

Exam schedule



Week 2

Please bring me a named blank cd to record your music on.

Week 3

Collect your cd and grade list. Go through the list with the music and put a cross beside the bits you can't remember – bring the list to your next class for me to go through. Check the board for the **exam list** for your correct name and date of birth.

Week 4

Check the board for the things you will need for your exam – ask someone at home to test you on the names on your list so that you know which is which.

Week 5

Check all your arm positions in the mirror at home and practice lots of jumps every day – downstairs! Ask someone to watch to tell you if you are; pointing your feet, stretching your knees and landing with a diamond and a straight back!

Week 6

Practice your solos so that you can dance them without a mistake (if you dance with a partner, grades 3 upwards, practice with her). Ask me if you may get your satin ballet shoes. Keep practising the jumps!

Week 7

Be able to dance your solos in front of an audience and ask me to check your ballet and character shoes (please keep shoes in the bag you get from Julienne's and do not wear them

at home. Let me see them before the elastic is sewn on in case they have to be changed).

Week 8

Be able to smile as well as dance solos in front of an audience – notice where you are looking when you are dancing. Eye focus! You get extra marks for presentation.

Week 9

Nearly there! On the last rehearsal but one before your exam wear your new ballet shoes with old socks over the top – please do not wash your hair for a week, or for as long as you can bear it before your exam – it makes it very difficult to put up in a bun. Make sure you have all your ballet things ready together including all your hair pins, grips, gel, net and elastics the night before – go to bed early.

Exam day

Check you have everything you will need and arrive early! At least 45 minutes before the time on the exam list – remember, the examiner loves dancing, otherwise she wouldn't be there – she will be smiley and would love to give you distinction! Dancing exams are like a performance and are to be enjoyed!

Please ring me if you have any queries on 01306 883 686.