

Welcome to





Are we the right school for you?

Do you want your child to:

- Thrive in a supportive environment?
- Be the best they can be?
- Develop a passion for dance?
- Make great friendships?
- Learn great skills to a high level?
- Grow in confidence?
- Be able to work as a team?
- Challenge themselves?



Welcome!

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A WARM WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!

Here at The Heights we aim to provide a friendly and caring environment in which our pupils can thrive. Each pupil is treated as an individual and our small class sizes mean we can build up a great rapport with every child, enabling us to get the best from all pupils.

Registration

Every new customer is entitled to a 1 lesson free trial.

ALL NEW PUPILS THEN NEED TO BE REGISTERED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL. PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE:

heightsdancesheffield.com

A registration fee of £45 per customer will be charged.

The includes: a joining fee, a Heights onesie/tracksuit (age appropriate) or a HATS hoodie/t-shirt for HATS pupils. This will be ordered and personalized upon registration. Orders take approx. 3 weeks.

How We Keep You Up To Date

Please download the BAND app, and join our Heights group, using the QR code or email us for a direct link.

We use BAND as an easy way to distribute updates, newsletters, event information, etc. among our Heights' community.

If you don't already use it, please also download Whatsapp, as you will be added to a year group specific chat for your child/children's dance classes.

Fees

All fees are due on the first day of term. An invoice will be sent out 4 weeks prior to payment date to the email address provided at registration.

We now use Stripe payments to take fee payments via card. A small percentage admin charge is added to each payment as per Stripe settings.

As specified in our Terms and Conditions a £50 late payment fee will be added to your invoice if you fail to make payment on time.

Please ensure you keep us up to date with which lessons your child/children are participating in to avoid errors on your invoice.

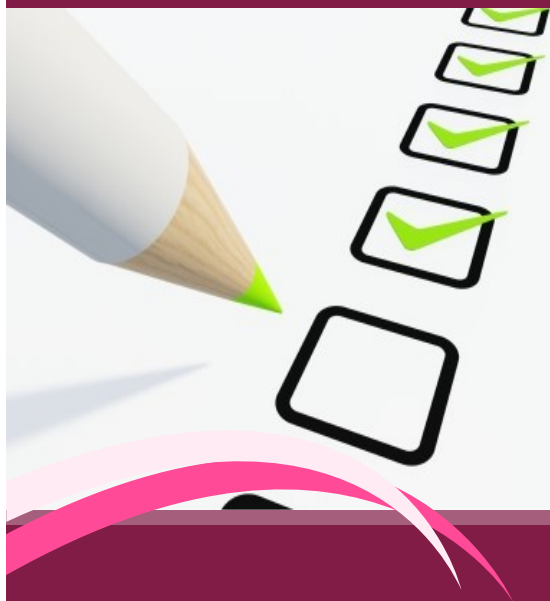


Uniform

As a member of our school, all pupils are expected to purchase the correct uniform. These uniforms are required for classes and exams. Uniform is an important part of dance and training, and has been chosen specifically to meet the criteria of each level and genre. Appearance is an important part of dance discipline and we ask all parents to help their children create a smart appearance. All items of uniform should be worn, and hair should be worn up and back off the face. From Standard 2 Ballet, hair should be worn up in a bun. **Our online shop is accessed via the Parent's Portal on Class Manager, either online or in-app.**

Attendance

To ensure our pupils reach the standard required for all exams and performances we expect our students to attend regularly. Missing classes can mean missing new work and choreography making it harder to catch up. Unfortunately this can lead to pupils being withdrawn from exams and taken out of sections of show dances.





Keeping in
Contact & up to
Date



The email address to contact
with queries regarding lessons/
shows/exams etc is:

heights4danceteachers@yahoo.com

* Keep an eye out in your inbox
for our half-termly newsletter
filled with events, calendar
dates, and news.



The Heights Ballet
and Theatre School



@heightsdancesheffield

Genres Available

WE CURRENTLY OFFER:

- Cecchetti Ballet
- Modern Theatre
- Tap Dance
- Contemporary Dance
- Commercial Dance
- Musical Theatre
- Acro & Gymnastic Dance



We are an ISTD dance school meaning our pupils take exams according to the ISTD syllabi.

