

ESSEX DANCE THEATRE - EXAMINATION DETAILS

These information points accompany the examination entry intention letter that should be signed and returned to the member of staff the following lesson.

Staff give their time and expertise voluntarily for these classes. They are experienced and judge how much additional coaching each child requires. Please do support us. The additional classes give all children a chance to get used to examination conditions and to the Great Baddow studios. ISTD examinations are in line with, and are now accepted as, part of the Governments National Framework of Qualifications. They can be listed and recognised along side the child's GCSE and A'Level qualifications.

EXAM WEEK

ESSEX DANCE THEATRE EXAMINATION WEEK IS ALWAYS THE SCHOOL HALF TERM HOLIDAY AND WEEKEND OF THE SUMMER TERM. IF YOUR CHILD IS UNAVAILABLE FOR ANY PART OF THAT WEEK BECAUSE OF FAMILY HOLIDAYS THERE IS NO POINT YOUR CHILD BEING ENTERED FOR THE EXAM!

Your child will have received any necessary additional rehearsal classes. During the half term week there will be an additional ESSENTIAL and COMPULSORY rehearsal with the pianist. We are privileged to have Margot Kazimirska & Michael Silk to play for the ballet exams this year. Your child NEEDS to know how things differ when working with the pianist.

On the exam day, **we ask you to arrive a minimum of 1 hour before the exam**. Sometimes the examiner gets ahead of the allocated timetable so we may need you in earlier. (*Please provide us with an emergency mobile number we can contact you on the examination day if it's necessary to call you in earlier.*)

PLEASE, PLEASE if at all possible, leave little ones at home. The building is meant to be **SILENT**. Parents wait in studio 3, which acts as a waiting/changing room. As soon as candidates are changed and have been to the toilet they come to studio 3 with shoes and hair kit. Staff groom hair and deal with shoes. Parents are asked not to Haunt the Hallway.

Examination results will be given to you as soon as we have them. Staff use the last half of the summer term for free work and giving all students a stimulating and creative end to the year. Your child will go up to the next grade in SEPTEMBER.

PLEASE NOTE AFTER PRIMARY GRADE BALLET STUDENTS NEED TWO CLASSES A WEEK TO COVER THE WORK IN TWO YEARS.

PLEASE DON'T GIVE YOUR CHILD DRINKS OR SWEETS/FOOD BEFORE THEIR EXAM – When they are nervous they often feel sick.

➤ **HAIR.** Do not wash hair. Please arrive 1 hour before exam with hair loose. Please bring

<u>Ballet only:-</u>	VERY Fine Bun Pins / Grips Fine hair net – same colour as hair
<u>All Exams:-</u>	Hair elastics / gel / hair spray Brush & Comb
<u>Ballet -</u>	Primary 1 Metre of Pink Ribbon (Approx. ½ inch)
	Gd 1 & up = 1 Metre of Navy Ribbon (Approx. ½ inch)
<u>Modern/Tap -</u>	Gd 1 & up = 1 Metre of Ribbon same colour as leotard.

The Friends of EDT will be selling tights & socks on the Saturday's cake sale days.
They are also starting a hire service for the coloured high neck leotards.
If you have one that is too small please give it to them to hire out to other exam students.
Or alternatively Mail Order Arabesque: 01702 344069, www.dancewear-arabesque.co.uk

BALLET - GIRLS

(No Vests or Knickers worn)

PRIMARY

Pale Pink skirted leotard "Leanna from Arabesque, Dalbies
ISTD Regulation **PINK** ballet socks.

or new pink satin ballet shoes, **with elastic.**

Grade I - V

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Navy sleeveless leotard "Louisa"

Grade III - V

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Navy camisole "Vanessa" (Each group the same)

Pink ballet socks or tights. (Each group the same)

Elasticated canvas split soles (So Dance) from World of Dance

Or pink satin shoes. (can be split sole) **Grade 1 & 2's with elastic.**

Grade 3 & above with Pointe Shoe Ribbons sewn on.

MODERN & TAP UNIFORM - GIRLS

Check with your teacher what your child's examination group have decided

GRADE I

TAP

Coloured high neck leotard with

Thin white regulation ankle socks.

Black Leather or Canvas - tap shoes.

Grade 1 & above need heel & toe taps.

1 Metre of Ribbon same colour as leotard for hair.

GRADE 1

MODERN

Coloured high neck leotard with

+ bare feet & legs(modern)

1 Metre of Ribbon same colour as leotard for hair.

GRADE 2 - INTER

TAP & MODERN

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Coloured high neck leotard with

Black **Stirrup Danskins** (Modern & Tap)

Black tap shoes, black socks.

1 Metre of Ribbon same colour as leotard for hair.

BOYS UNIFORM

ALL BALLET GRADES

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Black COTTON Lycra stirrup tights. (thin leather belt)

Tight white singlet or Cotton Lycra Leotard

Tight white thin $\frac{3}{4}$ length ballet socks.

Black or White Canvas split sole ballet shoes (with white elastic)

TAP

Black loose fitting school trousers & white school shirt

Black Tap shoes

MODERN

Black cotton Cycling Shorts or sport shorts.

Plain tight vest top.

ALL EXAMINATIONS ARE HELD AT THE MAIN CENTRE -

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