

WELCOME TO OUR DANCE SCHOOL



ARABESQUE SCHOOL OF DANCE

INFORMATION PACK

www.balletdance.co.uk



We are one of the largest dance schools in the West Midlands and offer classes in; Ballet, Tap, Freestyle Disco, Irish and Contemporary Dance from baby through to adult.

Established for over 15 years we achieve fabulous results whilst ensuring the children are nurtured, make friends and have fun. We offer examinations, performance opportunities and the option to attend our classes just for fun.

We specialise in a well-rounded dance education through energetic, enjoyable and excellent classes, focussing on each individual; whether you want to learn technique and discipline or whether you are just dance mad! We offer something for everyone. We operate from 5 centres throughout Solihull and Sutton Coldfield and work really hard to ensure that every student receives the same level of teaching and opportunity.

We are affiliated to the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD), the International Dance Teachers Association (IDTA) and the Associated Board of Dance (ABD). All our members of staff are highly experienced and qualified in dance. All staff members are CRB/DBS checked also, we also have thorough safeguarding and GDPR policies in place. We pride ourselves on being a fully inclusive, family friendly dance school and offer the opportunity to take part in accredited examinations and our fabulous dance showcase plus much more.

We hope that this welcome pack contains all information you need, however should you want more details please get in touch.



IDTA

How we run:



We recommend that all parents/carers request to join our private student group on Facebook : 'Arabesque School of Dance Student Page' as well as joining BAND app to keep up to date with all information and reminders.

We usually complete 2 examination sessions a year; an IDTA session for tap grades and rosette/star dance awards for ballet, tap, freestyle and Irish and a RAD session for Ballet grades. Students are entered for examinations at the discretion of their teachers and in accordance with the age requirements and guidelines from the IDTA and RAD.

We currently hold a 100% pass rate in all examinations taken, which is a fantastic achievement for the school and students.

All students are given the opportunity to perform to a large audience on a professional stage in our biennial dance showcase at professional venues in the Midlands.

Parents are invited to a presentation class once a term (3 terms a year) at Christmas, Easter and before we finish for the summer holidays, to watch their child in action in a typical class.

We do have a school uniform (this is required for all examinations) and once your child has been with us for 4 weeks we asked that you purchase this uniform from our in house dance shop. Please see our uniform list for specific grades and pricing.

Parents are asked to pay in advance of a dance term for their child's classes. We usually invoice prior to the term start and you can pay via PAYPAL, cheque or cash. We invoice termly (3 terms a year) and if you have any problems with this please contact us immediately to make alternative arrangements. Please be assured that any issues will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Before the start of each class we ask that every child goes to the toilet, has their correct uniform and signs themselves in with the receptionist.

COMMUNICATION

CONTACT DETAILS

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OFFICE HOURS

M & Th 9:30am – 3:00pm

Closed Wednesday

*All enquires will be answered remotely on Tuesday & Friday

WEBSITE

www.balletdance.co.uk

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook – 'Arabesque School of Dance Ballet Solihull Sutton Coldfield'

BAND APP –

<https://band.us/n/a0ac72F6uaBdz>



Pricing & Payment:

We invoice payment for classes termly (3 TERMS A YEAR) either through the post or given to each student prior to the start of each term (one term usually runs for 10-14 weeks) and we ask that payment is made in full before the start of the term in order to reserve your child's place in the class.

We do offer a free trial and after this we ask you to complete our registration form and pay the one off £5 registration fee (per family) and the balance of the term due to be paid. Your receptionist will give you an invoice detailing this.

We offer a very competitive pricing system for our classes and offer sibling discount.

Class prices are as follows (per week) :

- One off family registration fee - £5.00
- Per 30 minute class - £6.00
- Per 40+ minute class - £7.00
- Baby Ballet Boppers - £6.00
- ALL ADDITIONAL CLASSES - £2.50
- Sibling Discount - 25% off main class price only
- Adult Ballet - £7.50
- Adult Tap - £7.50
- Adult Ballet & Tap- £13.00
- Silver Swans - £6.00

Payment is by PAYPAL, BACS, Cheque or Cash and payment is due for an entire term. If you miss a class due to holiday or sickness you can make up lost classes by attending other branches within the same term. Classes cannot be carried forward into the next term and no refunds are offered for unattended classes.

Adult classes are priced differently, and you only pay for the classes you attend, on a week by week basis.

We ask that all parents pay in advance of a dance term for their child's classes. We invoice prior to the term start (unless you join part way through) and you can pay via PAYPAL, BACS Cheque or Cash.

If you have any problems with any of this please contact us immediately to make alternative arrangements. Please be assured that any issues will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

If you do not pay your invoice within 14 days, then a late payment charge of 10% of the invoice total will be added to your bill. If after 30 days no payment is received, attendance will be stopped and children will have to register to regain their place and pay 2 terms in advance unless prior arrangements have been made.

Arabesque School of Dance reserves the right to hold onto any certificates or medals and withdraw students from examinations or showcases until outstanding fees are paid.



"We don't teach children to make great dancers, we teach dance to make GREAT children!"

—Misty Lown

FAQ's

Do we have to wait for a new term to join?

No, you can join at any time during the year and there is no need to book, just turn up.

Do you offer a free trial?

Yes everyone is permitted one free trial at any class and centre they may wish to join. Please note that we do not offer free trials in our adult classes.

What should they/I wear?

Leggings and a tunic style top and bare feet are fine for ballet and disco/freestyle. School shoes should be worn for tap trials.

Can I stay with my child?

No. In our experience, children relax better and enjoy the lessons more without a parent or carer present. We ask after the initial trial/settling in period that parents/carers wait outside the studio.

Do they have to have the uniform?

Initially no, we usually ask you to purchase the uniform once they have settled, approximately 4 weeks after their trial.

Where do I get the uniform from?

You can order direct from us via the receptionist or via our online uniform order form via the website.

How much do the lessons cost?

Please see pricing and payment.

Do the children have to take exams?

No, however we encourage them to do so as it is a fantastic experience and great for building confidence and rewarding their hard work.

Do you run classes in the summer holidays?

No, we close for the summer holidays in line with Solihull LEA Holiday dates. However, we do run some special workshops separate to the normal classes.

JOIN US!

It couldn't be easier to join us! Pop along for a free trial and fill out a registration form either in person, from our receptionist or online via our website: www.balletdance.co.uk.

If you need uniform, we can sort this for you; you can either order online using our uniform order form or via your receptionist. We carry most uniform items in stock and aim to have them ready for your next class.

BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL

SIGN UP NOW!

We hope you have found this information useful, however, if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in contact with us. We look forward to welcoming you to our dance school and hope you enjoy your time with us,

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