



UNIFORM GUIDE

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Children entering the school in the Under 5's Class only need to wear something easy to move in. For girls this should be a full skirted dress or skirt and blouse; for boys, shorts and tee-shirt. The children may wear ballet shoes or dance in bare feet. All other students, from Primary upwards, are required to wear the uniform, as detailed herein. PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED.

It is essential that students' hair is always neat and tidy in all disciplines of dancing. Girls should wear long hair either in a bun or pony tail with a scrunchy to match their leotard, and short hair should be secured by a headband. Boys' hair, if long, should also be tied back. Jewellery, with the exception of studs in pierced ears, may not be worn.

Students attending adult classes may wear any comfortable exercise clothing, but no bare midriffs, please! In the interests of safety, trousers, if worn, should be no longer than ankle length - clear of the floor.



In order to ensure the correct colour all uniform should be purchased from the School Office by completing an order form obtained either from the office or from the class teacher.

A School representative will endeavour to visit some of the outlying venues during the term. Please see website for dates and times.

We strongly advise that uniform is not purchased until it is confirmed that the student has settled and has been placed in the correct class.



IMPORTANT

In order that the student may move freely, and for the teacher to observe accurately, it is imperative that all dancewear, including shoes, fits snugly. Please do not purchase items with the view to allowing room for growth. All Lycra products will stretch considerably and, for the same reason, it is important that ballet and jazz shoes are leather and not satin or canvass. Split-soled ballet shoes are not permitted.

BALLET

Girls

Primary and Standard 1

Arabesque pale blue "Louise" sleeveless nylon Lycra leotard with separate matching circular skirt

Pale blue headband (optional)

Pale blue long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)

Pink ballet socks

Pink ballet shoes with leather uppers and full suede soles (split soles not permitted), with pink elastic

Standard/Grade 2 to Grade 3

Arabesque royal blue "Rose" sleeveless nylon Lycra + crushed velvet leotard with matching waist elastic

Royal blue long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)

Pink ballet tights

Pink ballet shoes with leather uppers and full suede soles (split soles not permitted) with pink elastic

Standard/Grade 4 to Grade 6

Arabesque navy "Rose" sleeveless cotton Lycra + crushed velvet leotard with matching waist elastic

Navy long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)

Pink ballet tights

Pink ballet shoes with leather uppers and full suede soles (split soles not permitted), with pink elastic

Senior Certificate 1 & 2

Arabesque black "Verity" sleeveless cotton Lycra + crushed velvet leotard with separate black georgette wrap skirt

Pink ballet tights

Pink ballet shoes with leather uppers and full suede soles (split soles not permitted), with pink elastic

Students at Intermediate level and above may wear a cotton Lycra camisole leotard in own choice of single colour, with plain back - no crossed straps

Pointe Shoes

Students may only purchase pointe shoes upon the advice of their teacher, who will also give guidance as to recommended suppliers. Ribbons should not be fitted, nor any darning undertaken, until the teacher has approved the fit of the shoes

BALLET

Boys

Primary & Standard 1

Black nylon swimming trunks worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard (Primary and Standard 1)

White ankle socks

Black leather ballet shoes with white elastic

Standard/Grade 2

Black nylon cycle shorts worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard

White ankle socks

Black leather ballet shoes with white elastic

Standard/Grade 3 and above

Arabesque dark navy tights worn over white *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard

White knee-length socks

White leather ballet shoes with white elastic

Students at Intermediate level and above may wear an *Arabesque* "Anthony" unitard in own choice of single colour

MODERN, TAP & JAZZ AWARDS

Girls

Primary & Grade 1

Arabesque pale blue "Louise" sleeveless nylon Lycra leotard with matching waist elastic

Pale blue long-sleeved woollen crossover (optional)

Feet: Modern - bare feet

Tap - black, tie, low-heeled tap shoes with toe and heel taps
pink ballet socks

Grades 2 and 3

Arabesque royal blue "Lilly" sleeveless nylon Lycra + velvet catsuit with stirrups
Royal blue long-sleeved woollen crossover (optional)

Feet: Modern - bare feet (at the teacher's discretion)

Tap - Grade 2 - as for Primary & Grade 1

Grade 3 - black "*Bloch*" tap shoes with toe and heel taps
black ankle/sports socks

Grade 4 & Bronze Jazz Award

Arabesque royal blue "Lilly" sleeveless nylon Lycra + velvet catsuit with stirrups
Royal blue long-sleeved woollen crossover (optional)

Feet: Modern & Jazz - black leather jazz shoes with split suede soles

Tap - black "*Bloch*" tap shoes with toe and heel taps
black ankle/sports socks

Grades 5 & 6, and Silver Jazz Award

Arabesque navy blue "Lilly" sleeveless cotton Lycra + velvet catsuit with stirrups
Navy long-sleeved woollen/nylon crossover (optional)

Feet: As for Grade 4

Intermediate Foundation, Gold Jazz Award and above

Students' own choice of sleeveless, polo, keyhole back leotard with black nylon Lycra 70 denier sheer footless tights (Modern & Jazz) or black cotton jazz pants (Tap)

Feet: As for Grade 4

MODERN, TAP & JAZZ AWARDS

Boys

Primary & Grade 1

Black nylon trunks worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard

Feet: Modern - bare feet

Tap - black, tie, low-heeled "*Oxford*" tap shoes with toe and heel taps
black ankle socks

Grades 2 & 3

Royal blue nylon cycle shorts worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard

Feet: Modern - bare feet (at the teacher's discretion)

Tap - Grade 2 - as for Primary & Grade 1

Grade 3 - black "*Bloch*" tap shoes with toe and heel taps
black ankle/sports socks

Grade 4 & Bronze Jazz Award

Royal blue nylon cycle shorts worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard

Feet: Modern & jazz awards - black leather jazz shoes with split suede soles

Tap - black "*Bloch*" tap shoes with toe and heel taps
black ankle/sports socks

Grades 5 & 6 and Silver Jazz Award

Navy blue cotton cycle shorts worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard

Smart black trousers with either black or white shirt plus tie (Tap only)

Feet: As for Grade 4

Intermediate Foundation, Gold Jazz and above

Navy blue pedal pushers worn over short-sleeve cotton leotard in students' own choice of single colour (Modern)

Smart black trousers with either black or white shirt plus tie (Tap)

Feet: As for Grade 4

MUSICAL THEATRE & COMMERCIAL DANCE/JAZZ

Girls and Boys

All levels (*only available through the Weston School*):

White t-shirt or vest (senior girls) with school logo

Navy track pants with school logo and/or black footless leggings (Street Dance/jazz)

Navy "Zoodie" with school logo (*optional*)

Feet: Musical Theatre - black jazz shoes and black trainer socks

Commercial Dance/Jazz - black jazz shoes, or trainers



The School's dance uniform is manufactured specially for the School and may be ordered and paid for on-line at www.theweston.dance/shop, by placing an order by phone to the School office or by completing an order form, obtainable via the class teacher. Cheques and debit/credit cards accepted.

Uniform may also be obtained from:

Danceland at Dalby's
268-270 London Road
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA SS0 7JG
Tel: 01702 344069

and

Jem's Party & Dance Centre
2 Navigation Road
CHELMSFORD CM2 6HX
Tel: 01245 267765



PLEASE NOTE

The uniform leotards and catsuits are made to the School's requirements and the only colours and manufacture acceptable are as those specified in this booklet. In the unlikely event of problems being experienced, they should be referred to the School Office in order that the matter may be speedily resolved directly with *Arabesque*.

