

Midlands Independent Dance Associate Scheme – Admissions policy

Midlands Independent Dance Associate Scheme admits students on the basis of talent or potential talent in classical dance, and physical suitability to ensure that any injury risk is minimal.

Students are admitted to the Scheme following an audition process. The decision of the audition panel is final; there is no opportunity for an appeal to be made. It is not possible to give preference to siblings or the children of former students or members of staff in admitting students to the Scheme.

The panel will attempt to make the audition process as fair and as transparent as possible. Students who demonstrate a focused work ethic and the ability to apply feedback coupled with an enjoyment of dance and music will be successful at audition, providing that they possess the necessary natural range of movements in the lower spine, hip and ankle joints. This range of motion is required for vocational level dance training; students with reduced range of motion in these areas will be much more susceptible to injury, particularly during adolescence, and during intensive physical training.

Students will be able to audition at selected dates in the summer term, for entry to the scheme the following term.

Responsibilities and review

The Director will ensure that students are admitted only in accordance with this policy, and members of staff are expected to follow this policy when advising prospective parents.

The Scheme will complete and hold an Admissions Register