

# Artistry in Dance™

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

All your FAQ's answered, where there is a T&C or COC noted please ensure to read Dance Force United Terms and Conditions as well as Code of Conduct for further information pertaining to all rules and regulations. DFU T&C's and COC can be found under the resources tab (useful links) via our website, and/or to the left of the Dancestudio-Pro parent portal login (T&C) and under waivers and policies (T&C) once logged into Dancestudio-Pro.

## REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT – FAQ AND T&C

Registration is open all year and processed via our software program DanceStudio-Pro. Please note acceptance of our T&C's is automatic and dated as per the start of your registration/enrolment. Please note once enrolled it is not a requirement to reregister for each new dance year, however, parents/guardians/students must ensure all information; addresses and/or medical are kept up to date via the parent portal.

**\*NB:** Please view our T&C's concerning declination of enrolment.

**\*NB:** Please view our T&C for notice period.

## REGISTRATION FEE - FAQ

Registration and administration fees are not applicable.

## NOTICE PERIOD - FAQ AND T&C

Dance Force United requires a notice period prior to dropping any classes. Please view our T&C's as per the required notice period.

## FREE TRIALS – FAQ AND T&C

Trials are offered for all classes, except the C&P Team class which is an invite-only class and the Adult Grooves class which is a drop-in class. Free trials are not available for classes previously trialed and/or previously registered for.

## OPEN WEEK/BRING A FRIEND WEEK – FAQ AND T&C

All classes are open to friends of DFU students during this week, we ask that DFU students please support this week by bringing along a friend or two. Open week is held on the first week of Spring Term. Please note it is a requirement to notify us of any friend's that may be joining open week, should we not receive the relevant information the DFU friend will unfortunately not be allowed to join.

## UNIFORM - FAQ

DFU has a compulsory uniform, please view the uniform shop under the resources tab via our website for both list of requirements and suppliers. Please note there may be differing attire required for examinations in accordance with ISTD and RAD list of requirements.

## ABSENTEEISM – FAQ, T&C AND COC

ABSENTEEISM	LOGGING ABSENTEEISM	DANCERS' DUTY
<p>We kindly ask that absenteeism be kept to a minimum to avoid causing disruption to classes, term dates are set far in advance, please do your best to keep to the specified dates.</p> <p><b>*NB:</b> Missed classes are strictly non-refundable.</p>	<p>Absenteeism must be <b>logged</b> via the <b>parent portal</b> as a courtesy measure to faculty and DFU, we kindly ask to please avoid using the WhatsApp groups as a "quick" means of contact, unless for <b>emergency</b> purposes.</p> <p>Faculty will log absences on the registers regardless and an automated follow-up email will be sent as a courtesy measure.</p>	<p>If you are absent, it is your duty to catch up on any missed work. Class plans and timelines are prepared in advance, the time will not be made to retrace and reteach once the work has been covered, particularly when in preparation for examinations, concert, and/or competitions.</p> <p>Please take the required responsibility for your dance training and courtesy to your teachers and fellows by knowing your work.</p>

## DANCE TERMS - FAQ

**Spring Term** – January - April

**Summer Term** – April - July

**Autumn Term** – September - December

Terms are 11 weeks long, which includes one week of half-term. Please view the website, and/or Parent and Student handbook for dates.

## FOCUS POINTS OF EACH TERM – FAQ

### Technique and Foundation Term

- training and development in co-ordination.
- physical strength, endurance.
- alignment (posture).
- Musicality.
- Discipline.
- dedication.

### Examination Term

- preparation for undertaking examinations within the ISTD and RAD syllabi.
- Providing accountability for each student's training.
- development in improved physical training.
- goal setting.
- dance etiquette.
- Discipline.

### Concert Term

- application of skillsets taught in terms prior.
- Development of artistry.
- choreography and performance work.
- stage craft.
- set tasks specific to levels and age groups.

## EXAMINATIONS – FAQ AND T&C

Examinations are held annually - based on availability.

## SYLLABI - FAQ

DFU follows the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD) syllabus for Modern and Taping and the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) syllabus for Classical Ballet. The ISTD is an awarding organisation regulated by Ofqual in England, qualifications Wales in Wales, and council for curriculum, examinations, and assessment (CCEA) in Northern Ireland. Students are entered annually into an examination process whereby they are graded accordingly to the ISTD examination syllabi which is on the regulated qualification framework (RQF). The Royal Academy of Dance is a UK-based examination board specialising in dance education and training, with an emphasis on Classical Ballet.

