



BALLET EXAM INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Parents and Students,

Due to confusion in past years, we have prepared an information sheet with everything you need to know about examinations at L'Academie de Danse. Please Read carefully and contact your teacher or any staff member if you have any further questions.

- **What is the difference between an examination and a presentation class?**
 - Examination
 - The student must be able to demonstrate required technique and performance very well.
 - The exam will be marked by an external examiner from the Royal Academy of Dance. (RAD)
 - Students will receive a certificate from the RAD if they pass the exam, that acknowledges their participation and shows the mark that was attained.
 - Presentation class
 - Students must demonstrate an **understanding** of required technique.
 - The presentation class will be marked by representative from the RAD.
 - Students will receive a certificate from the RAD that acknowledges their participation.
 - **Both exams require the students to be dedicated to their classes, show performance style, full syllabus knowledge and excellent exam etiquette.**

Students aiming to sit an examination or presentation class

- Must be going to 2 classes from grade 1 up. (for examinations only.)
- Should be attending the holiday course.
- Need to attend the mock exam as part of the holiday course.
- Need to know that they may not necessarily pass.
- Need to come to all classes unless they are sick.
- Should watch the class if they are injured.
- Be available for the exam day.
- Have the complete correct LdD exam uniform
- Must be fully attentive in class.

- Things you should know as a parent of an examination or presentation class student.
 - The decision is being made on where we think they'll be, not where they are necessarily. We are relying on them to practice and commit to their classes to get to where they need to be.
 - Examiners can sometimes be tough and sometimes, inconsistent. Parents and Students should not have any expectations about the results.
 - We expect that if all work will be accomplished in normal classes, but if you miss classes for any reason, parents and students may seek extra help at anytime, but must be made aware that private lesson slots fill up fast!

- If a student is not doing an examination of any kind...
 - They can move up to the next level with their peers but once they get to intermediate foundation, they must sit and exam to proceed to the next level.
 - At this studio we encourage students to attend classes higher than their level for extra practice if they wish.
 - **The students will not get any more or less attention in class because of their exam situation.**

- Positive reasons for doing an exams and presentation classes.
 - The RAD maintains a very high standard which will encourage the students to achieve high standards.
 - The examiners and syllabi are internationally recognised.
 - It provides an excellent focus and helps the children to achieve more.
 - They will receive a certificate.

Examinations and presentation classes are a positive experience and we believe they are a great way to encourage the students to learn and achieve. Again, please don't hesitate to approach any of our staff for more information at any time.