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Junior Associate Programme 2026 - 2027

Welcome to Central School of Ballet



The Junior Associate Programme provides dancers aged 8 - 10 the opportunity to attend six ballet intensives throughout the year to enhance classical ballet training. The programme aims to develop dancers technique, strength, and artistry by complimenting the work of local dance teachers in regular after school classes.

Expanding our pre-vocational courses to younger dancers is an exciting next step for Central in being able to guide dancers from the beginning of their training. The Junior Associate Programme will support young dancers to realise their potential at an early stage of their training and work with them to prepare for the more advanced Associate Programme and eventually degree level courses. We look forward to meeting talented young dancers from around the country at our auditions on Sunday 12 July 2026.

Jo Hurst

Associate School and Short Courses Manager

Junior Associate Programme Overview



Central's Junior Associate Programme is a new pre-vocational programme of Saturday classes for those aiming for professional dance training, for students aged between 8 and 10 years. Classes are designed to help aspiring dancers to prepare for a future performing career.

Students are divided into four classes, including a boys class, taking into account both age and ability. Places in the Programme are offered following audition and are available for one year only. Continuous assessment and support are part of the ethos with progression to the next level dependent on successful annual assessment in the summer term.

The programme includes ballet, body conditioning, and creative movement in order to prepare dancers for full time, vocational ballet training by developing technique, strength, and artistry.

[Find out more online](#)

[centralschoolofballet.co.uk/
junior-associate-programme/](https://centralschoolofballet.co.uk/junior-associate-programme/)

Additional Opportunities

Each year Junior Associate Programme dancers benefit from a number of additional opportunities designed to enhance training.



Creative Choreography Day

Junior Associates will be invited to join Central's Associate Programme students on the School's annual Creative Choreography Day. This event is exclusively for Associate Programme dancers at Central and provides the opportunity to work with external dance companies such as Akram Khan and Jasmin Vardimon to develop technical skills and artistry in a professional setting. This exceptional experience supports ambition for full-time vocational training.

Extracurricular

Students will receive an online Body Conditioning Programme at the beginning of the spring term to follow over the spring and summer months, as well as a creative task from Creative Movement Tutor, Emily Powell.

Performance

Junior Associates will have the opportunity to perform to an audience of friends and family at the end of the academic year in the annual work sharing event alongside Associate students.

Application Process

Entry to the Junior Associate Programme is by audition in person at The Countess of Wessex Studios in London.



How to Apply

To apply to attend the in-person audition dancers will need to submit an application form via Central's website. As part of this form, applicants will need to submit a variety of audition images and a recent headshot, as well as provide information about previous dance experience. To submit an application, an application fee of £40 is required.

Dancers will then be invited to the in-person audition day on Sunday 12 July 2026, where they will dance at Central's studios in Southwark, London. Places on Central's audition classes are subject to availability.

We are also able to accept video auditions. Please contact jo.hurst@csbschool.co.uk for further information.

Application Dates

Applications for academic year 2026-2027 open Monday 1 December 2025. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 19 June 2026.

Apply online

centralschoolofballet.co.uk/junior-associate-programme/



Central School of Ballet is a world-class centre for professional dance training based in the South Bank arts community in London's Southwark, led by Executive Director Mark Osterfield and Artistic Director Kate Coyne. Central offers vocational degree courses in dance at undergraduate and postgraduate level specialising in ballet, attracting students from across the UK and countries worldwide. At Central's new premises The Countess of Wessex Studios, named after the school's Royal Patron, Central is a thriving hub for dance. The school provides professional training for those aiming for a career in dance, a thriving Junior School with classes in ballet for children after school in term time, and an Associate and Junior Associate Programme for young people aiming for professional dance training. A range of adult dance classes in the evenings and on Sundays offer the chance to improve general fitness and wellbeing.

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