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# BRIGHTON COLLEGE DANCE SCHOOL





‘Exceptional showcase opportunities underline the achievements which have promoted dance as an outstanding feature of the College.’



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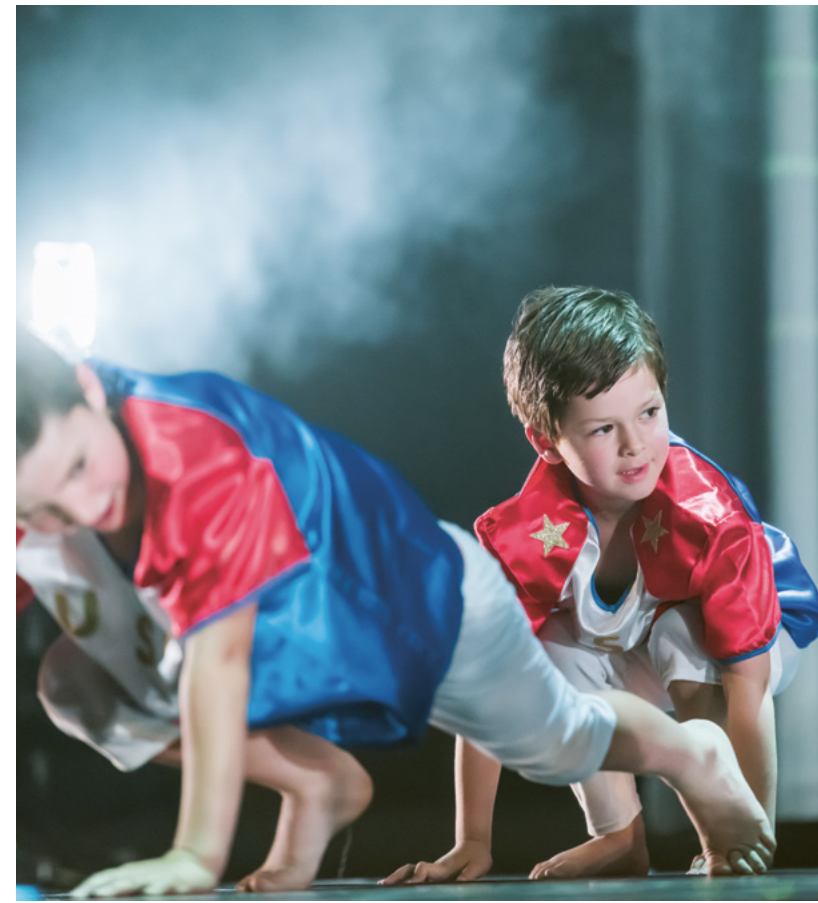
### Dance Administrator

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### Registration

Registrations for dance lessons are completed via the MySchoolPortal. Parents should note that places are limited in order to keep a safe and enjoyable atmosphere in lessons. We operate a waiting list system for over-subscribed groups.

Please contact the Dance Administrator if you require assistance with the registration process.



## Dance Life

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Dance at Brighton College is for everyone! We have a wide range of lessons on offer including Classical Ballet, Modern Dance, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Tap and Jazz. Classes are open to Pre-Prep, Prep and College pupils from the age of four to eighteen. We have a number of boys' groups which are extremely popular with boys of all ages, including Pre-Prep and Prep Hip Hop and the Junior and Senior Boys' Squads.

The information within this pack will clarify any questions you may have about the Brighton College Dance School.





## Classical Ballet

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Classical Ballet is based on a traditional system of formalized movements and positions of the arms, feet, and body that are designed to enable the dancer to move with the greatest possible agility, control, speed, lightness, and grace. Our ballet lessons at the College follow the RAD examination syllabus.



## Modern Dance

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Modern Dance is a rhythmic, technical dance style which originated in America. It is often seen on the stages of theatrical productions and uses travelling steps, high kicks, leaps, and turns which all need strength and flexibility. Our Modern lessons at the College follow the ISTD examination syllabus.

## Contemporary Dance

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Contemporary Dance is a style of expressive dance that combines elements of several dance genres (including modern, jazz, lyrical and classical ballet). Contemporary dance lessons focus on use of the floor, fluid movement and creative exploration of the body in space.



## Musical Theatre

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Musical Theatre is a form of theatrical performance that combines songs, spoken dialogue, acting and dance. Musical Theatre lessons focus on developing these four areas of performance technique in a fun and lively atmosphere.

## Tap Dance

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Tap Dance uses the feet to strike the floor, beating out different rhythms, with dancers wearing tap shoes which have small metal plates on the toe and heel to give the distinctive sound. Tap dance is a theatrical art form often seen on stage in musicals. Our Tap lessons at the College follow the ISTD examination syllabus.



## Hip Hop


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Hip Hop is an umbrella term which encompasses a range of dance styles characterised by descriptions such as funk and breakdancing, popping, locking, waving and krumping.

## Jazz Dance

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Jazz Dance is a performance technique and that emerged in America in the early twentieth century. It was built on the African American styles of dancing that emerged with jazz music. Current jazz styles incorporate highly stylized, choreographed movements such as those seen in music videos. At Brighton College we offer jazz technique lessons as well as lessons in Commercial Jazz styles.



## Dance Examinations and Class Awards

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The Brighton College Dance Department offers dedicated dance pupils the opportunity to participate in Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Classical Ballet Examinations and Class Awards and Tap, and Modern Examinations with the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD).

Pupils who wish to participate in Examinations and Class Awards must enrol in both the core and extension lessons for their level for the duration of the school year. This combination of lessons constitutes the minimum requirement for completion of the requisite study hours for success at each level.

