

SWINDON DANCE

Steps2



Training Programme
2020-2021

STEPS2 TRAINING PROGRAMME

INFOMATION:

A unique one year training programme for gifted and talented children aged 9 – 14yrs providing the integral pathway for aspiring dancers to develop their existing skills and natural ability, encouraging potential and preparing them for the next steps

AIMS:

Steps2 is designed to:

- develop physical confidence and ability
- inspire creativity and musicality
- provide a solid base in ballet technique
- encourage development in contemporary dance

OUTCOMES:

Steps2 will develop:

- Physical confidence and ability in Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz and Creative Dance
- Technical, creative and artistic skills
- Independent learning

CORE SUBJECTS:

The Steps2 Programme have 2 core subjects throughout the year; Contemporary and Jazz and it is set out as follows:

- Term 1 (Sept-Dec): Technique and strengthening in Contemporary, Jazz and Ballet
- Term 2 (Jan-March): Performance opportunity with core teacher and guest tutor working with one group each
- Term 3 (April-July): Creative, Choreography and Technique in Contemporary and Jazz

LEVELS:

The Steps2 Programme runs with 2 levels taking place simultaneously. The levels are set by the Steps2 team at the beginning of year based on ability, strength, maturity and technique. If the Steps2 teachers or team feels any student is in the wrong level at any point throughout the year then this can amended in discussion with the students and the parent/carer.

REPORTS/ASSESSMENTS:

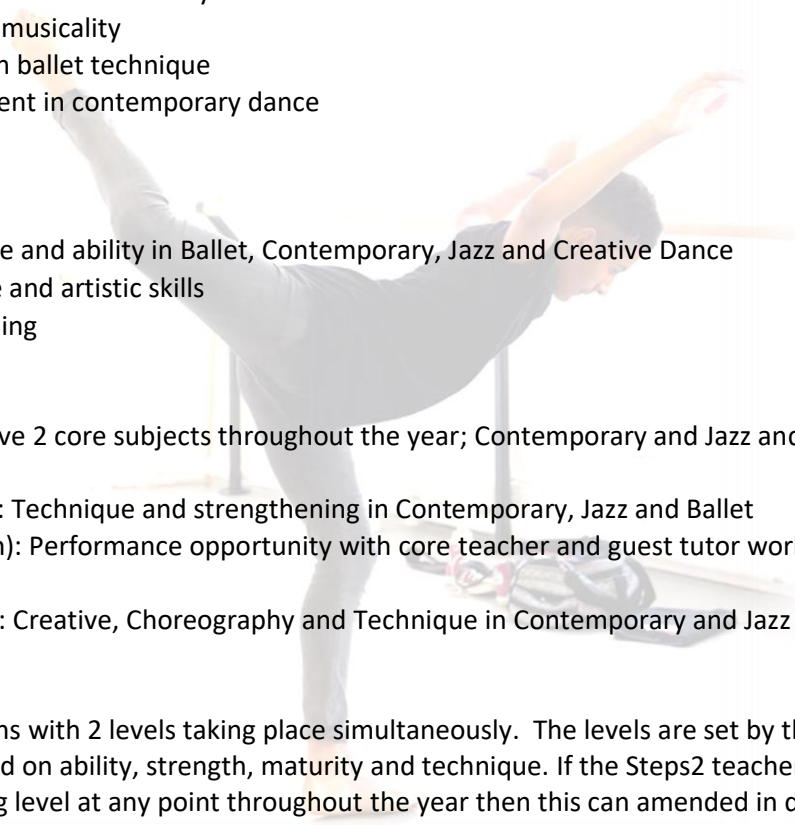
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Sept-Dec focuses on:

- Physical skills/Strength
- Technique
- Behaviour Skills
- Attendance

Jan-March focuses on:

- Creativity/Choreography
- Musicality
- Performance Skills
- Behaviour skills
- Attendance



ATTENDANCE:

Steps2 requires 100% commitment from the student. It is essential that you contact the Steps2 coordinator either by phone or email at your earliest opportunity to report an absence if your child is unable to attend a session/s or project. Attendance will be assessed each term by the Steps2 management team and we will be in contact with you if we would like to discuss your Childs attendance.

