



Dreamers Dance Academy - IDTA Exam Session on 3rd May 2026

For the first time, on the 3rd of May we will host our IDTA exams as an open session which means that we are permitted spectators! As the exams taking place on this day are performance based, it will be a lovely experience for our dancers to take their exam in a theatre environment with the thrill of having an audience. Families will also get to witness the exams taking place in real time!

As this is our first open session, it is really important that we all understand how this will run and what is needed from all of us. Please read this information carefully as it differs from the usual exam instructions.

Location

The Dovehouse Theatre, Langley School, Kineton Green Road.

Who

The below classes have exams on this day.

Mini Stars Musical Theatre
Mini Stars Street
Lower Juniors Musical Theatre
Lower Juniors Street
Upper Junior Ballet
Upper Junior Tap
Upper Junior Musical Theatre
Upper Junior Street
Senior Ballet
Senior Tap
Senior Musical Theatre
Senior Street

Time:

I will split the exams into 3 equal sections. I will try to organise these sections in a way that keeps children either in one section, or with their exams running close together. In between sections there will be a short break, allowing those who are finished to leave the audience and go home, or for those just arriving to find a seat. You do not have to remain for all sections if you do not wish to. For example, if your child is in section 1, you can leave during the first break. If your child is in section 2 and 3, you can arrive at the end of section 1 and find a seat. You will receive a timetable nearer to the time once all registrations have been received.

Cost:

Once the registration deadline has passed and I am aware of exactly who is entering their exams, I will process all exam payments through GoCardless which means you do not need to do anything. It is really important that you make me aware if your child is not doing their exams, or if they are selecting specific exams so that I don't incorrectly charge you. These are the individual charges for each exam:

Mini Stars Musical Theatre- Silver Team- £25.50
Mini Stars Street- Bronze Medal- £24.50
Lower Juniors Musical Theatre- Gold Team Award-£26.50
Lower Juniors Street- From £24.50 to £26.50
Upper Junior Ballet- Silver Team- £25.50
Upper Junior Tap-Silver Team- £25.50
Upper Junior Musical Theatre- Gold Team Award-£26.50
Upper Junior Street- From £24.50 to £30.50
Senior Ballet-Silver Team- £25.50
Senior Tap-Silver Team- £25.50
Senior Musical Theatre- Gold Bar 2 Team- £30.50
Senior Street- £24.50 to £32.50

Spectator tickets are £13.50 per ticket. Tickets are charged per person, not per section and so if you will attend more than one section, you do not need more than one ticket. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time and will be first come first serve. Your ticket won't come with an allocated seat as I am expecting there to be plenty of space for you to simply arrive and sit where you wish.

Uniform

Please ensure you have all items required for the exams well in advance so that we have time to source the correct items before the exam day.

Ballet

Upper Juniors

Purple leotard

Ballet tights

Ballet shoes (please ensure they have elastics fitted to prevent them slipping off) **Ballet shoes bought from Sainsburys are not real ballet shoes and must not be worn for an exam!**

Hair should be tied neatly in a secure bun. Hair spray or gel is a must!

No accessories permitted

Seniors

Black leotard

Ballet tights

Ballet shoes (please ensure they have elastics fitted to prevent them slipping off) **Ballet shoes bought from Sainsburys are not real ballet shoes and must not be worn for an exam!**

Hair should be tied neatly in a secure bun. Hair spray or gel is a must!

No accessories permitted

Boys- White slim fitting t shirt, black shorts, white socks and black ballet shoes.

Tap

Upper Juniors

Purple Leotard

Black leggings

White socks, or may wear leggings over ballet tights to make changing easier.

Tap shoes (must be black) PLEASE CHECK THAT THEY HAVE BOTH TOE TAPS AND HEEL TAPS.

Hair should be tied neatly in a secure bun or a pony tail

No accessories permitted

Seniors

Black Leotard

Black leggings

White socks, or may wear leggings over ballet tights to make changing easier.

Tap shoes (must be black) PLEASE CHECK THAT THEY HAVE BOTH TOE TAPS AND HEEL TAPS.

Hair should be tied neatly in a secure bun or a pony tail

No accessories permitted

Boys- White t-shirt, black bottoms (shorts or trousers)

Musical Theatre

All age groups

'Dare To Dream' show t shirt

Black leggings (boys black trousers/tracksuit bottoms)

Trainers or bare feet (depending on their routine)

Hair should be tied neatly in a secure bun or a pony tail

Street

All age groups

'Dare to Dream' show t shirt

Black leggings or black track suit bottoms

Trainers

Hair should be tied neatly in a secure bun or a pony tail

Hair Grooming

Hair must be neatly groomed and secure enough to not fall out during the exam. I advise practising with hair before the exams to ensure that you have enough grips etc to hold the hair in place. Hair doughnuts can be used to create buns if your child has particularly long or thick hair. If not, a classical ballet bun should be created by twisting the hair around itself. Use lots of pins and grips to hold the hair securely in place. Hair nets are also useful to help keep the hair neat and in place. Please use lots of hairspray or gel to slick the hair back off the face. Fringes should also be gripped back. **No hair accessories can be worn for exams.** There is no need to wear makeup for an exam. (We save the glitz and glamour for the shows!).

Special Consideration

Special consideration can be made for dancers who have learning disabilities, special needs, illness or injury that may affect their ability to succeed in their exam. It is in place so that all children have equal opportunities. If you would like to submit a special consideration form for your child, please let me know as soon as possible so that all paperwork can be completed in time for the exam. Please note that the IDTA often requires doctors notes to accompany the special consideration request.

On the day

As this exam day is running in a show format, it will run differently to what we are used to at the studio. I will give more details nearer to the time, however expect to drop your child off at the stage door at an allocated time, before walking round to the theatre entrance to find your seat in the audience. You will then collect your child from the stage door when their exams have finished. These drop off and collection slots will be during set break times. We won't be able to release your child in the middle of an exam in process.

Dancers must arrive FULLY READY for their first exam. I am going to do my best to arrange the timetable so that no clothing changes need to happen. At most, a change of shoes or adding leggings over the top of leotards etc is all that will be required. The dancers will use a backstage room as their holding area and will all be together. If a change does need to happen, there are toilets that they can use if they wish.

Parents will not be permitted to enter the backstage area unless you are a pre arranged volunteer. If you do volunteer, I will ensure you get to watch your child's exam.

The examiner will be positioned at the front of the theatre at her own table. The surrounding seats will be blocked off for confidentiality of the reports that she is writing. Out of respect for the children taking their exam and the examiner, it is important that we have a calm and supportive environment. You are permitted to applaud at the end of each performance, but please no cheering (we save that for the big shows!). We do have children who are not permitted for photographs and so audience members must not photograph the stage during any exam. If you are found filming or photographing, you will be asked to leave.

Between now and the exams, it is really important that all students are practising at home. We have limited time in class each week and so extra practising at home is only going to increase your child's confidence. For classes who would benefit, I will record and send home help videos.

ACTION REQUIRED:

- 1- Register via the website. If your child is **not** taking their exam, please let me know by
23rd March 2026
- 2- Encourage practice at home.
- 3- Ensure that you have the correct uniform.
- 4- Keep an eye out for emails containing timetables nearer to the time.

As always, if anybody has any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with me!