


ISA DANCE

Competition

Deadline
Wednesday 27 November
2024

Open to KS2-5
Online qualification followed
with live final.
Competition open to ISA Members'
schools only.
Visit the ISA website for more
information

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Final
Wednesday 29
January 2025
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Beyond artistic and expressive skills, dance allows students to develop social skills such as autonomy and initiative, collaborative work, perseverance and self-motivation which are all very important to learning. Open to KS2, KS3 and KS4/5 pupils.

Eligibility

This competition is open to ISA Members' Schools only. Solo or group performances are all permitted. The maximum number of entries is three per age category, so a maximum of nine entries per school in total.

At ISA, we are committed to making our opportunities accessible, we welcome applications from all pupils, including those with learning difficulties or disabilities. If your pupil(s), those with an EHCP or on the school's SEND register, are working at a level that differs from their age group's key stage, or if your school or student focuses on development and skills rather than year groups, please contact us.

Alternative formats of these guidelines are available on request. Please notify us at the earliest opportunity so we can provide the document accordingly, if required.

Competition Categories

- Junior – Year 3 to Year 6 (solo or group)
- Middle – Year 7 to Year 9 (solo or group)
- Senior – Year 10 to Year 13 (solo or group)

Schools may enter a maximum of three entries per age category.

Groups with mixed ages must be entered into the age category of the oldest pupil.

How to enter

Entries must be submitted via the online form on the ISA website [here](#) by **Wednesday 27 November** at the latest.

- Schools are invited to record a video of their entry(ies) and submit it/them via the online form on the ISA website, following the guidelines below.
- A working URL link must be given for the video (e.g., to YouTube or Vimeo). ISA won't accept any file to download, WeTransfer links, or broken links.
- Please make sure that your videos are accessible to view by anyone with the link. YouTube videos will need to be unlisted, Vimeo videos will need to be unlisted and age rated, Google Drive will need to be set to 'Anyone with the link' and OneDrive needs to be set with 'share link' to 'anyone'.
- The maximum duration for each entry is three minutes.
- ISA suggests running a competition in-house and submitting your best entries.
- Please note: ISA reserves the right to showcase some of the winning entries on the ISA website and social media and to use them for marketing purposes. The name of the student might also be displayed. Get in touch if you do not wish this information to be shared.

Competition Format

1. Online Qualification Round

- The first stage of this competition is an online qualification round.
- Late cancellations cause considerable inconvenience to the organisers and prevent other schools from taking part. All entries received will be regarded as a definite commitment to attend the final on **Wednesday 29 January at Reddam House Berkshire** for the entire day.

2. The Final

Finalists will be invited to Reddam House Berkshire on Wednesday 29 January for the final. Schools will be asked to email the following information by Wednesday 15 January to isaarts@isaschools.org.uk

- Title of piece
- Music in mp3 file
- Length of the performance
- Sign up list (full names of pupils per piece made clear, staff and ETA)
- Number of coaches/minibuses/cars etc expected at the event

Judging Criteria

- Choreography: (Creativity & Musicality, Difficulty, Formation & Transition)
- Technique (Movement, Placement)
- Execution: (Spacing, Synchronisation (if group performance), Timings and Basic Rythm)
- Impression (Energy, Dynamism, Costume & Music, Communication and Projection)

Rules and General Information

- All dance styles are welcome, including (but not limited to) jazz, tap, ballet, street dance, freestyle, traditional and contemporary.
- Each performance must be a maximum duration of 3 minutes.
- Each student must perform only in their relevant age group category. You must enter pupils into the age category they will be in November 2023.
- Limited number of 20 pupils per performance maximum. Your video must feature the same pupils (and same number of pupils) that will perform in the final, if selected.
- Please ensure, before submitting an entry, that you have obtained appropriate permissions from your Head/HoD for pupil and staff absence from school, including appropriate cover for staff and any associated costs.
- The routine must be the same at the final as the online round.

If you have any questions, please contact isaarts@isaschools.org.uk
We look forward to receiving your entries.