

ISA Dance Competition 2019

South: Wednesday 2 October 2019, Reddam House School, Berkshire, RG41 5BH

North: Wednesday 9 October 2019, Abbots Bromley School, Staffordshire, WS15 3BW

**Entry numbers are limited: DON'T DELAY YOUR ENTRY!*

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- Entries Opening Tuesday 23 April – Deadline Friday 21 June
- Three age group categories: KS2, KS3, KS4/5
- Schools are invited to enter two performances maximum per category
- All dance styles are welcome – groups performance only
- Competition open to non-specialist schools only
- Specialist schools are invited to showcase their performance – please contact us for more details

**Competition open to ISA Members' schools only*



GUIDELINES

ISA is excited to invite you to take part in our second National Dance Competition, on Wednesday 2 October (South competition), at Reddam House Berkshire, RG41 5BG, and on Wednesday 9 October (North competition) at Abbots Bromley School, WS15 3BW.

- Schools are invited to submit their entries via the online form on the ISA website – Deadline Friday 21 June. (Details on how to enter page 3).

- **Categories:**

There are three age groups categories: KS2, KS3, KS4/5.

Schools can enter two performances maximum per age category.

All dance styles are welcome: jazz, tap, ballet, street dance, freestyle, modern...

Each group must be a minimum of three performers.

Limited number of 20 children per school. (audience is limited to participants (pupils and staff) only). (parents won't be able to attend the competition, please contact us if you have any queries).

- **Cost:**

This competition is free to enter.

- **Schedule:**

Timings will be confirmed in September. Sessions will be fixed by age category and schools must attend the whole session.

- **Facilities and Tech:**

South: The theatre stage is approximately 10 by 8.2 metres in size.

North: *Size of the stage to be confirmed*

Advanced lighting tech is not available for both venues. A static lighting setting will be arranged for the whole performance.

- **Music:**

Schools must provide their own digital music for their performance, in MP3 prior to the event and audio CD format to bring on the day.



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- **Duration:**
Each performance must be a maximum duration of 3 minutes.

- **Changing rooms:**
Changing facilities are not provided: pupils should arrive ready to perform.
Children will need to bring their lunch, snacks and drinks for the day – a space will be available for lunch and break.

- **Criteria:**
A judge will adjudicate the competition during the day. The results will be announced, and prizes presented at the end of each session.
The adjudicator will be judging the following;
 1. **Choreography**
Musical interpretation, originality
 2. **Difficulty**
Complexity of movement for ability level and age group
 3. **Execution**
Confidence, facial expression, energy
 4. **Musicality and Timing**
 5. **Entertainment value**
Costumes and enthusiasm

- **Awards:**
A judge will adjudicate the competition during the day. The results will be announced and prizes presented at the end of each session.
All participants will remain in the auditorium as audience members for the whole session of the age category (up to 1.5 hrs).

HOW TO ENTER

Entries must be submitted via our online form on the ISA website www.isaschools.org.uk.

** Before submitting an entry, you must have obtained appropriate permissions from your Head/HoD for pupil and staff absence from school, including appropriate cover for staff and any associated costs.*

Please note: entries are limited, if you book a slot then subsequently cancel, you may be preventing another school from this opportunity. In addition, late cancellations cause considerable inconvenience to the organisers. An entry received should be regarded as a definite commitment to attend.

Detailed joining instructions and FAQ for participating schools will be sent out in early September.

Please email the following information to isaarts@isaschools.org.uk by **Monday 9 September 2019**:

- Title of piece
- Music in mp3 file
- Length of the performance
- Sign up list (full names of pupils and staff)
- Number of coaches/mini-buses

Please note that completion and return of the other information is essential. Failure to do this will result in the entry being declined.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact ISAarts@isaschools.org.uk

We look forward to receiving your entries and seeing you on the day.