

Important Information for New Pupils - What to wear for class



Please make sure you stick to the uniform for your classes as detailed below. It is part of your training to come correctly dressed to your classes with neat hair and clean hands and face. No jewellery to be worn. Watches may be worn but not for Acrobatic or Ballet lessons.

You can buy everything you might need for all your classes at our dancewear shop located in our reception – please ask for our help and we will help and guide you!

<p>All Tap, Musical Theatre, Pop Dance and Cheer Squad classes</p>	<p>Plain black leotard Black leggings Black Tap shoes with laces and heel taps (Oxford Tap shoes for Inters/Seniors/Grads) Black Dance Trainers for Musical Theatre and Pop Dance Boys – Black lycra trousers or shorts and close-fitting black T-shirt Hair to be worn in a ponytail or bun <i>Please note: For musical theatre classes all pupils require a file and pen/pencil to take notes</i></p>
<p>All Ballet Classes</p>	<p>Plain black leotard White ballet tights White ballet shoes with elastic All Graduate Pointe students must also have pink ballet tights and Pointe shoes in good repair Boys – Black unitard, black socks and black ballet shoes. Hair to be worn in a neat bun at all times – pupils will not allowed to take part in the class without their hair in a proper bun (secured with grips and a bun net)</p>
<p>All Modern, Acrobatics and Lyrical Classes</p>	<p>Plain black leotard Black lycra leggings All Intermediates to have black split-sole trainers Seniors & Graduates to have black split-sole trainers and tan/black New-Yorkers Bare feet for Acrobatics and Lyrical (if you have any foot problems please use one shoe on the appropriate foot!) Boys – Black lycra trousers and black dance T-shirt or black unitard Hair to be worn in a ponytail, bun or French plait - very long hair should be tied well out of the way in a bun, for your own safety for Acro classes.</p>
<p>Adult Dance Fitness Classes</p>	<p>All adults to wear comfortable clothes which they can move in i.e. leggings and T-shirt or jogging bottoms etc. <i>Please note: for your own safety and the safety of others please remove hoop earrings and heavy necklaces. Please tie hair back from your face and do not chew gum during the lesson/session.</i></p>

Attendance and Time Keeping

We expect all pupils to attend classes on a regular basis and on time. If you have a genuine reason for absence/lateness such as illness or holiday, please inform us by either phoning the studio or emailing us at enquiries@joannebanksdancers.com.

Please note that if you are more than 10 minutes late for class you will not be allowed to join in with that class.

Arriving at Top Hat Studios

Entry to Top Hat Studios is via the reception door, operated by our receptionist. Please ring the doorbell and wait (note our opening times as if you're in the first classes of the night and arrive too early, reception may not yet be open).

Please make sure you are wearing the correct outfit when you arrive at the studio and change into your dance shoes as soon as you arrive so you can start your classes quickly and without delay. Bring all of your bags and clothes into the dance studio with you and store it in the bag storage area.

Please do not arrive or leave the building in your dance shoes, not only does it mean they won't last as long, they may become wet or dirty which will then enter our building the next time they are worn.

To minimise disruption, parents/guardians are not allowed into the dance studios - as most work better and gain more independence if parents are not watching.

Please note that muddy boots or trainers will not be permitted past reception and you will be asked to either stay in reception or remove your shoes and leave them in reception.

Green Room Café Etiquette

Only food and drink purchased via our Green Room Café will be permitted to be eaten in the cafe. No food or drinks other than water are allowed into the studios.

Parking/Waiting

Limited street parking is available on Spennymoor High Street please note time restrictions for these zones and plan your time accordingly. Ample parking is available behind the Town Hall which is a short walk to our studio, there is a zebra crossing near the town hall to ensure safe crossing to the Top Hat.

Events, Exams and performances at Top Hat Studios

The Joanne Banks Dancers events, exams and performance dates will be shared with you in good time. Our annual calendar tends to follow this structure:

Winter Season (September-December) -

- All classes will work on overall technique and prepare for exams where appropriate
- Christmas Cabaret – selected pupils will be invited to take part in our annual Christmas Cabaret. Rehearsals begin in September and performances take place early December.

Spring Season (January-April) –

- All classes will continue to work on overall technique and those who have taken exams will move onto free work
- Musical Theatre Production – Musical Theatre pupils will be invited to take part in our annual Musical Theatre production. Rehearsals begin in January and performances take place in March.

Summer Season (May-July) –

- Selected pupils will be invited to take part in in our annual Summer production which takes place at Darlington Hippodrome. Rehearsals begin in May and performances take place in early to mid July.
- Our annual After Show Party and Awards Night takes place - this is a celebration of the year's achievements.

Digital Notice Board

Please keep watching our Digital Notice Board which runs in both our reception and The Green Room as this has lots of useful and important information on it. You can enjoy a delicious cup of our coffee whilst watching your child's class and reading the notices.

If you have any more questions or any concerns, please speak to us at reception or call us on 01388 420210 or email us at enquiries@joannebanksdancers.com