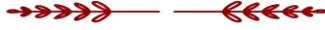


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TINA'S DANCE STUDIOS



WHERE CHILDREN LOVE TO DANCE



We will hold **Open Week** next week from **Saturday 4th to Friday 10th July**. Parents and pupils are welcome to come into the studios to watch any of our classes. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to show you what fun we have dancing, and you can see how well they are all progressing.

Our final dance classes take place on Wednesday 15th July. After that date there will be no lessons scheduled for 2 weeks whilst our school undergoes building maintenance.

The brand new **Summer Dance Club** starts from **Friday 31st July through to Saturday 22nd August**. All children are invited to join the Club whenever they want to dance with us. You simply book them onto the day via the form using this link.

[TDS Summer Dance Club – Fill in form](#)

Our Seniors Intensive **Summer Programme 17th – 19st August** (link below) This will be open to our Seniors, Subs and Prefects and offers a great opportunity to gain insight into the dance industry with our guest professionals. Please book by this weekend.

[TDS SUMMER PROGRAMME 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Classes will restart for everyone on **Friday 4th September**. There will be no change to the timetable or fees for next half term.

Saturday Classes

All the children are happily progressing within their Saturday groups. If you can please remind them every now and then to think about their dance steps during the holidays, or bring them to Summer Dance Club, so we can continue to build on the technique next term. Miss Stacey's new Tiny Dancers class has got off to a good start – now that potty training is started at age 3, we have relaxed our 'no nappies' policy to 'pull-ups allowed' so very young children can enjoy this class. We do have places for September if you could spread the word please. We are also opening registration for Juniors and Transition classes so if you know of any older children interested in starting dance, please send them our way. There is always a place for a new dancer at TDS!





Ballet Exam Classes

Congratulations to those achieving success in the May ISTD exams.

All pupils from age 4 and above are welcome to join our ballet exam classes at this point. Children attending during the week always seem to enjoy the Saturday classes more, as they have a better understanding of technique and terminology.

Children in Primary A and B are encouraged to join the Wednesday Pre-Primary Ballet Exam and Modern Class. They learn short set exercises to encourage good posture and turned out legs, and other more imaginative exercises to encourage musicality and expression. Children find their first exam an enjoyable experience, and be assured there is absolutely no pressure at this age. I conduct the exam with 4 pupils at a time, whilst an examiner from the ISTD watches and gives marks. This is a lovely way to introduce the children to exams, and prepares them well for the Primary Grade, when they go into the Studio four at a time and the examiner conducts the exam.

I would like to give a special mention to Bethany Topping who was awarded a score of 93 for her Grade 6 Ballet Distinction! Sophie Dunbar also excelled with a Distinction of 92 at Grade 4. And Verity Stevenson and Amelia Slonker gained Distinctions with 94 and 93 marks for their Primary Grade Ballet examination – very well done to these girls and to all the exam candidates for their achievements.

We have booked an October exam session for Grade 1 and Grade 3 – exam fees are due end of this term.



Tap and Modern

More congratulations to our May exam candidates – well done indeed!

Roll call for our Prefects Corrina Aspinall and Jess Liptrot on their success at vocational level Intermediate Tap.

This is thanks to the dedication of Miss Stacey who works our Prefects to the top level.

Congratulations to all our successful candidates, with Matilda King gaining 93 Distinction for her Grade 2 Modern, and Amelia Slonker, Grace Goodwill and Isla McCracken with high scores of 92, 90 and 90 for Primary Tap.

I hope you can make it to watch classes during Open Week, so you can see how we work during term time to build the children's technique, strength and confidence, as well as having a great time – even whilst melting in the heatwave last week!

We are also working some classes up to their exams this October. October exam fees will be due by end of term.

Jazz and Jazz Performance Awards

Our Seniors smashed their Jazz Performance Awards in May and we have a new Bronze class for Senior B. Our Prefects are now working on Gold for the October exam session and we will bring back jazz choreography following that session. Miss Lyla is now taking my Jazz Awards groups, and they are settling in well and working hard for their new teacher.

Both her and Miss Roanne are certainly pushing our Upper School to melting point on Fridays in the hot weather we have been having.

