**Progression & Exam Policy**

AFDance grade **by individual ability NOT age,** which allows students to work at their own pace. Exams are not compulsory. Up to and including grade 6 an exam at a graded level can be skipped if necessary to aid the student’s progression. Exams are held once or twice in the academic year, normally towards the end of a half-term or term and not on school days. Students can take exams by invitation of current teacher due to progress, commitment and regular attendance. If you have any queries about your child’s progression please call or email AFdance and we can give feedback or arrange a meeting to discuss progression. Assessments are regularly held in class so as to monitor students’ progression and see who is ready for an exam. AFDance may also hold specific exam assessment classes to aid the decision of who is exam ready and give individual progression feedback. Once the exam pupils have been decided, extra exam coaching classes are necessary to give the support needed to achieve an appropriate level; all these classes must be attended. Exam fees must be paid before the exam date. Appropriate uniform must be worn (see uniform policy). If the terms of this policy are not met AFDance withholds the right to withdraw any pupil from the exam.

Pupil’s behaviour is taken very seriously in examinations. During the examination coaching process the teachers will advise pupils how to behave and pupils must follow this strictly. Please remember incorrect behaviour during exams could reflect poorly on the candidate and on AFDance as a School.

Pupils must be fully fit to dance at time of teachers assessments or time of exam entry's sent to istd to take part in exams. If injury occurs after this the injury policy must be followed and afdance reserve the right to stop the student from taking the exam.

Overall we aim for our pupils to progress well and enjoy the examination process and we look to achieve a high level of results as we have always done in the past.

Unexamined classes

In classes where exams are not taken e.g. creative dance students will move up at the appropriate age and ability decided by AFDance.

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