



Joining Ballet Bristol

Hello,

We're really excited that you'd like to join Ballet Bristol - we really do welcome anyone who's had some ballet experience to come and join our company, take class with us and get involved with performances. We've tried to answer some of the more common questions here, but if you've anything more specific you want to know, just email team@balletbristol.co.uk and one of us will get back to you.

Siân, Holly, Nick

What level class should I join?

PL1 at 7pm is our easier class, best suited if you've danced before but want to ease back into it. If you've danced at a level equivalent to RAD Grade VI (even if it was a long time ago), you'll probably enjoy PL2 a bit more, as it's more challenging. We have a New Starters' week every 6 weeks where you'll be joining at the start of a new class cycle, along with other newcomers, but you can start any week you like.

What should I wear?

The good news is that it's not formal ballet uniform. You can wear t-shirt and leggings (Guys - cycle shorts are a good option), or you can wear tights, leotards, wraps and so on. Whatever you're comfortable dancing in. Some dancers wear pointes for centrework and rep.

What do I have to pay?

Classes cost £6, but if you do two classes on the same evening, the cost for both is £7. Payment is by cash only please.

We have an annual membership of £18 (which covers our insurance costs). Come and do a few classes with us, and if you feel like you're staying, then you can join up.

I've never done a step of ballet in my life.

We're not the place for you to start, as we're not a teaching school. Get in contact, and we can give you some other places to talk to about lessons, and getting started from nothing.

What is the attendance expectation?

We usually have a waiting list of people to join classes. If you don't attend three evenings in a row, without an explanation, we'll ask you if you intend to keep coming. If not, then we'll offer your place to a dancer waiting to join.

Do I have to perform in shows?

As a performing company, we hope that each of our dancers will get involved in our shows. We'll help you learn repertoire, and we might nudge you along past some nerves, if that's what's holding you back.

What's the age range of your dancers?

Everyone must be an adult (at least 18). The majority of our dancers are in their mid-twenties to mid-forties, but we've some younger and some older. You're unlikely to feel out of place.

Where is the dance studio at Bradley Stoke Community School?

We're awkwardly hidden away, so follow this map to find us, starting by facing the the main school building, with the entrance gate to the carpark on your left hand side. (The blue wire fence is now green).

