

Imperial society of Teachers of Dance Exams and what they mean to the future of your child.

The examination structure of the ISTD is designed to cater equally for those who wish to progress to making dance their profession, either as a performer or dance teacher, and for those pursuing dance purely as a leisure activity. The DDTST teaches the ISTD syllabus from Primary Grade through to professional teaching qualifications Diploma in Dance Instruction and Diploma in Dance Education at level three and four in the genres of Tap, Modern and Ballet.

Grades aim to build up progressively, ensuring that steps and skills learned at lower levels prepare for more complex movements as the candidate progresses. Grades 1-6 are accredited by Ofqual. Please see the table at the bottom of the page.

As a school that promotes and encourages the children to take the ISTD exams we feel that it is important for parents to understand that once the students attain Grade 6 and above the exams attracts UCAS points. If your child is studying classical ballet, tap and modern they could gain as many as 315 additional UCAS points by the age of 18 to add to their UCAS score. We have students as young as 12 taking Grade six exams.

Grade 6	Tariff Points	Intermediate	Tariff Points
Distinction	40	Distinction	65
Merit	35	Merit	50
Pass	30	Pass	40

if they take grade six exams in tap modern and ballet that could earn as many as 120 points which is equivalent to an "A" level pass at grade A.

At Intermediate level in tap modern and ballet a further 195 points which would give them a further A level at A pass and an AS level.

Please see below the table showing the ISTD qualifications on the Qualifications and credit framework.

	Graded Examinations	Vocational Graded Examinations	Teaching Qualifications	Other qualifications equivalent
Level 4		Advanced 2 QAN 501/0761/6 9CV=380	DDE QAN 501/0750/1 (CV=92)	First year of a degree
Level 3	Grade 6 QAN 501/0758/6/ (CV=13)	Intermediate QAN 501/0728/8 (CV=28)	DDI QAN 501/1002/0 (CV=68)	A level Advanced GNVQ
Level 2	Grade 5 QAN 501/0757/4 (CV=10) Grade 4 QAN 501/0756/2 (CV=10)	Intermediate Foundation QAN 501/0764/1 (CV=28)		GCSE (A* -C) Intermediate GNVQ
Level 1	Grade 3 QAN 501/0754/9 (CV = 7) Grade 2 QAN 501/0753/7 (CV = 7) Grade 1 QAN 501/0755/0 (CV=7)			GCSE (D-G)