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# ISA NATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION 2021

Competition open to ISA Members' schools only

**WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER**  
**REDDAM HOUSE BERKSHIRE, RG41 5BG**

**DEADLINE MONDAY 4 OCTOBER**

*\*Entry numbers are limited, Don't delay your entry!*

Three age group categories: KS2, KS3, KS4/5  
Schools are invited to enter two performances maximum per category  
All dance styles welcome  
Submit your entries via the ISA Website

[WWW.ISASCHOOLS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.ISASCHOOLS.ORG.UK)

## ISA DANCE COMPETITION 2021 – RULES AND GUIDELINES

- Eligibility

This competition is open to ISA Members' Schools only. Schools can submit a maximum of two entries per age category, (KS2, KS3, KS4/KS5), so a maximum of six entries in total.

- Age group categories and entries:

- Key Stage 2
- Key Stage 3
- Key Stage 4/5

Schools can enter two performances maximum per age category. All dance styles are welcome: jazz, tap, ballet, street dance, freestyle, modern...

Solo/duet/trio performances can also compete.

Each performance must be a maximum duration of 3 minutes.

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 due to the capacity of the venue, please contact us if you have any queries).

- Schedule:

Timings will be confirmed nearer the time; however, sessions will be fixed by age category and schools must attend the whole session.

- Facilities and Tech:

The theatre stage is approximately 10 by 8.2 metres in size. Advanced lighting tech is not available. 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 (please email [isaarts@isaschools.org.uk](mailto:isaarts@isaschools.org.uk)) and audio CD format to bring on the day.

- 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.

- Judging process and criteria

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).

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

- How to enter

Entries must be submitted via our online form on the ISA website [www.isaschools.org.uk](http://www.isaschools.org.uk) by Monday 4 October, at the latest.

**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.

*\* 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.*

Detailed joining instructions and FAQ for participating schools will be sent out once the competition is closed for entries.

Please email the following information to [isaarts@isaschools.org.uk](mailto:isaarts@isaschools.org.uk) by Monday 18 October:

- 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/cars

#### Note on in-person competitions in 2021/2

In the event that the competition is unable to go ahead in person, we will endeavour to host it virtually. We recommend that you record a rehearsal in case of any last minute changes.

**PLEASE INFORM US IF THE PIECE YOU WILL BE PERFORMING HAS BEEN USED FOR ANOTHER DANCE COMPETITION PRIOR TO THIS EVENT.**



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

If you have any questions, please contact [isaarts@isaschools.org.uk](mailto:isaarts@isaschools.org.uk)  
We look forward to receiving your entries.