PARENT & STUDENT PATHWAY MEETINGS:

Parent and student Pathway meetings take place in Easter holidays for both Levels. These are designed to allow students and teachers the chance to talk over how the year has been going and discuss the students next steps in their development.

PERFORMANCES/TRIPS:

Both levels work towards a performance either at the end of the year during the Summer Term or during Winter/Spring term. Both levels will have the chance to attend a Steps2 trip to see a performance either in Swindon Dance or somewhere local.

SHARINGS/OPEN DAYS:

Steps2 invite Parents/Carers to a sharing displayed by the Steps2 team at the end of Dec (Autumn/Winter term) and March (Winter/Spring term) demonstrating class work. Steps2 Level 2 Parents also to be invited to CAT (Centre for Advanced Training) open days throughout the year ahead of auditions.

GRADUATION:

At the end of the year (summer term) those students that are moving on to the next steps in their training will graduate from the Steps2 Programme during an open/sharing class in front of their family and friends. If students choose to leave half way through the year or before then they do not complete/graduate from the programme.

STEPS2 FEES:

The fees for Steps2 one year training programme is £185 per year (Full) and £129.50 (Concession Rate). Steps2 Fees can be paid in full at the beginning of the Steps2 Year or in the following 3 instalments:

- By Friday 13th September 2019 - £62 (full) / £43.17
- By Friday 10th January 2020 - £61.50 (full) / £43.17
- By Friday 24th April 2020 - £61.50 (full) / £43.16

***Please note. These fees were based on the Sept 19-20 Training Programme and may vary slightly for the Steps2 Training Programme 2020-21 year.**

MEET THE STEPS2 TEAM:

- **Katie Purcell, Education & Development Assistant Manager (Responsible for the Steps2 Programme)**
Katie first joined the Swindon Dance team 2007 as a teacher on the Community Dance Programme, in 2012 Katie then became part of the Education team as the Coordinator. Since 2016 Katie has acted as the Assistant Manager for the team being responsible for the Steps2 Programme and working with partners such as the Royal Ballet School with the Primary Steps Programme. Katie graduated from London Studio Centre in 2006 with a BA (hons.) and later gained her Diploma in Dance Teaching And Learning qualification in 2013.
- **Sarah Fletcher, Education & Development Coordinator (Responsible for Coordinating the Steps2 Programme)**
Sarah trained at Swindon Dance CAT and Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. After completing an MA with Transitions Dance Company, she became a Freelance Dance Artist. Sarah joined the Swindon Dance team in 2016 working in various roles before joining the Education Team. Sarah is also a member of Swerve Dance Theatre Company and FlickerrDance Company. Sarah most recently gained a level 6 diploma in Dance Pedagogy.

- **Zoe Humphries – Core Steps2 weekly teacher**

Zoe trained at Arts Educational London before working as a professional commercial dancer for many years. On returning to Swindon Zoe successfully applied for the role of Dance Development Officer at Swindon Dance. Many years later Zoe continues to teach Childrens Ballet, Steps2 as well as teaching on our Pre-Vocational Training Programme for students 16-19yrs. Zoe is also a leader for the Royal Ballet Primary Steps team and a key member of the DanceOUT team at Swindon Dance teaching in primary and secondary schools across Swindon and Wiltshire.

- Plus other guest choreographers / teachers relevant to Steps2 programme development

STEPS2 AUDITION

Steps2 Audition: Wednesday 2nd September 2020 4.30-6pm

For more information or to register for the Audition please contact Katie Purcell – Steps2 Manager & Swindon Dance Education & Development Assistant Manager – Katie.Purcell@swindondance.org.uk / **01793 601707 (opt 1)**