

# BDA

## Your RAD Exam Day

*Key information for parents of students taking Exams and Class Awards with Brewer Dance Academy.*

- When taking your child out of school for an exam, **you are responsible for informing their school.**
- **Double check** your personalised exam letters/emails which should state two times: **arrival time**, and **exam time**. **You must arrive at your allotted arrival time.** This is to ensure students are ready before the exam bell rings. Students who are late may forfeit the exam.
- **Arrive with your child's hair in a firm bun** (tutorials on the UNIFORM page of [brewerdanceacademy.com](http://brewerdanceacademy.com)), and just in case, remember all your hair things; **hair band, hair net, hair pins, hair grips, hairbrush, hair spray** - NO DONUTS!
- Ensure students remember all their uniform: **leotard, waist elastic, ballet skirt, socks, tights, ballet shoes, character shoes and character skirt. These should all be washed and clean** (wet wipes work a treat on leather ballet shoes). A list of what you require will be on your personalised exam information.
- We strongly encourage parents to drop off their children and return for them after their exam. **Changing rooms must be kept silent** for the ongoing exam and have limited space. (However, feel free to stay long enough to take a picture of your child once they are ready)
- **Remember your £10 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 all the relevant staff who help with the running of the day.
- **Bring a snack** (or a packed lunch if your times overlap with school lunch time) **and a bottle of water.** However, be mindful of the need to keep uniform clean.
- **No jewellery, no nail varnish, no tattoos.** Students may bring a cardigan to keep them warm/ protect their uniform before the exam, but these cannot be taken in the exam room.
- VPL/straps etc. A sensitive subject, but examiners do not want to see underwear poking out of or spoiling the line of a student's dancewear. Seamless, high legged, and/or activity-specific underwear can be found in a variety of places (such as [dancedirect.com](http://dancedirect.com)). Some students may prefer to treat their dancewear as they would swimwear, aka a single layer. Please email [principal@brewerdanceacademy.com](mailto:principal@brewerdanceacademy.com) if you would like to discuss this further.
- Students will have practiced the whole exam in their groups and in order, including entrances. However, nerves sometimes lead students to forget the following:
  1. No talking (unless directly to the examiner).
  2. No sitting down (unless required by a particular exercise).
  3. Run nicely to your place before and after dancing.
  4. Stand still and quiet when not dancing.
  5. When the exam is over, pick up your things and leave quietly and quickly.

# CHECKLIST

*A handy guide for double checking if you are good to go!*



Ten Pounds



Hair band



Hair net



Hair pins



Hair grips



Hairbrush



Ballet shoes



Character Shoes (from Grade 1 upwards)

Leotard/T-shirt

(Check UNIFORM page of [brewerdanceacademy.com](http://brewerdanceacademy.com))

Waist elastic (to match leotard)

Ballet skirt

(pre-primary, primary, Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8)



Navy Shorts or men's tights (BOYS syllabus only)

Pink Socks or tights

(Check UNIFORM page of [brewerdanceacademy.com](http://brewerdanceacademy.com))

White socks (BOYS syllabus only)

Character Skirt

Grade-specific props

(Check UNIFORM page of [brewerdanceacademy.com](http://brewerdanceacademy.com))

