

Hasland School of Dance & Performing Arts



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Why the Hasland School of Dance & Performing Arts?

Our aims:

- to allow children to develop their natural desire to dance; to encourage poise through correct posture; to teach a rhythmical response to music.
- to develop self-discipline and social awareness in children from a young age.
- to teach all pupils to show courtesy and consideration whilst working with others



Pupils enjoy the benefits of being part of a happy, well-organised and disciplined school. Bonds formed in the early years often become lasting friendships. Past pupils often return – some with their own children to carry on the tradition – some to come back as qualified teachers in their own right.



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Some FAQs:

What do you teach?

Classical Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap,
Drama, Boys' classes, Adult classes in Tap,
Jazz and Keep Fit.



When can children begin?

At any time during the term. We take children from 2 ½ years in the Nursery class learning through careful choice of music and song. Simple steps and exercises help to develop coordination and the enjoyment of movement and dance. Younger Pupils may come for two classes free of charge before making any commitment.



How much will it cost?

Our fees are clearly displayed on the Notice Board in Reception. They are determined according to advice from the professional organisations to which we belong. We believe the fees are set at a reasonable level which does not undervalue our services. Fees are paid termly, in advance.



How big are the classes?:

We believe that children should not be overwhelmed by too much noise. If a class grows too big it is then split to make two classes. Class sizes are therefore kept to a minimum. Each year group has its own class and children remain within that group until they reach secondary school age.

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Do you take boys?

Dancing has become increasingly popular with boys and they now form a valuable and important part of the school. Classes in modern, tap and ballet are available for boys of all ages. We also provide separate boys' only classes in modern and ballet, once they reach a certain stage.



Brief History of the School

The Hasland School was founded in 1942 by Muriel Hasland. It has been part of Herne Bay for over 60 years, teaching many generations of local people at its original Beach Street premises. Setting the pattern for its future, children were trained from 1942 in RAD Ballet. Mrs. Hasland was also the founder of RAD South East Region. Many ex pupils are working professionally in theatre and television both in the UK and abroad. For a fuller history see booklet available at Reception.

The Studios

Located in a pleasant setting opposite the town's park, the school has four purpose-built studios within one building, each with a sprung floor, barres and mirrors. Female and male changing rooms with separate WC's are also provided.

Shows

Productions are given every other summer term at the King's Hall, Herne Bay. Pupils also perform each Christmas in pantomimes at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury (by audition), the King's Hall and Little Theatre in Herne Bay.



In recent years the school has produced group dances to perform at the Haymarket, Cambridge and Sadler's Wells theatres in London's West End.

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Examinations

Examinations are held twice yearly in -

Ballet :

Royal Academy of Dance* (grades/vocational)

Modern/Jazz, Tap:

Imperial Society (grades/vocational).

The school specialises in the teaching of classical ballet – the foundation of all dance forms. We are very proud of the excellent results which are achieved in all three dance disciplines.

*video available



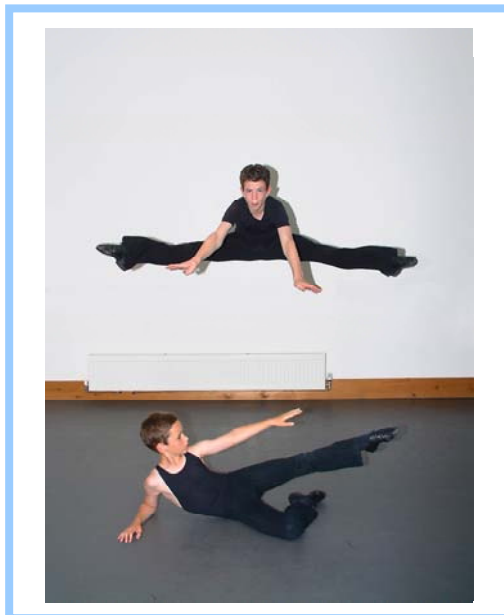
Choreographic Festivals

Held annually in the Autumn term, pupils from 8 years and up are encouraged to try out their own ideas, not only for themselves but also on their friends and children from younger classes. Teachers are happy to help out with music or costume ideas. Every participant is awarded with a certificate. Medals, cups and a magnificent trophy are awarded at the end of the day.



Dance Festivals

Pupils from year 6 and up who have attained appropriate examination marks may be entered for local and national dance festivals. See separate information leaflet.



Musical Theatre/Singing Workshops

Open to all pupils who want to increase their knowledge of dance/drama, working towards a theatrical performance. Programmes will include improvisation, choreography, extracts from musicals, repertoire from well-known classical ballets.

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Drama

We aim to develop self-confidence through performance and public speaking and to develop the imagination through improvisation and mime. Older pupils will work along guidelines set out in the National Curriculum up to and including GCSE and A level.

Careers in Dance

If a pupil shows exceptional promise and is physically suitable for a career in dance, the school will give careful guidance on suitable vocational courses and colleges. Depending on the amount of grant aid available, degrees in dance open up many other opportunities for a career in the theatre or as a teacher. Many of our past pupils are working professionally in theatre and TV both in the UK and abroad.

Parents

Parents are encouraged to ensure that children arrive punctually and correctly groomed to each class. A description of the uniform for each dance discipline can be found on the notice board in the reception area.

The Teachers

Our staff demonstrate professional attitudes of reliability, punctuality and responsible care of pupils. We strive to develop self-discipline and self motivation in students and to ensure that they and their families receive help and advice when necessary. All staff are fully qualified and registered. Teaching certificates are on display in the corridor.

Uniform

It is advisable to buy all uniform through the school to ensure the correct fit. This is sold every Saturday morning from 9am until 12.30 p.m, in Studio 4 during term time.

Parking

There is a free car park opposite the studios in the Memorial Park. Limited parking is also available in Kings Road. ***Parking on the kerb or pavement outside the school is dangerous and strictly prohibited.***

Terms & Conditions

A term's notice of intention to leave the school must be given in writing for all Pupils Grade 1 and above, or fees will be charged in lieu –see the school's registration form.
The school must give permission before any student is allowed to take classes or dance in performances elsewhere.
Pupils are expected to show loyalty to the school at all times.

School Rules

These are set out clearly on the School Notice Board.

Pupils displaying problem behaviour are dealt with promptly by both the teacher and Principal of the school.