We also offer combined Pre-School and Reception classes for pupils from age 2 1/2 which include Ballet, Modern and Tap in one lesson.

Behaviour

As a school, we want to provide an encouraging, friendly and supportive atmosphere in all our classes. The values of respect and perseverance are also vital to dance discipline and these are incorporated into lessons.

As such, we ask that all members of our community (pupils and parents) share and demonstrate these positive values in their behaviour towards each other and staff.

Behaviour that contradicts these values will not be tolerated within our school, and action may be taken as stated in our Terms and Conditions.

Performances

Each year our school puts on an annual show.

Our Main School Show usually takes place in May/June with the rehearsal schedule announced in the spring. This show involves Preschool-Adv1 Ballet, Modern, & Tap pupils, Contemporary, Senior HATS, and Y3+ Acro.

We have performed in a number of local theatres/venues over the years and will always pick the most suitable venue for our pupils and show.

Previous venues include; Pomegranate Theatre, Merlin Theatre, Montgomery Theatre, Library Theatre

School Events

The main events in our school calendar are Exams and Shows.

However, we do try to provide a wide range of opportunities and experiences for our pupils throughout the year.

Parents will receive an email with details of any events in which their child is invited to take part.

Previous events include:

- Workshops with industry professionals
- HCYA Fun Day in Summer
- Our Christmas Festivities celebration
- Musical Theatre flashmob in Meadowhall and City Centre
- Local dance competitions

EXAMS

We currently offer exams in Cecchetti Ballet, Modern Theatre and Tap Dance through the ISTD Examinations Board.

We have several exam sessions a year, and pupils will be informed if they are being entered for an exam by their teacher who will decide if they are ready.

It is expected that all of our pupils take part in exams to give them a sense of achievement and progression in their dancing. They are the building blocks of technique and strength.



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Teachers of Dancing

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Appropriate Physical Contact in Dance

Physical contact in a dance class is sometimes required to correct the posture or position of a student. Teaching dance is a physical activity and a teacher will sometimes need to make physical contact with a student to show an idea or to correct the student's position. This can include:

- Lifting
- Adjusting arms, legs, rib cage, hips, feet, hands
- Moving one student in relation to another.

Where contact is needed, we will remain sensitive to the student's wishes and put their welfare first.

In all cases, we will say why and how we will be correcting the student's position before making any contact. We encourage students to report any concerns.

Terms & Conditions

We do have a Terms and Conditions document that we expect all customers to agree to.

This covers our policies on things such as;

- Fees
- Payment
- Data Protection
- Code of Conduct
- Exams/Shows
- Cancellations
- Giving Notice



Extra Costs

As any other hobby, dance has additional costs. We try to keep costs down to a minimum, but we do have to cover costs of venues, pianist, teaching fees etc.

Please be aware that the following may come with additional costs to the termly invoice:

- Exams
- Show Costumes
- Dress Rehearsals
- Uniform including dance shoes
- Workshops
- Private Lessons



School Pickup

As we are lucky enough to be close to Hallam Primary School we offer school pick up. This is to make it possible for those children wishing to participate in dance classes who have working/busy parents. It is a free service but it is the parents responsibility to inform the school. This service is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Simply request a permission form via email to sign up. Please let us know if you will not be attending that day!

Attendance for Y3 and above

From Y3 & above, all pupil's are expected to attend twice a week.

Why is this?

As we hold an annual show and exams pupils are required to attend twice a week to achieve the standards required.

How much extra will this cost you?

Only £4 a week.

Cancellation Policy

We do hope that all our pupils will enjoy and choose to continue their dance education with us. However, we recognise that circumstances change and in the event that you wish to withdraw from lessons at The Heights—whether this be all classes or just one genre—please be aware that we require **one-term's written notice** via email (to heights4danceteachers@yahoo.com).

If you fail to provide the required notice you will still be charged for the classes your child is enrolled in as per our automatic re-enrollment policy each term. This has been a long-standing clause in our T&Cs and is in place so that we can ensure that we know exactly how many pupils will be taking each class and can therefore ensure that each class is sustainable financially to run. This is to protect the interests of the school as a whole.