



The ISTD Cecchetti ballet method has two sets of exams:

‘Class Exams’ are specifically designed for children dancing once a week and have a stronger focus on enjoyment, musicality and improvisation. Good ballet technique is expected, but shown to the best of each pupil’s physical capabilities. Exams are taken in groups of about four and are led by the teacher with the examiner watching the class.

‘Grade Exams’ require a much stronger classical ballet technique and include knowledge of theory and unset work. All Grade exams are on the national qualifications framework and carry UCAS points from Grade 6 upwards. The Grades lead on to the Major/Vocational exams (which include pointe work). The teacher cannot go into the exam and pupils are usually entered in twos.

At present we use a combination of Grade and Class exams up to Grade 2. Please let me know if your child is happy to continue with Class exams only (on a Wednesday evening) or whether they would be interested in starting a second ballet class to study for the Grade exams. The Grade 3 class is on a Thursday evening 4:30 - 5:15pm.

The additional cost would be between £45 and £50 per 10-week block, depending on the number of classes your child already attends.

Many thanks,

Rachel