

Dear Principals, Teachers, Parents & Competitors,

It's come to that time of year again; where we're opening entries to the Chesham Arts Festival: Dance Section.

I have been making lots of updates and changes to the forthcoming Festival this year to make it better than ever before – so please make sure you read everything thoroughly!

The Chesham Arts Festival: Dance Section will be running from:
Sunday, 17th February 2019 until Saturday, 23rd February 2019 at the Elgiva Theatre in Chesham.

This year I am delighted to be welcoming Karen Blackburn as our adjudicator for the week.

Based on requests from last year, we will be continuing all genres of dance that have previously been a part of the Dance Section over the past two years.
Please read document 2. *Dance Syllabus* carefully with additional information stating each style for when entering competitors.

There are some changes to the rules including;

1. **Chaperones and Backstage** – *All chaperones must have a current DBS. There will be a limit of 15 chaperones that schools can submit for the week. This is due to our Child Protection Policy as well as keeping in line with the Theatres' terms and conditions. No exceptions.*
2. **Novice Sections** – *Schools will be able to enter Novice from age 4+, however, if entering into Novice for the Chesham Arts Festival: Dance Section, you will not be able to enter said competitor into an open section of the same style.*
3. **Prices** – *Entry prices have had to be put up due to the increase in expenses.*
4. **Ensembles** – *Minimum of 5 and maximum of 25 competitors per group.*

Please read through all of the information carefully on document 2. *Dance Syllabus*.

The three deadlines will continue;

Early Entry Deadline: Friday, 9th November 2018

Entry Deadline: Friday, 30th November 2018

Late Entry Deadline: Friday, 14th December 2018

As with last year, the Festival will run on a first come-first serve basis. Please do not pay any money into the accounts until you have received a confirmation email with a total amount due as we cannot process any refunds.

If you have any further questions for this years' Festival, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

I look forward to receiving your entries into the Chesham Arts Festival: Dance Section for February 2019.

Yours Faithfully,

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