



EXAM POLICY

At YRAD we value the growth and commitment of our dancers from all ages, and it's our pleasure to offer exams to students in Ballet, Tap and Modern Dance as a part of our recreational program.

Our exams are generally held at a local venue in York, but occasionally it is necessary for students to travel to an approved venue. The exact exam date and other pertinent information relating to the exams will be communicated via email.

We must remind parents that children progress at varying rates, therefore students are entered into examinations at the discretion of their teachers who are qualified professionals.

Teachers assess their students on a weekly basis in class, therefore to be considered for examinations children must be in regular attendance to their class and participate in additional at home practice. In Ballet it is recommended that students studying Grade 1 level upwards should attend 2 sessions per week and if choosing to only participate in one class per week it is understood that they may not move through their grades at the same pace as peers taking additional classes.

Total Qualification Time and Guided Learning Hours

Total Qualification Time (TQT) is an indication of the total number of hours required for the average learner to achieve and demonstrate the attainment necessary for the exam from starting in that particular graded class. This does not include terms where a showcase may be being rehearsed. The information below is set out by the Royal Academy of Dance relating to Ballet Exams.

TQT is comprised of:

- The number of hours spent in class with a teacher (guided learning hours), and;
- An estimate of the number of hours a learner will reasonably be likely to spend in at home practice (additional learning hours).

Qualification	Guided Learning Hours	Additional learning	Total Qualification Time
Primary in Dance examination	40	0	40
Grade 1 Examination	60	10	70
Grade 2 Examination	60	10	70
Grade 3 Examination	60	10	70
Grade 4 Examination	75	20	95
Grade 5 Examination	75	20	95



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Qualification	Guided Learning Hours	Additional learning	Total Qualification Time
Grade 6 Examination	90	40	130
Grade 7 Examination	90	40	130
Grade 8 Examination	90	40	130
Intermediate Foundation Examination	150	125	275
Intermediate Examination	150	125	275
Advanced Foundation Examination	150	125	275
Advanced 1 Examination	150	175	325
Advanced 2 Examination	150	225	375

Exams are NOT compulsory, however our syllabi; the RAD – Royal Academy of Dance and the ISTD – Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance are two of the most highly recognised dance syllabi worldwide. If your child is considering continuing to dance vocationally as they grow older, we strongly recommend that your child enters onto these programmes as they will assist their progression.

On a side note, our vast experience shows that formal exams present a unique opportunity for students to display and take pride in their efforts, motivation and performance. Our exam candidates have always found their exam experience to be uplifting, beneficial and rewarding.

As part of the exam preparation, exam dancers will occasionally need to attend intensive exam workshops and private coaching. Dates will be made available prior to examinations.

The cost of exams and preparation classes are in addition to your monthly subscription and payment for these costs are due in advance of the examination date. Included in the examination costs are studio hire fee, pianist fees, music operator fees and instructor/staffing costs.

If you have not paid by the due date received within email correspondence, unfortunately your child will not be eligible to sit their exam.

Examination boards are able to take special consideration for students who may have additional needs. Please discuss this with Miss Kerry if required.

For further information relating to exams and the examining bodies we use please refer to the below links:

[RAD - Royal Academy of Dance](#)

[ISTD - Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance](#)