



CHARLES ACADEMY OF DANCE – UNIFORM UPDATE:

Dear parents,

You may have recently seen some students wearing a few new pieces of uniform. After 7 years of running, we have made a few small updates to our syllabus uniform, to keep it fresh and current. Please see the latest uniform guidelines overleaf – all students should be dressed in correct uniform within one half term of enrolling in their classes. Hair should be neatly tied back in a bun for ballet, or a tight ponytail/plait for modern/tap/jazz etc.

(Please note: Although the modern uniform is changing from grade 3, current students in grade 3 modern that have already purchased the kingfisher leotard and leggings may still wear this until they take their exam and move onto the next grade. Any new students to grade 3, to please wear the new black unitard)

We are no longer taking any uniform orders ourselves anymore, and have handed over all of our uniform-shop to a company called International Dance Supplies (IDS). Attached to this email you will find a letter explaining clearly how to set up an account with them using our **school code CHAD**. They list almost all of our uniform items, plus other dance accessories and this has all been divided into useful genre/grade categories for you. You will also see that the store has a full range of brand new Charles Academy printed logo items and merchandise (hoodies/tracksuits/t-shirts etc).

There are only a very few items that IDS are not able to stock, and we can therefore recommend the following online stockists for these:

- **Pre-Primary- Grade 2 – ‘Crush velvet kingfisher sleeveless turtle-neck leotard’** – can be purchased from Thomas Moores or Upstage in Exeter or from the following online sites: Amazon, www.katz-dancewear.co.uk, www.starlightdancewear.co.uk, www.danceworldldirect.co.uk, www.danceandleisurewear.co.uk, www.thepointeofdance.co.uk
- **Charles Academy Character Skirts:** Please visit www.character-skirts.co.uk who make made-to-measure skirts. Our school ribbon colours (from top-bottom) are pale lilac, purple and plum (there is a sample on the changing room notice board).
- **Grade 6-8 Lavender Spaghetti Strap Leotard** – Plume P07 Mid Scoop Back Leotard in Lavender from www.dancedirect.com
- **Grade 6-8 Silk Free Movement Scarf** – Please order from the RAD merchandise shop www.radenterprises.co.uk
- **Inter-Found/Inter/Advanced Tap/Jazz Leotard** – Type in ‘Capezio English National Ballet, Boat Neck Leotard’ in Garnet/Red colour. <http://www.movedancewear.com/>, www.dancedirect.com, www.dancewear365.com

Many thanks.

CHARLES ACADEMY OF DANCE **NEW UNIFORM GUIDELINES 2016:**

ISTD MODERN, TAP & JAZZ UNIFORM:

GIRLS:

Pre-Primary (mini class), Primary, G1, G2 Modern, Tap & Bronze Jazz:

- Modern – Kingfisher crush velvet key hole leotard worn with kingfisher stirrup lycra leggings
- Tap - Kingfisher crush velvet key hole leotard worn with black hotpants (full-footed flesh tights worn underneath)
- Jazz - Kingfisher crush velvet key hole leotard worn with black hotpants (footless flesh tights worn underneath)

(Black footless tights may be worn over leotards as an alternative to hotpants in class)



G3, G4, G5 & G6 Modern, Tap & Silver Jazz:

- Modern – Black lycra stirrup unitard with velvet top (delphinium purple) and double criss-cross spaghetti straps
- Tap – Magenta cap sleeved leotard worn with black hotpants (full-footed flesh tights worn underneath)
- Jazz - Magenta cap sleeved leotard worn with black hotpants (footless flesh tights worn underneath)

(Black footless tights may be worn over leotards as an alternative to hotpants in class)



Inter-Found, Inter, Adv1, Adv2 Modern, Tap & Gold Jazz:

- Modern – Choice of own black cotton lace leotard worn with black cotton stirrup tights
- Tap - Capezio ENB red boat-neck leotard worn with black hotpants (full-footed flesh tights worn underneath)
- Jazz – Capezio ENB red boat-neck leotard worn with black hotpants (footless flesh tights worn underneath)

(Black footless tights may be worn over leotards as an alternative to hotpants in class)



FOOTWARE & OTHER NOTES:

- Bare feet for modern and jazz (foot-undeez/jazz shoes may be worn in class)
- Low-heeled oxford style tap shoes for all grades (with teletone toe and heel taps)
- Flesh coloured tights to be worn under hotpants (full-footed for tap and footless for jazz)
- Black footless tights may be worn over leotards as an alternative to hotpants in class
- Black knee-pads may be required for more advanced floor work



BOYS:

- Choice of black tight fitted t-shirt or vest top worn with black tight fitted shorts/leggings/jazz pants or black biketard



RAD BALLET CLASSES:

Primary Girls:

- Lilac short-sleeved leotard
- Voile wrap-over lilac skirt
- Pink ballet socks
- Pink satin ballet shoes (with elastics)



Primary Boys:

- Pale blue short sleeved t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- White ballet socks
- White leather ballet shoes (with elastics)



Grade 1 Girls:

- Lavender sleeveless leotard with matching belt
- Character skirt in school purple ribbon colours
- Character shoes (low heel)
- Pink ballet socks
- Pink satin ballet shoes (with elastics)



Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5 Girls:

- Lavender leotard with matching belt
- Pink footed ballet tights
- Character skirt in school purple ribbon colours
- Character shoes (low heel for grade 2 and cuban heel for grade 3 upwards)
- Pink satin ballet shoes



Grades 6, 7 & 8 Girls:

- Circular chiffon skirt lavender
- Pink footed ballet tights
- Character skirt in school purple ribbon colours
- Lavender cotton spaghetti strap leotard, scoop neck
- RAD silk free movement scarf
- Cuban heel character shoes
- Satin split sole ballet shoes



Inter-Foundation, Intermediate, Adv 1 & Adv 2 Girls:

- Pink footed ballet tights
- Black camisole vocational grades cotton leotard – spaghetti strap
- Pink satin ballet shoes

(For soft-block ballet shoes and pointe shoes – please seek specialist fitting advice)



Boys – Grade 1 Upwards

- White leather ballet shoes (with elastics)
- White boys short sleeved leotard
- Navy stirrup cotton tights
- White ballet socks
- Boys character shoes



MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES:

- Black leggings worn with any CAD logo'd clothing (ie. CAD T-shirt/vest top and leggings or CAD jogging bottoms etc)



CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL CLASSES:

- Own choice of any suitable syllabus dance wear (ie. leggings and leotard/unitard/hotpants)

PRE-SCHOOL/PRE-PRIMARY BALLET CLASS:

- Baby pink ballet skirted leotard worn with pink ballet socks and pink satin ballet shoes for girls. Boys in navy shorts and plain, pale-blue, tight fitted t-shirt. Worn with white ballet socks and white leather ballet shoes.



ACRO CLASSES:

- Own choice of any leotard, unitard or dance crop top worn with black hotpants or black leggings. Bare feet.