

DANCEEAST

CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING

NEXT STEPS & MOVING ON

The DanceEast CAT programme supports students to develop the skills, confidence and experience needed to make informed decisions about their future in dance and the wider creative industries.

For some students this may lead to vocational dance training or university study, while others may choose different creative or academic pathways. Throughout their time at CAT, tutors and the CAT Team are available to offer guidance on training opportunities, auditions, higher education and career development.

As part of the National Centres for Advanced Training network, we are also able to signpost students to a wide range of training providers and progression routes, helping each young person explore the options that best suit their interests and aspirations.

Leaving The Programme

We hope that students remain with DanceEast CAT throughout their training journey and continue to grow both as dancers and as individuals. However, we recognise that interests, priorities and circumstances can change, and there may be occasions where a student, their family or the CAT Team feels that the programme is no longer the right fit.

Student Choice

If a student is considering leaving the programme, we encourage them to speak with the CAT Team first. Many challenges can be resolved through conversation and support, and we are always happy to explore possible solutions together.

If a student decides to leave the programme, we ask that they remain until the end of the current term where possible. Course fees remain payable until the end of the term and are non-refundable.

Student development and engagement

Students develop at different rates, and the CAT Team regularly reviews each student's progress through the Individual Training Plan process. Our aim is always to support development through constructive feedback, shared goal setting and open communication.

Where we have concerns that a student is no longer engaging fully with the programme, or that attendance, participation or progress is significantly affecting their learning, we will work closely with the student and their family to agree appropriate support and realistic goals.

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In exceptional circumstances, where agreed actions have not resulted in meaningful engagement or where the programme is no longer meeting the student's needs, the CAT Team may recommend that the student leaves the programme. Any decision will be made following open discussion with the student and their family and with careful consideration of what is in the student's best interests.

As a Department for Education funded programme, DanceEast CAT is committed to providing places for young people who are able to engage fully with the opportunities offered. We therefore ask students to attend regularly, participate positively and demonstrate a commitment to their own learning and development throughout the programme.