience running exam sessions and are proud to have achieved 100% pass rate in all exams over the 15 years we have been open. There is never any guarantee that every student will pass as this is down to their performance on the day. However we would never put a child forward for an exam if we felt they could potentially not meet the level and fail. We work with the individual child and make all decisions based on their current level and well being. If we feel that your child isn't quite there yet we will discuss with parents and work on a plan of support.

- **What does my child need to wear for the exams**

All students taking their exams will have to wear the set uniform as set down by the exam board. The uniform list will be sent out with the exam times and key information.

- **What types of the exams do you offer?**

We offer a range of different types of exams including a rosette programme, medal programme, class assessments and graded exams. We tailor the exams to our students' level and ability.

- **How long does it take for the results to come through**

Results usually come back within 6 weeks

- **Who is in the exam room with the children.**

This depends on the exam type and students' age.

1. Rosettes, First steps and class assessments the teacher, examiner and a person to play the music.
2. Grades and medals it will just be just the examiner and person playing the music

- **Will my child need to attend extra coaching?**

If we feel your child will benefit from extra lessons to help them achieve in their exams these will be offered.