Pupils will be assessed prior to the closing date and will be entered into Examinations or Class Awards at the discretion of the head of ISTD and RAD examinations who will, in discussion with class teachers, ascertain if individuals have reached the required technical standard. Any queries about this process should be directed to Mr Doyle or Ms Schofield.

Extra rehearsals for Examinations and Class Awards will take place in the final weeks prior to the Examination session; these may occur in school holidays or at weekends so that pupils can rehearse their work in the Examination Studio.

There will be a one-off additional fee for participation in Examinations and Class Awards that covers the entry fee and all additional rehearsals.





## The Brighton College Dance Show

The annual Dance Show takes place during the Summer Term. It is a wonderful occasion for all pupils involved in dance at the College.

All pupils from Year 1 to the Sixth Form will be prepared for performances in the Show. Pupils may be required to purchase uniform and other costume items such as shoes and tights in advance of the performance, but we aim to keep these expenses to a minimum so that the performance is accessible to all.



## Dance Presentation Days

Pre-Prep dancers will be invited to participate in dance Presentation Days that will take place in the Pre-Prep Hall during Trinity Term. These events will give our youngest pupils an opportunity to perform for friends and family in a familiar environment.

## Performance Groups

The Brighton College dance performance groups consist of the Junior and Senior Show Team and the Junior and Senior Boys Squads. These groups perform at the College Open Mornings and at various events and competitions throughout the year. Selections for these groups are made in September each year via an audition process.



## Private Lessons

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We have limited provision for private dance lessons. These will be offered to pupils throughout the year at the discretion of the Director of Dance.



## Facilities

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The majority of our dance classes take place in our brand new Dance Studio, on stage in The Great Hall, and in the Burstow Gallery. The Brighton College Pre-Prep Hall, based in the Pre-Prep School, houses an impressive double studio space and is used for younger pupils' classes as well as senior lessons. The Prep School Hall provides a light, airy and convenient space for dance lessons for our Prep pupils.

Classes also take place in the Stephen Patten Studio in the School of Science and Sport.





## Brighton College Dance School Policies and Code of Conduct

Participation in dance lessons at Brighton College is subject to the following Code of Conduct.

All dance pupils must:

- > Meet and exceed the 'good behaviour' expectations set out in the Pre-Prep, Prep School and College Behaviour Policies.
- > Arrive to class on time and already changed, fully prepared for dance activities.
- > Wear the correct Brighton College Dance School uniform as listed within in this pack.
- > Ensure that hair is tied neatly back and away from the face. A bun must be worn for ballet and a tidy ponytail or plait for modern, contemporary, hip hop, jazz and tap.
- > Leave jewellery, large sums of money and other valuables at home.
- > Remove chewing gum and other sweets.
- > Remove outdoor shoes when entering the dance studio.
- > Refrain from bringing drinks or refreshments other than refillable water bottles into the studio.



## Terms and Conditions for Dance Tuition

In signing up for lessons with the Brighton College Dance School, parents and pupils agree to the terms and conditions set out below:

- > Dance fees will be added to parents' school accounts in termly arrears. The fee structure is based on three terms, made up of an average of ten dance lessons per term.
  - > Pupils agree to abide by the Dance School Code of Conduct which can be found on the previous page of this Dance Prospectus.
  - > If a pupil cannot attend a lesson for any reason, they should inform their Dance teacher or the Dance Administrator in good time. Attendance is recorded by dance teachers at the commencement of each lessons via SOCS.
  - > Half a term's notice (five teaching weeks) must be given in writing to the Director of Dance or to the Dance Administrator if a pupil wishes to discontinue dance lessons.
- Any queries relating to dance lessons may be made directly to the Director of Dance or to the Dance Administrator at [danceadmin@brightoncollege.net](mailto:danceadmin@brightoncollege.net).

**Amanda Schofield**  
Director of Dance

# Brighton College Dance School Uniform List

Please follow the links provided below to the online retailers that stock each uniform item.

## Ballet Uniform: Prep and College pupils

Roch Valley 'Elizabeth' microfibre leotard      Black  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Ballet tights      Skin tone  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Ballet shoes      Skin tone  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Grade 1-8 RAD exam candidates only:  
Character skirt      'Bright'  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Character shoes      'low heel'  
[Childrens sizes](#)      'Cuban heel'  
[Adult sizes](#)

Vocational level pupils:  
Soft pointe shoes and pointe shoes (please consult your ballet teachers  
for advice on brands/fitting)

or

Freed 'Aaron' short sleeved leotard      White  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Cotton Lycra tights      Black  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Ballet socks      White  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Ballet shoes      White  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Grade 1-8 RAD exam candidates only:  
Character shoes      Black canvas  
[Childrens sizes](#)      'low heel'  
[Adult sizes](#)      'Cuban heel'

## Ballet Uniform: Pre-Prep pupils

[Freed 'Chloe' short sleeved cotton leotard](#)      Marine Blue

[Freed georgette wrap skirt](#)      Marine Blue  
(Reception, Year 1 and  
Year 2 only)

[Ballet socks](#)      Skin tone

[Ballet shoes](#)      Skin tone

or

[Freed ballet t-shirt](#)      White

[Freed ballet shorts](#)      Navy Blue

[Ballet socks](#)      White

[Ballet shoes](#)      White

## ISTD Modern, Tap and Jazz Uniform

Roch Valley 'Elizabeth' microfibre leotard      Black  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Lycra leggings      Black  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

or

Fitted black t-shirt or leotard      Black  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Leggings or jazz trousers      Black  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

Tap shoes  
[Childrens sizes / Adult sizes](#)

## Hip Hop, Musical Theatre and Contemporary

Plain black t-shirt and loose fitted plain black trousers with trainers or  
bare feet





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for 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry.

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