



EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Exams at Phillomena Dance School are not compulsory, however, all students are given the opportunity to take dance exams with the International Dance Teachers' Association (IDTA) in Ballet, Tap, Theatre Craft & Street - at the end of every term.

All exams are assessed by a highly qualified IDTA examiner sent to us from head office for each exam session.

BENEFITS OF EXAMS

Following a structured syllabus, with clear progressions, allows the student to develop their dance technique through a safe, systematic, tried & tested programme. Participating in exams encourages a good work ethic & commitment. It also builds a student's confidence, independency & social skills. We help to prepare all our students to be polite & courteous to the Examiner & their class mates. Respect, discipline & gratitude naturally evolve through hard work & committing to class week after week. The sense of achievement once the student has taken & passed the exam is the best accolade of all. As they advance through the system, their rewards for each step of the way are celebrated with the presentation of their exam certificates, medals & trophies.

IDTA exams are also linked to personal learning records via a student's Unique Learner Number (ULN). Once we have been provided with their ULN, students are able to achieve UCAS tariff points for certain exams they achieve.

NOTIFICATION OF EXAM SESSIONS

We aim to notify all parents at least six weeks before the scheduled exam date if their child is ready to take their exams at the end of that term. Our methods of communication are:

- Verbally from your child's teacher.
- Email & statement of account (fee for exam)
- Our Private Facebook group - please ensure you have requested to join it using this link www.facebook.com/groups/390706131278144/ or via our main Facebook page www.facebook.com/phillodance/
- Azagi – our new studio app which we hope to be up & running by January 2018.
- On our website www.phillomenadanceschool.co.uk

TIMETABLES

The timetable is created at least four weeks before the exam date. Students are entered in groups of 2 – 8 candidates, depending on the grade & genre of dance exam. In the first instance we create a rough copy of times & planned groups for each exam.

Please note: if your child is unable to attend the exam day or you require a certain time slot on the day, please, please let us know asap. We have to enter the children in groups & so this can affect other students entered on the day.

Once the timetable is available, it can be viewed at all of our venues. All our teachers will also have their own copies – please ask. They will also be posted in our private Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/390706131278144/

Please note that the timetable changes frequently, so please check regularly.



EXAM PREPARATION

UNIFORM

Please ensure you are aware of what uniform is required for your child/children's exams. For all Ballet, Tap & Theatre Craft exams our set class uniforms are required. Please ask if you are unsure or do please check our website. Failure to have the correct items of uniform will result in your child/children being withdrawn from their exams if we do not have the missing items in stock for you to purchase on the day.

All uniform, including shoes, should be clean, presentable & of the correct size please.

TATTOOS/ NAIL VARNISH/ PIERCINGS

Semi-permanent tattoos & nail varnish are not permitted in exams – permanent tattoos should be covered if possible.

All jewellery / piercings should be removed before the exam & preferably left at home to ensure their safe keeping.

HAIR

Hair styles can vary from grade to grade & genre of dance. We will notify you of the required hair style & request that if possible, hair is already pre-done when your child arrives at the venue for their exam.

Headbands are not permitted in any exams – we supply ribbons for all theatre exams (Ballet, Tap & Theatre Craft).

ON EXAM DAY

Please arrive at least 30 minutes before your scheduled exam time & have all the correct uniform, shoes & hair requirements.

It is not always possible for the parents to stay & wait in the changing room (depending on the venue) during their child's exam/s. Please be prepared to just drop your child with us & collect later.

PAYMENT

Exam fees are required to be paid in full before the exam date – methods of payment are:

- Cash.
- BACS to the following account: Phillomena Dance School Natwest 60-08-01 Account # 66292182
- By card (including contactless)

Please note: cheques are no longer accepted.

RESULTS

All results follow 4-6 weeks after the exam date. Once they have arrived & been sorted, we are ready to hand them out. We usually notify the parents at the beginning of class to pop back five minutes early to watch the presentation.