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ADVANCED TRAINING

SWINDON
BALLET
PROGRAMME

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ABOUT US

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH DANCE

Swindon Dance's Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) delivers world-class dance training to young talents aged 11-19. Our programmes cater to dedicated dancers with a passion for their art.

Comprising the Swindon Contemporary, Swindon Ballet, Swindon Street Dance, and Exeter Contemporary programmes, we are one of nine National CATs across the UK.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME



Nestled within Swindon Dance, the Swindon Ballet programme runs weekly on Sunday afternoons from 11:00 to 5:00pm during term time. Under the tutelage of industry-leading choreographers and artists, students delve into skills and techniques of:

- ballet, strength + conditioning
- music appreciation
- choreography
- performance skills
- pointe (if appropriate)

Talented young dancers join us from Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, and Dorset to embark on this transformative journey. Supported by the Music and Dance Scheme under the Department for Education, grants make our training accessible, often free or at a subsidized fee*. We're also committed to alleviating additional financial burdens, covering travel, class reimbursements outside of those offered by CAT, performance tickets, and physiotherapy sessions when necessary.

For prospective dancers, we strongly recommend attending our free Open Day or Experience Day as a vital introduction to our world of dance excellence.



*On first entry to the CAT, applicants must be 15 or under to qualify for a grant. Photo credits: Deborah Jaffe



OPEN DAY

Discover the essence of the Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) at our Open Day – a prime opportunity to gain insights. Engage with our CAT team, get your queries addressed, and witness our world-class instructors in action, guiding our talented students through a practical session.

If you're new to the CAT programme, this Open Day is your gateway to comprehending the extensive offerings; including the grants available and the support we provide on your dance journey. The event is cost-free, and we warmly welcome parents and guardians to attend this enriching experience.



EXPERIENCE DAY

Step into the world of CAT and experience the excitement of our programme first-hand. Gain valuable insights into our specialised training before you take that important audition leap.

Throughout the day, you'll have the unique opportunity to meet our dedicated teaching team and participate in two enriching classes. Learn about the audition process, explore the fully funded places we offer, and understand the commitment expected from CAT participants.

We embrace dancers of all experience levels, with classes designed at a general level for this day, ensuring an inclusive and enlightening experience for all.



AUDITION

At CAT, we extend a warm welcome to individuals filled with energy, dedication, undiscovered potential, and above all, an unwavering passion for dance. If successful, you'll join a community of like-minded dancers, honing your technique, nurturing your creative approach, and benefiting from the knowledge of industry leaders.

For those eager to audition, the process begins by registering your interest online. A member of our CAT team will confirm your free place, paving the way for an exciting journey into the world of dance.



BOOK YOUR PLACE ON THE OPEN DAY, EXPERIENCE DAY & AUDITION