

GENERAL INFORMATION

Aberystwyth Arts Centre Dance School aims to provide an enjoyable dance experience for pupils of all ages. Highly qualified teachers offer classes in ballet, modern and tap with the aim to develop an appreciation and love of dance.

The Dance School has gained a reputation for excellent teaching which is reflected in its examination results at all levels. Former pupils have won places at professional dance schools and colleges such as the *Central School of Ballet, the College of the Royal Academy of Dance, Hammond Ballet School, Laine Theatre Arts, Stella Mann College, Arts Educational, Merseyside Dance & Drama Centre, Bird College, Cambridge Performing Arts College, Urdang Academy, Italia Conti* etc.

Teachers

Emma O'Brien A.I.S.T.D.

Emma trained at the Whitakers Dance and Drama School in Blackpool. Following this, she studied at the Merseyside Dance and Drama Centre, Liverpool

Philippa Gilbert R.A.D.R.T.S. (Rad Teaching Certificate)

Philippa trained at Elmhurst Ballet School, Bush Davies and the Royal Academy of Dance.

Simone Anthony, A.I.S.T.D.

Simone trained at the Merseyside Dance and Drama Centre, Liverpool.

The Dance School follows the graded system of the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) for Ballet and the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD) for Modern & Tap. The 'Grades' of both organisations are designed for children who attend one, two or more lessons per week and who enjoy dance as a hobby, working to the best of their ability. There is a strong emphasis on the development of musical and expressive dance qualities.

All classes are divided by age/and or ability. Classes for Ballet start from Age 3 years, Modern from 5 years and Tap from 6 years old (depending on availability). They take the form of weekly classes of 30 minutes, 45 minutes, or 1 hour. For younger pupils the emphasis is on enjoyment, as techniques are gradually introduced, and a ladder of progress followed through the system of Grades. This ensures that pupils are not physically overstrained and techniques and vocabulary are introduced in a measured way.

Examinations

Examinations provide a useful yardstick of achievement and are designed to be within the scope of virtually all pupils, but are not compulsory. For those who wish to enter examinations, extra lessons are usually needed during the term of the exams, in order to give more individual attention and to enable pupils to perform with confidence and meet the high standards required. There is an additional charge for these lessons.

Uniform

Pupils of the Arts Centre Dance School are expected to dress tidily and appropriately for all dance classes in the special uniform of the school for their particular grade. All dancewear can be purchased from the Dance School Shop. New pupils may not wish to buy all the uniform at the start, but after a term should do so. Ballet shoes are a necessity from the beginning.

Dance School Shop

Opening Hours – Monday to Friday 3.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

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