**ROWAN ACADEMY OF DANCE**

**EXAMINATION POLICY 2020**

RAD values the growth and commitment of our dancers from all ages, it’s our pleasure to offer Ofqual and Non-Ofqual examinations to students in Ballet, Tap, Lyrical, Hip Hop, and Musical Theatre as a part of our recreational programs. Our examinations are always held in our own Dance Studio in Banbridge.

We must remind parents that children progress at varying rates, therefore students are entered into examinations at the discretion of the instructors who are qualified professionals. The exact exam date and other pertinent information relating to the exams will be communicated via notes after class. We hold 3-4 examination sessions per year to accommodate all students wishing to move up through the grades.

To be considered for examinations children must attend all classes, parents are invited in to watch the exam class after selection has been made, they are allowed to take notes on the syllabus supplies and take videos, if consent has been given by all other parents in the class.

Exams are NOT compulsory, however our syllabi; the PTD – Professional Teachers of Dancing is a highly recognised dance syllabus worldwide. If your child is considering continuing to dance vocationally as they grow older, we strongly recommend that your child enters onto these programmes as they will assist their progression.

On a side note, our vast experience shows that formal exams present a unique opportunity for students to display and take pride in their efforts, motivation and performance. Our exam candidates have always found their exam experience to be uplifting, beneficial and rewarding.

As part of the exam preparation, exam dancers will occasionally need to attend intensive exam extra classes, they can be attended to for free if another teacher in the school has space in her class. Dates will be made available prior to examinations.

The cost of exams are in addition to your monthly bill and payment for these costs are due no later than the date on the exam entry form. Included in the examination costs are studio hire fee, music operator fees and instructor/staffing costs.

If you have not paid by this date, unfortunately your child will not be eligible to sit their exam.