Jazz classes are great for fitness and fun, also for increasing mobility and stamina. Jazz is an introduction to the world of Commercial Dance, with all its ever changing styles as music trends dictate. We are delighted to see more members of Senior B throwing themselves into these new movements on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Transition I & II also have Jazz/Acro classes on Saturday – this is a great introduction to those more grown up moves. We do encourage them all to join this exhilarating style, for all the same reasons as the older pupils, and assure you that all our music and movement choices are age appropriate. Once they move into Seniors they will already be at a high level of fitness and be used to 'picking up' the choreography. Junior A and B get a taster class too on Saturdays with Miss Roanne.





National Dance

These classes are most enjoyable, with more relaxed technique, and lots of pattern work with partners. Our new Junior B National class are loving their skirts and heeled black shoes and have a lovely time each Wednesday.

It really makes the children aware of how they should consider other members of the group whilst dancing together, and make good use of the space and directions – invaluable skills for any dancer.

Acrobatic Arts

Miss Roanne has taken on the role of our Acro teacher, and Miss Lyla will soon be taking her qualifications in this genre. Miss Roanne is working the Juniors and Transitions hard to improve strength and of course mobility for the movements executed in Acrobatic Arts during her combined Acro/Jazz classes. She is also delighted with the progress being made by our Subs and Prefects each Tuesday during their dedicated Acro sessions. These classes are excellent for complete body strength, and of course flexibility. Students attending these sessions will take away a new set of dance orientated strength exercises that they can build on in their own time between classes, and during our school holidays. We can incorporate a few Acro skills in some of our dance routines too!



PBT – Progressing Ballet Technique

We are proud to be one of the very few schools able to offer PBT classes. Miss Roanne is delivering these intensive classes that work alongside their ballet syllabus to target specific muscles used in ballet movement. Our Prefects are enjoying this new class, and we have just opened it up to our Sub Prefects. We are aiming for greater understanding of muscle groups, and extra strength to avoid injury as the levels become challenging.

Extra curricular lessons to broaden our horizons and increase flexibility and strength

Our pupils are very lucky to have the choice of so many classes! I always try to timetable at least 2 extra non syllabus dance styles each term, and switch them up with each timetable change.

This term they have

Lyrical Dance – delivered by Miss Lyla, this class is one to develop emotional connection to the music to allow the dancer freedom to express themselves fully.

PBT and Acro - taught by Miss Roanne

Musical Theatre – Miss Roanne's Tuesday classes are thoroughly enjoying their K-Pop Demon Hunters dances! They are looking forward to showing you during Open Week.



Summer Dance Programme 2026

We have 3 fabulous Industry Professionals presenting workshops scheduled within the TDS Seniors Summer Programme, alongside our own inspiring teachers. We have also booked a wellbeing session with Feel Purpose Fitness, targeted at dancers and the challenges they face as they grow along their dance journey. Ella Hill will be taking headshots to take away, and the atmosphere will be buzzing! I know our students will thoroughly enjoy this 3 day experience during their summer break. Get your dance shoes for Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th August!

TDS Summer Programme is open to pupils in Senior B and above. We already have a number of Prefects and Subs booked in, but our younger Seniors A & B seem shy – please don't be! We won't be putting you all together, and our guest teachers will be giving options to simplify routines for our younger dancers. Please book now as places are limited and must be booked in advance. Here is the link for guest teacher biographies and the summer booking form:

[TDS SUMMER PROGRAMME 2026 – Fill in form](#) (The booking form is also on our website)

Brand new TDS Summer Dance Club

This year we can offer dance classes throughout August for those dancers who simply don't want to stop! It will not be a full timetable, just Friday evening Jazz for Seniors, and Saturday Ballet for all classes. Attendance is not compulsory, and you will only pay on attendance (cashless). It would help Miss Roanne and Miss Lyla to plan their classes if you can book in advance, but walk ins on the day will be welcome. We are also open to non TDS dancers joining in, so friends and family who dance may join you. Uniform regulations will be relaxed, so children may wear their regular uniform, or their own dance outfit.

We have 4 alumni members (currently in full time dance training) coming along to deliver Pop Up Workshops for our Seniors – you will find their details on our Socials. It's all very exciting!

