

## **Q. What is the CAT?**

A. 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. We are one of nine National CATs across the UK [read more](#).

## **Q. Do I need to live in Exeter to attend?**

A. No, the CAT scheme is open to students across the South West of the UK. Students from Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset travel to train with the CAT.

## **Q. Does it matter if I haven't had a lot of experience in Street Dance?**

A. No formal dance experience is required; we are looking for enthusiastic and motivated young people with exceptional potential and an interest in dance.

## **Exeter Street Dance Programme**

Nestled within DanSci Studio, the Exeter Street Dance Programme operates bi-weekly from 11am to 5pm on Sundays during term time. Under the tutelage of industry-leading choreographers and artists, students delve into skills and techniques of:

- hip hop
- popping
- breaking
- house
- commercial
- improvisation
- choreography

## **Q. What does the CAT scheme involve?**

A. From all CAT students we expect exceptional commitment, attendance and a good attitude towards training. You will maximize your training by attending workshops and meetings and taking ownership of your own learning. CAT scheme training involves:

- Individual training plans (ITP);
- Physio support (by a dance specialist);
- Grants towards fees;
- Financial support towards travel;
- Financial support towards dancewear;
- Paid support for external classes;
- Specialist intensives during half-term;
- Dance training;
- Auditioning mentor/support when in year 13 and applying for conservatoires/full time dance training;
- Opportunity to access additional supporting classes during the week

**Q. What are the fees?**

A. The CAT is supported by the Department for Education (DfE) via means tested grants. For those who qualify - training is FREE or subsidised, [read more.](#)

**Q. How can I join the Exeter Street Dance Programme?**

A. Entry onto the CAT is by audition only. In previous years the audition has included a technique class, a solo and an informal interview. If you would like to apply please complete an application form. The audition is your opportunity to demonstrate your potential by taking part in a practical dance session and creative workshop in front of a selection panel. Our next auditions will be held in June 2024. The CAT audition is FREE to attend but an application form must be completed and submitted in order to reserve a place.

**Q. Do I have to audition?**

A. Yes. Entry is by audition only after which, if you are successful you will be invited to join the CAT. The CAT team will provide full information regarding the audition a few weeks prior to your audition date. If you are nervous about auditioning please get in touch with the team who will be able to support you through the process.

**Q. How will I fit this in with my schoolwork?**

A. All CAT classes happen out of school hours. The programme leaders and/or mentors can help you plan your time using your Individual Training Plan (ITP) so that you fit in both your schoolwork and your dance lessons.

**Q. How do I apply**

A. Complete an [application form](#) and a member of the team will be in touch to confirm your place on the audition.

**Q. I have some more questions, how do I get in touch?**

A. The CAT team will be very happy to help answer your queries regarding the programme. Please get in touch: [cat@swindondance.org.uk](mailto:cat@swindondance.org.uk)



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