



## UNIFORM GUIDE

We are pleased to detail herewith the uniform students are required to wear at the relevant classes. Children entering the school in the **Ballet With Your Bear** 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.

**Commercial Jazz, Musical Theatre and Contemporary Dance** students should wear black leggings or jazz pants with a plain tee-shirt or leotard and black jazz shoes with the option of bare feet for Contemporary Dance. 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.

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.

# BALLET

## Girls

All levels require pink or skin-tone ballet shoes with leather uppers and full suede soles (split soles not permitted), with pink or skin-tone elastic (colour of shoes and tights/socks must match)

### Primary, Standard & Grade 1

- Leotard - *Arabesque* pale blue "Louise" sleeveless nylon Lycra leotard with
- separate matching circular skirt (Primary & Standard 1 only)
- Pale blue long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)
- Pink or skin-tone ballet socks

### Standard/Grade 2 to Grade 3

- Leotard - *Arabesque* royal blue "Rose" sleeveless nylon Lycra + crushed velvet with
- matching waist elastic
- Royal blue long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)
- Pink or skin-tone ballet tights

### Standard/Grade 4 to Grade 6

- Leotard - *Arabesque* navy blue "Rose" sleeveless cotton Lycra + crushed velvet leotard with
- matching waist elastic
- Navy blue long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)
- Pink or skin-tone ballet tights

### Senior Certificate 1 & 2

- Leotard - *Arabesque* black Verity" sleeveless cotton Lycra + crushed velvet with
- separate black georgette wrap skirt
- Pink or skin-tone ballet tights

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

Students at Advanced 1 and 2 levels are required to wear soft-blocks

### 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

## Boys

All levels require white ballet shoes with leather uppers and full suede soles (split soles not permitted), with white elastic

### Primary & Standard 1

- Navy blue cotton trunks worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard
- White ankle socks

### Standard/Grade 2

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

- White ankle socks

### Standard/Grade 3 and above

- *Arabesque* dark navy blue tights worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard
- White knee-length socks

# MODERN, TAP & JAZZ AWARDS

## Girls

### Primary & Grade 1

- Leotard - *Arabesque* pale blue "Louise" sleeveless nylon Lycra leotard with matching waist elastic
- Pale blue long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)
- Modern: bare feet
- Tap: *Capezio* "Shuffle" matt black tap shoes with toe and heel taps
- Pink or skin-tone ballet socks

### Grades 2 & 3

- Catsuit - *Arabesque* royal blue "Lily" sleeveless nylon Lycra + crushed velvet with stirrups
- Royal blue long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)
- Modern: bare feet (at the teacher's discretion)
- Tap: Grade 2—as for Primary & Grade 1
- Tap: Grade 3—Bloch "Jazz" black tap shoes with toe and heel taps
- Black ankle/sports socks

### Grade 4 & Bronze Jazz Award

- Catsuit - *Arabesque* royal blue "Lily" sleeveless nylon Lycra + crushed velvet with stirrups
- Royal blue long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)
- Modern & Jazz: black leather jazz shoes with split suede soles
- Tap: Bloch "Jazz" black tap shoes with toe and heel taps
- Black ankle/sports socks

### Grades 5 & 6, and Silver Jazz Award

- Catsuit - *Arabesque* navy blue "Lily" sleeveless nylon Lycra + crushed velvet with stirrups
- Navy blue long-sleeved woollen or cotton crossover (optional)
- Feet: As for Grade 4

### Intermediate Foundation, Gold Jazz Award & Above

- Students' own choice of sleeveless, polo, keyhole back leotard with
- Black nylon Lycra 70 denier sheer footless tights (Modern and Jazz) or
- Black cotton jazz pants (Tap)
- Feet: As for Grade 4

## Boys

### Primary & Grade 1

- Navy blue cotton trunks worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard
- Modern: bare feet
- Tap: black, tie, low-heeled "Oxford" tap shoes with toe and heel taps

### Grades 2 & 3

- Royal blue cotton cycle shorts worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard
- Modern: bare feet (at the teacher's discretion)
- Tap: Grade 2—as for Primary & Grade 1
- Tap: Grade 3—Bloch black tap shoes with toe and heel taps
- Black ankle/sports socks

## Boys (Modern, Tap & Jazz) continued

### Grade 4 & Bronze Jazz Award

- Royal blue cotton cycle shorts worn over an *Arabesque* white short-sleeve leotard
- Modern & jazz awards: black leather jazz shoes with split suede soles
- Tap: *Bloch* black 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

**The School's dance uniform is manufactured specially for the School and may be ordered and paid for by card from our on-line shop at [www.theweston.dance](http://www.theweston.dance).**

Uniform may also be obtained from:

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

Instep Dance Shed  
Stocks Farm Lane Rayne  
off New Road (park here)  
BRAINTREE CM77 6S7  
Tel: 07501 928271

### **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.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**The Weston School uniform is made to the School's requirements and the only colours and manufacture acceptable are as those specified in this leaflet. 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 the manufacturer.**