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## ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BALLET EXAMS

(and class awards)

- You are responsible for letting your child's school know you will be taking them out of school for their ballet exam
- Don't wash your child's hair the night before! We put their hair in a bun, and if their hair is freshly
  washed we must use lots of gel and mousse! Remember all your hair things; hair band, hair net, hair pins,
  hair grips, hair brush NO DONUTS!
- Remember all your uniform; leotard, waist elastic/skirt, socks or tights, ballet shoes, character shoes
   and skirt these should all be washed and clean (wet wipes work a treat on cleaning leather ballet shoes)
- We strongly encourage parents to drop their children and come back and pick them up after their exam.
  There is limited space in the changing rooms, which <u>must be kept silent</u> for other candidates who are currently in their exam. (however, do feel free to stay so you can take a picture of your child once they are ready)
- Remember your £8 cash this is to cover the cost of the professional pianist to play for your child's exam, the hall hire, the heating of the hall, and the relevant staff who help with doing exam hair and the running of the day.
- No cardigans, no tights, no jewellery, no nail varnish, no makeup, no tattoos, no underwear! (Boys no boxers!)
- **Do** bring a snack (or a packed lunch if your times overlap with school lunch time) and a bottle of water
- The personalised exam letters which have already been given out state 2 times. The first time is time of
  arrival, this is much earlier than your exam time, so that the students have time to have their hair done,
  to change into their uniform, to warm up and to practice. The second time is the time of the exam; this is
  when your child will go into their exam