## ANNUAL PHOTO SUBSCRIPTION - FAQ AND T&C

**\*NB:** Please view our T&C's concerning photography and videography.

DFU offers you the opportunity to follow your child's dance journey via an annual photo subscription. The price includes all photos taken throughout the allocated year in either dance classes and/or events, workshops, intensives, competitions, charities, and concerts etc. The fee is £75.00 per annum for full gallery or £35.00 per annum for concert photos only - to subscribe please view the gallery tab under resources via the website and fill in the form or email us on [info@danceforceuk.co.uk](mailto:info@danceforceuk.co.uk)  
Single photo purchases are available via the gallery tab for those one-off moments.

**\*NB:** The subscription is valid for a full year and a new form will be required every year to subscribe, once the fee has been charged cancellations are not possible for the allocated year.

**\*NB:** C&P Team, where the annual fee does not cover the price of photos from competitions a link or relevant information will be sent to C&P Team privately for you to purchase these direct from the individual competition photographer.

## CONCERT – FAQ AND T&C

DFU holds an annual concert which takes place at the end of the Autumn Term, concert is not compulsory, however we highly recommend all partake as it is a wonderful way to build rapport and a strong dance culture within our studio. All information/packages regarding concert will be sent out via newsletters.

**\*NB:** T&Cs are applicable, i.e., costumes, USB orders, photo orders, and tickets fees. We kindly ask to please take note of all admin deadlines as well as all costume hire fees as per the information sent via the newsletters and packages.

## WORKSHOPS – FAQ AND T&C

Please note throughout the year there may be selected workshops held for the advancement of DFU students, workshops are held during the technique and conditioning class timeslot and is at an additional charge of £10 per workshop - registration and payment for a specific workshop is required in advance and can be done via the homepage of the website or the relevant Newsletter and link.

**\*NB:** NO REGISTRATION, NO DANCE.

## COMPETITION AND PERFORMANCE TEAM - FAQ AND T&C

Elite and Competitive program.

The Competition and Performance Team class is specifically catered to cover all choreographic work required for competition seasons. C&P Team members are to please view all information pertaining to The C&P Team in the handbook located under your files section in the parent portal for this specific class.

**\*NB:** DFU C&P Team classes are an invite class only, invites are based on an audition process. Please view the website for the next upcoming audition and to register your interest.

## AUDITIONS FOR THE COMPETITION & PERFORMANCE TEAM - FAQ

Open audition for C&P Team will take place Saturday the 16th of September 2023 – all are welcome to audition.

**\*NB:** Please register your interest via the website under the What's On tab > C&P TEAM AUDITIONS.

## PARENT WATCHING WEEK – FAQ, T&C AND COC

Parent watching week is held at the end of a specified term, DFU invites all parents/guardians to view what we get up to in class. This week can also be used as a tool to ensure your child/children are on the correct path toward their dance goals and aspirations. Feel free to stay and watch other classes.

## BODY CONDITIONING – FAQ, T&C AND COC

DFU offers a technique and conditioning class to maintain healthy body conditioning - the athleticism and atypical range of movement required of dancers in today's industry provide reasonable challenges and continual risks within the art form. Please make the most of this class and ensure to practise the exercises as part of a regime at home to best create healthy habits.

**\*NB:** T&C's apply for the Technique and Conditioning class fee.

## NUTRITION, WATER AND LUNCH BREAKS – FAQ

Maintenance of the dancers' body, mind and spirit is essential. This includes proper and correct nutrition including hydration - elements all aiding the longevity of a dancers' career. Please ensure to have sufficient food and water in accordance with your dance schedule, 500ml of water for a day of dance is simply inadequate. In the event in which you have not had a sufficient lunch break - please put your hand up and ask for one. Faculty simply cannot keep tabs on everyone's thirst or hunger level; however, this does not prompt for a tea party during dance class and we ask that you use common sense as to when will be most suitable to have your breaks in accordance with your dance schedule, the same goes for toilet breaks - please just ask.

**\*NB:** Please view T&C's concerning bathroom breaks for children regarding safeguarding.

## COMMUNICATION – FAQ, T&C AND COC

We continuously strive for clear and open communication most specifically up-to-date information regarding your child's dance instruction. We kindly ask that any queries, problems and/or concerns please be emailed to the office at [info@danceforceuk.co.uk](mailto:info@danceforceuk.co.uk) to avoid speaking to faculty in between their already very tight schedules. **No Faculty members are to be contacted via their private contact details without prior consent from Dance Force United.** We endeavour to respond to all e-mails within a 24-48hr period - should we fall short of the following we sincerely apologise and will then respond within a 72hr period. We ask kindly that all matters and queries please be e-mailed within reasonable and sufficient time.

DFU uses Mailchimp, Dancestudio-Pro, direct email, or for quick contact WhatsApp.

**\*NB:** Please view T&C's concerning our communication with you i.e., mailing lists etc.