I hope this new club will be well supported, and that it helps parents with school holiday activities. Please note – class times are *not* the same as term time so do check the form.

[TDS Summer Dance Club – Fill in form](#) (The booking form is also on our website)



TDS Uniform

Since changing over to our new supplier for TDS dance uniform (Junior A and above) we have noticed a marked improvement in fit. This leads to teachers being better able to see posture to make correction and assist our young dancers. 'Dansez' specialise in dance wear and use the newest planet friendly fabrics which also support the muscles and wick away moisture. The sizes are by age and we have all sizes for trying on. I have also added Acro shorts to our uniform, to wear over their leotards and tights during that lesson. They won't need the shorts if they are wearing a catsuit on their Acro day, just for those in leotards and tights. Tights are compulsory for Ballet from Transitions, even in the hot weather. Juniors and below may attend with bare legs and ballet socks when it is hot.

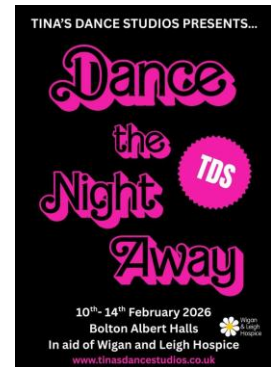
We are gradually changing over to white tap shoes for our little ones, starting with Beginners, as sadly the red glitters are being discontinued. No need to change colour until your child outgrows the ones they have. Dancewear is available on Saturdays only, so please contact Kathy with your requirements. Please note, the School Office will not be open during summer break, but you will be able to order via our online dance store following this link and using the password misstina <https://tid.mydancestore.co.uk/storerestriction/>

Our February 2026 Show is still streaming online : 'Dance the Night Away'

You can have unlimited viewings of our dance show courtesy of TicketCo.

Follow this link for more information

https://tinastancestudios.ticketco.events/uk/en/e/dance_the_night_away_2026



Next Half Term

Next half term will run 4th September to 24th October.

May I remind parents of Beginners, Primary, and Junior classes that they must please accompany their child on Saturdays and wait with them in the changing room, not the corridor, until we call them into the Studio. Try to keep them from running around and sitting on the window ledges so they are not too giddy when they first come into class. All lower school parents must please accompany little ones to the bathroom and check they have flushed the loo and washed their hands, thank you.

Special thanks go to our volunteer chaperones on weekdays, keeping the doorway monitored and our children safe and prepared for class.



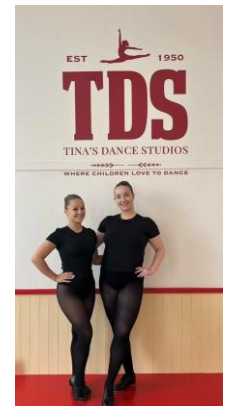
Please would all pupils continue to use the TDS dance bags for their belongings. Keep outdoor clothing to the minimum and leave all but their pump bag in the changing rooms. Kathy will order these in your child's uniform colour with their initials on the bag. Please order now if you need one.

School Office register.tinastancestudios@outlook.com

Fees next term will continue to be payable online, and our Registrar, Kathy, will send your individual account totals out by email. She will contact the lower school on the first week, and the upper school on the second week of term. You may settle your account any time within the first 4 weeks of term. If fees are not received by the 4th week she will send a reminder. Please check the school office emails are not being directed into your spam or junk mail. We do have a card machine for use on Saturdays, but online payments are preferred as it keeps costs down.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

I am sure you will all join me in wishing our 3 wonderful Prefects, Corrina, Jess and Rosy all best as they leave us and move on to their next stage in life. Jess will be following her dance dreams into full time training at Preston College – I am sure we will have her back from time to time! Corrina will be taking photos during our Summer Programme before heading off to Salford Uni to start her BA Hons Photography degree. And we wait to see what our lovely Rosy will decide to do next. We will miss you, and wish you every success!



Finally, on behalf of my staff and myself, may I wish you all a HAPPY SUMMER BREAK!

Enjoy the rest from school, and have a little dance from time to time during the holidays 😊

With love, Miss Tina

