

CECCHETTI BALLET ASSOCIATES **Young Associate Scheme**

INFORMATION AND DATES

Venue:

- Classes will be held on a Sunday as per the dates advertised below at Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance, Clifton Lodge, St Margaret's Drive Twickenham TW1 1QN.

Entry Requirements for Young Associates:

- Boys and Girls aged 7 – 8 years may apply for a place.
- Students **must** have gained Standard 1 with distinction and be **working towards** Grade I in any method of classical ballet.

Duration of Class:

- 1 ½ hours.
- Classes will consist of a classical ballet class followed by classes in either Character, Choreography, Classical Greek, Irish, Mime, Modern, National, Repertoire, Spanish, Jazz, or other dance forms.

- **Further Opportunities within the Cecchetti Society:**
- **YA students will be monitored and given the opportunity to progress to our Main Associate Scheme when they have gained the relevant entry criteria. This progression is automatic. Once in the Main Scheme they will be required to audition in the June of that year.**
- Students will be encouraged to participate in or attend the Children's Awards, Mabel Ryan Awards, and the Choreographic Competition, as well as attend the Residential Summer School for Young Dancers.

Dates for the academic year 2027 are as follows:

LENT TERM 2027

24th January
21st February
21st March

SUMMER TERM 2027

25th April
16th May
27th June

Autumn Term 2027

26th September
24th October

Entry Criteria

1. Regular attendance and punctuality are expected and will be considered when assessment of current Associates takes place. Persistent absenteeism will result in the Associate place being withdrawn.

In the event of illness or to request permission for absence parents are asked to contact the Associate Mobile number: 07748 365 375 or email: Committee@cecchettiassociates.dance prior to the class, giving the name of the Associate and class if possible.

Before applying for the audition, please take note of the dates to be sure that they do not clash with other activities.

2. Female Associates will be required to wear the regulation leotards with matching belt if supplied, ballet tights that convert to footless tights and pink leather shoes with elastics and not ribbons for all classes.

Character skirts and black canvas character shoes will be needed during the year and should be brought to every class. N.B. These are readily available on eBay. Skirts must be black; any combination of ribbon colours is acceptable.

Neither jewellery, hair ornaments nor nail varnish are to be worn. Bun nets should match the colour of the hair.

All Associate leotards/Boys shorts are obtainable only from the Associates. All other items of uniform can be obtained from your local dance shop. Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

3. Male Associates will wear navy shorts and white leotards with white shoes and long white socks. They will also need canvas character shoes.
4. Any change of teacher, address, or new exam result to be emailed to: committee@cecchettiassociates.dance
5. **ANY STUDENT ATTENDING THE AUDITION WILL BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT THE PLACE IF IT WAS AWARDED.**
6. We regret that candidates will only be considered by attendance on the audition day.
7. Fees for the year, **payable by the 7th January 2027** are as follows:

Young Associates

£350.00

Students should not be discouraged from auditioning due to financial difficulty – please contact The Committee via email.