

Information updated Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Application Deadline Extended for FdA and BA Degree in Professional Dance and Performance**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

Instructions for applicants for this year's FdA and BA Professional Dance & Performance degree course have been revised to accommodate Covid-19 restrictions.

All applicants must read all the instructions before starting their application.

**What has changed?**

**Our video audition requirements** Due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have amended and simplified our video audition requirements which you can find below on page 2.

**Application Deadline** This has been extended to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to allow applicants sufficient time to prepare and submit their audition video and application.

**Why has this changed?**

This information has been updated further to reflect changes in the UK government's Covid19 pandemic restrictions that were announced 4 January 2021.

Executive Director, Mark Osterfield explains, *"We appreciate that this may create additional difficulties and concerns for applicants who wish to apply for our school this year. We understand that the implementation of the January 2021 lockdown may have caused issues for applicants in the preparation of their applications. For example, applicants may no longer have access to studio spaces to film their video auditions, nor have the space or equipment to fulfil our audition requirements as originally published. With this in mind, we have decided to amend our audition process to make auditioning for Central School of Ballet this year, as accessible as possible.*

**Need any help?**

Should you have any questions regarding your application form or audition video, please contact [auditions@csbschool.co.uk](mailto:auditions@csbschool.co.uk)

Please be advised that this audition information supersedes previously published information regarding auditions and applications for September 2021. We reserve the right to make further adjustments if necessary, in light of the ongoing changes in requirements and restrictions relating to the Covid-19 pandemic

## VIDEO AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

We would like you to record a short video of yourself demonstrating the following skills. All applicants should take note of the instructions below and follow them carefully for your application to be considered.

### Ballet Section

- An awareness and understanding of the fundamentals of the classical technique ie: correct posture; use and control of turn-out; correct alignment and use of the torso, legs and feet, including demi pointe and pointe work
- Control and balance in adage, showing clear lines and application of technique
- A sense of ballon and rhythm in allegro with strong footwork
- An ease of co-ordination between the upper body, legs and feet
- A confident sense of performance

### Contemporary Section

- Show good use and articulation of the back
- Physical dynamics
- Engaging use of breath and release in movement

To assist you, we have provided you with an audition video example which includes a selection of exercises you could include. Please note, this is for guidance only.

[Please find our audition video example here.](#)

- **What to wear** - For the ballet exercises, please wear a plain coloured leotard, tights and ballet shoes; bare feet are needed for contemporary.
- **What music to use** – Please use any music of your choice
- **What to film on** - Film with a fixed camera / phone to ensure your whole body can be seen, even when on the floor.
- **How to film** - Please ensure you film in landscape.
- **Introduce yourself** - At the beginning of your video, please start by introducing yourself to camera. Please film this with your head and shoulders in shot. You must include the following information:
  1. Your full name
  2. Your age
  3. Where you are from
- **Submit one video** - Please ensure all of your video footage is collated into one video. You will need to use an editing tool to do this.
- **Upload to YouTube** - Your audition video must be uploaded to YouTube as an 'Unlisted' video. You must then copy and paste the HTML link to your video, into your application form when instructed to do so. Please refer to our [YouTube Guidance](#) for instructions on how to upload your video to YouTube.
- **The title of your video** - The title of your audition video must be your FULL NAME and DATE OF BIRTH