

DANCE EXAMS - INFORMATION

DANCE Generation is delighted to be able to let you know that we have arranged IDTA Dance Exams for all pupils. The IDTA is the largest professional dance association in the world, and all our classes include syllabus work from the IDTA. We actively encourage ALL our pupils to take a dancing exam as this builds confidence in their dancing and brings a sense of accomplishment. Even if your child has only been dancing with us a short time – they can still take an Exam. All children who take an Exam are acknowledged and recognised for their hard work in classes and congratulated for their achievements when being presented with their IDTA Exam medals & certificates at our dance show in the summer.

Exams will be held on:

SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018

Between 10am – 3pm

**BARNEHURST GOLF CLUB, MAYPLACE ROAD EAST
BEXLEYHEATH, Kent. BR7 6JU**

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions about the Exams, the costs and other details, along with an Entry Form.

WHAT EXAM IS MY CHILD TAKING?

We start the little ones off with a really easy entry level Examination called a **SOCIAL DANCE AWARD**. Dancers in the Junior Class are entered for a graded **ONE DANCE AWARD** or a **ONE DANCE DOUBLE**. Senior class dancers are entered for **BRONZE/SILVER** or **GOLD/GOLD BAR/STARS** - according to age and experience and if they have already taken Exams. Even if your child has only been dancing with us a short time, they can still enter for an Exam.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE EXAM?

We sort the children into small groups and each group is allocated a specific time slot on Exam day. The children dance in their groups in front of the IDTA Examiner – we are also permitted to ‘help’ the younger ones. They are marked on **Presentation, Rhythmic Interpretation, Co-ordination & Performance**. The Social Dance & One Dance Awards are marked on a single dance, Bronze Awards are marked over two different dances, Silver Awards over three dances and all Gold Awards are marked across four different dances. Exam sessions are always ‘closed’ which means that unfortunately you cannot watch! The Dance Exam itself takes approximately 10 - 15 minutes - depending on which level of Exam is being taken.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Social Dance Award (SDA)	£22
One Dance Award (5 levels)	£25
One Dance Double	£40
Bronze	£25
Silver	£30
Gold	£35
Gold Bar One & Two	£40
Gold Bar Three & Stars 1-5	£45

WHAT DOES THE EXAM FEE COVER?

The fee covers the IDTA Professional Examiner fees, all administration costs, hall hire and travelling expenses, etc. It also includes all the medals, plaques, name plate engraving and individual award certificates from the IDTA. The Social Dance Awards and One Dance Awards are a special plaque with the appropriate colour medal inset and name plate. Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards include an engraved medal on a ribbon. The Gold Bars each have a different named plaque and Gold Bar 3 is a figurine on plinth. All grades are also given an individual Award Certificate from the IDTA. We have some examples if you would like to see them.

DANCEWEAR & UNIFORM

Dancers are marked on **PRESENTATION** so it is important that all our pupils look the part! **Plain black leggings or Jazz trousers and the Dance Generation Uniform T shirt are compulsory wear for everyone taking an Exam**. Long hair should be tied back with a co-ordinated bow/scrunchie and we recommend proper dance footwear be worn. Hoodies are not permitted during the Exam.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD HAS PASSED?

You can text/telephone/email for your child’s result later Exam day - after 6pm. We will also let the children know at the next dance class, following the test. The Social Dance Award carries just a **Pass mark** (no grade). All other Exams are graded: **Pass (Fair), Commended (Good) and Highly Commended (Very Good)**. The highest standards are awarded an **HONOURS Grade**. Last year we had excellent results with many of our dancers being awarded an HONOURS grade – we are confident that we can keep up the standards for this year too!

WHEN DO WE COLLECT THE MEDALS & CERTIFICATES?

Students are presented with their medals and certificates at a Special Awards Evening - date to be advised. The SHOW on 15th July will NOT include the IDTA awards this year as this takes too long!
Only the SPECIAL AWARDS will be presented at the show.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any other questions or concerns, please come & talk to us during class or you can telephone or text on 078 118 23467 or email info@dancegeneration.co.uk

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