

Irish Board of Dance Performance



SEPTEMBER 2020

A New Year ...

We hope you are keeping safe and well in these uncertain times. We were inspired and impressed by the positivity and creativity shown by dance teachers over the past six months in moving classes online, hosting online productions and competitions, and giving young people an outlet to express themselves through dance from home. We're looking ahead now with optimism and excitement as the new school year gets underway.



Syllabus extended till 31 August 2021

Face to Face Exams

We know things are still uncertain for many teachers, but we're happy to let you know that we're resuming face-to-face exams for those who can facilitate it with the necessary guidelines in place. If face-to-face exams aren't possible for you, don't worry, our video exams are still an option.

Massive changes have taken place and huge adjustments have been required to open dance schools. **With that in mind, we have decided to extend the current syllabus until 31 August 2021, and to keep all fees at current levels.**

Video Exams

After the introduction of Government restrictions in mid-March, we introduced video exams. We designed and implemented an easy to use, secure system where candidates could upload a video of their exam online which proved to be a huge success. So much so, that we have decided to offer video exams on a permanent basis. To find out more go to irishboardofdanceperformance.ie and click on 'Video Exams'.

Provisional Bookings

We can hold a provisional booking up until 6 weeks before an exam. Email us at dance@irishboard.ie with the date you have in mind and we'll confirm availability with you.

Please be aware that some dates can book up quickly, so if your preferred date is not available we'll do our very best to find an alternative date that's suitable for you.

What Happens Next?

To confirm your booking, we'll send you an email asking you to fill out a booking form on our website. With that, we'll also ask you to complete our Covid-19 safety checklist and attach a copy of your Covid-19 prevention policies in accordance with current guidelines. This information will allow us to allocate examiners to schools, while minimising the risk of infection to children, teachers and examiners. After, we'll review your entry and confirm your booking by email within a few days.

Why choose us?

Because we are ...

- ✓ **Flexible:** you choose the date, time and venue
- ✓ **Encouraging:** welcoming, positive, helpful and calm exam atmosphere
- ✓ **Professional:** qualified, discerning and empathetic examiners
- ✓ **Helpful:** we'll work with you to make your exams as stress-free and positive as humanly possible
- ✓ **Inclusive:** we'll examine EVERY student, regardless of ability or need
- ✓ **Affordable:** reasonable fees
- ✓ **Straightforward:** progressive syllabus, short exams, no-fuss booking system, quick results

Keep in Touch

If you have questions at all, if you're looking for advice on any of our exams or, indeed, if you have any suggestions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone (01 216 4270) or email (dance@irishboard.ie). Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram too!