



The Mary Jane Bellia Ballet School

Grade Summaries

Pre-Grade Dance Curriculum

Name of Class:	Dance to Your Own Tune 1 (3 years) Dance to Your Own Tune 2 (4 years)
Assessment type:	Demonstration class led by the teacher as introduction to the RAD examination system.
Grading System:	None at this stage

Pre-Grade Dance Curriculum

Name of Class:	Pre-Primary in Dance
Accredited Status:	See Accreditation Table
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 1
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Number of Credits (UK):	12
Mode of Attendance:	Once weekly
Programme Duration:	1 scholastic year (depending on attendance & commitment)
Target Audience:	Minimum age 4/ 5 years. Must be 5 years within the exam year.
Target Group:	Students who wish to develop their early dance skills
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	No prior dance experience required
Grading System:	No Grading at this stage
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms (Compulsory) & Summer School (Optional)
Exam type:	Class Award led by the teacher
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Primary in Dance

Name of Class:	Primary in Dance
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 1
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	40 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	12
Mode of Attendance:	Once or twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year
Target Audience:	6 years upwards. Must be 6 years within the exam year. No upper age limit.
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	No pre-requisites
Grading System:	Refer to Marking Table.
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Grades 1

Name of Class:	Grade 1
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 1
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	70 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	12
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 7 years upwards. No upper age limit
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	No pre-requisites
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms (Compulsory) & summer school (optional).
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Grade 2

Name of Class:	Grade 2
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 1
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	70 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	12
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 8 years upwards.
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Ideally, successful completion of Grade 1 but may be considered with no pre-requisites.
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms (Compulsory) & summer school (optional).
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Grade 3

Name of Class:	Grade 3
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 2
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	70 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	15
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 9 years upwards.
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Successful completion of Grade 2 or equivalent but may be considered without pre-requisites.
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms (Compulsory) & summer school (optional).
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Grade 4

Name of Class:	Grade 4
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 2
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	95 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	15
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 10 years upwards.
Target Group:	Students who have completed Grade 3 or equivalent
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Students who have completed Grade 3 or equivalent
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Grade 5

Name of Class:	Grade 5
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 2
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	95 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	15
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 11 years upwards.
Target Group:	Students who have completed Grade 4 or equivalent
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Students who have completed Grade 4 or equivalent
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Grade 6 (Optional)

Name of Class:	Grade 6
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 3
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	130 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	18
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 12 years upwards.
Target Group:	Students who have completed Grade 5 or equivalent
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Students who have completed Grade 5 or equivalent
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Grade 7 (Optional)

Name of Class:	Grade 7
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 3
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	130 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	18
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 13 years upwards.
Target Group:	Sound technical background.
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Sound technical background.
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Grade 8 Award (Optional)

Name of Class:	Grade 8 Award
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 3
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	130 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	18
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly alongside a Vocational Grade
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 14 years upwards.
Target Group:	Students who have completed Grade 7 or equivalent
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Sound technical background.
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Discovering Repertoire Levels 1, 2 & 3 (Optional)

Name of Class:	Discovering Repertoire
Accredited Status:	Non-accredited
Level of Qualification:	N/A
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	240 - 300 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	N/A
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 13 years upwards.
Target Group:	Students who have completed Grade 8 or equivalent
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Sound technical background.
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Intermediate Foundation: VOCATIONAL/ PROFESSIONAL GRADE

Name of Class:	Intermediate Foundation
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 3
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	275 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	18
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 year depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 11 years upwards.
Target Group:	Students who have completed Grade 5 or equivalent
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Students who have completed Grade 5 or equivalent
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Intermediate: VOCATIONAL/ PROFESSIONAL GRADE

Name of Class:	Intermediate
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 4
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	275 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	18
Mode of Attendance:	Twice weekly
Programme Duration:	1 - 2 years depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 12 years upwards.
Target Group:	Students who have completed Intermediate Foundation or equivalent
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Students who have completed Intermediate Foundation or equivalent
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Advanced 1: VOCATIONAL/ PROFESSIONAL GRADE

Name of Class:	Advanced 1
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 4
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	325 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	18
Mode of Attendance:	Three times weekly
Programme Duration:	1 - 2 years depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 14 years upwards.
Target Group:	Students who have completed Advanced Foundation or equivalent
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Students who have completed Advanced Foundation or equivalent
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Advanced 2: VOCATIONAL/ PROFESSIONAL GRADE

Name of Class:	Advanced 2
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 5
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	375 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	18
Mode of Attendance:	Three/Four times weekly
Programme Duration:	1 - 2 years depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 15 years upwards.
Target Group:	Students who have completed Advanced 1 or equivalent
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Students who have completed Advanced 1 or equivalent
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

Solo Seal Award: PROFESSIONAL STATUS

Name of Class:	Solo Seal Award
Accredited Status:	Ofqual Regulated
Level of Qualification:	MQF & EQF Level 6
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-Face Learning
Recommended Hours of Total Learning:	240 hours plus classes 325 hours (Class time, practice, self-study)
Number of Credits (UK):	18
Mode of Attendance:	Frequent sessions accompanied by Advanced Level classes.
Programme Duration:	1 - 2 years depending on attendance & commitment
Target Audience:	Age 17 years and above
Target Group:	Students who have completed Advanced 2 with Distinction.
Languages of Instruction:	Maltese & English
Entry Requirements:	Students who have completed Advanced 2 with Distinction.
Scholastic Year:	3 Terms
Term Fee:	Contact academy for details
Exam Fee:	Contact academy for details
Registration Method:	Via appointment (See Contact Us page)

CLASS AWARD (Grades 1 to 7)

The RAD Class Award is a supported form of the same examination material as the RAD Graded Exam but is marked in a less formal manner with the class teacher present to provide extra support and assurance.

SOLO PERFORMANCE AWARD (Grades 1-7)

In Solo Performance Award, the candidate performs 3 solos, two from the actual syllabus of the same grade and one free style of any dance genre. This award focuses on performance criteria. Props and costumes may be used to enhance the candidates' performance.

EXAM GRADING SYSTEM

PRIMARY TO GRADE 8

INTERMEDIATE FOUNDATION TO ADVANCED 2

DISCOVERING REPERTOIRE

High Distinction	85%-100%
Distinction	75%-84%
High Merit	65%-74%
Merit	55%- 64%
Pass	40%- 54%
SNA	0%- 39%

SOLO SEAL AWARD

Awarded 80% -100%

Attainment band descriptors

The descriptors below give a general indication of expected overall outcome for each attainment band. Because of the compensatory nature of the others weaker for some candidates.

Attainment band Descriptor

High Distinction: An accomplished standard of technique overall, demonstrating a consistent and contrasting quality of movement as required by the content. Musicality is highly developed throughout, with an assured and engaging sense of performance.

Distinction: Secure and precise technique overall, with an ability to demonstrate contrast in style as required by the content. Musicality is highly developed most of the time and performance shows appropriate expression and communication.

High Merit: Proficient delivery of technique evident in most areas, with the ability at times to demonstrate contrast in quality of movement as required by the content. Musicality and performance are generally well sustained throughout although some aspects could be more varied.

Merit: Proficient technique overall, although probably stronger in some areas than in others. Musical qualities are evident, although they could sometimes be more consistent. Performance shows expression and communication, although these aspects could be more sustained.

Pass: A basic competence in the technical aspects of the work, although some areas are stronger than others. Some musicality is evident although there are limitations in certain areas. A basic ability to show some expression and communication in performance is evident.

Standard Not Attained: Little awareness of technique is shown overall. Musical and performance qualities are rarely evident