



BSD *Aspire!*

Following the success of our recent Show, with many classes working together seamlessly, we are really excited to be introducing our *BSD Aspire!* Scheme.

This is a universal scheme on offer to all pupils who wish to improve and challenge themselves. The scheme will give pupils the opportunity to take an additional class in any genre whether to aim to progress quicker in a single genre or across all genres they take.

We are rolling this out in stages, but ultimately the scheme will be open to any pupil in Graded Ballet, Tap and Modern classes who is interested in taking an additional class in any of the genres they currently take, so taking classes at both their current grade and the grade above.

We are starting the roll out of the Scheme after May Half Term with the Modern Grades as we do not have exams looming in Modern. Our aim then is to roll it out across Ballet and Tap over the first couple of terms of the next Academic Year. As this is a new scheme in it's trial phase, we will review it as it progresses and make changes as we see fit.

We are also revising our discount scheme, which has not been altered since its introduction over 10 years ago, to offer a higher discount to those taking 8 or more classes. The new discount scheme will be as follows and will still apply to a whole family:- 3 classes or more 7%; 5 classes or more 10%; 8 classes or more 13%. We will introduce the new 13% rate immediately and the change to the 10% rate will be introduced from September.

Terms and Conditions of *BSD Aspire!*

- This is not to be seen as a replacement of a student's current class(es), but a means of taking an additional higher level class, so that they are getting to grips with the demands of the next level, prior to going in to it officially.
- *Aspire!* classes will be charged half termly at the usual class rate, and will be included in the multi-class discount scheme.
- If at any time, particularly leading up to an exam, a student becomes confused between the exercises in their current Grade and the exercises in the higher Grade, we will recommend they stop until the exam is taken.
- Notice to stop an *Aspire!* class must be given the same as for any other class
- For Ballet where 2 classes a week are recommended for the current grade, a student can only attend an *Aspire!* class if they are attending both classes for the current grade.
- It will be very important that *Aspire!* students joining in with a higher level class are aware that the onus will be very much on them to be independent and self-disciplined learners, and use their own initiative to pick up the work, as the teacher will pace the class at the level of the current students.
- *Aspire!* classes are only on offer in Graded Ballet, Tap and Modern, so not in Street, MT or Pointe.

If your child would like to attend an *Aspire!* class for Modern starting after May Half Term, please let us know by Friday 2nd June. Please see the timetable for the days and times of classes. If your child would be interested when we roll out the Scheme for Ballet and Tap, or if you have any questions please do get in touch.