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**Handbook 2025-2026**

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# Term Dates 2025-2026

## Term 1

Monday 8 September - Sunday 14 December

Half Term: Sunday 26 October- Sunday 2 November

## Term 2

Saturday 3 January- Thursday 2 April

Half Term: Sunday 15 February- Sunday 22 February

## Term 3

Saturday 18 April- Saturday 18 July

Summer Holidays: Sunday 19 July- Sunday 6 September

*Please note: Term Dates subject to change.*

*Each term will be confirmed on a termly basis at the time of invoicing.*





# News & Social Media

**Public Facebook Page Elevations Academy Leeds**

**[Click here to give us a like](#)**



**Members Group (Private)**

**News/Updates**

**[Click here to join](#)**

There will be security questions to check who you are. We only want parents/carers connected to this private group. If you don't answer security question - you will be rejected entry.

We will send out a monthly newsletter on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month via email. If you do not receive this- get in touch. It is your responsibility to stay well-informed about any updates/class changes by checking your email.





# First Timer?

## Welcome to Elevations

Ahead of your class, you will have received a **Welcome Email** from our membership software, Membermeister, containing key links and information to help you get started smoothly.

## Using Your Membermeister Links

- **Timetable:** Click on 'Timetable' to view the classes you are registered for. Please take note of: your class time, the hall name and your teachers name. You'll find hall details further on in the venue section to help you locate your class with ease.
- **Term Dates:** Scroll sideways on the calendar to view the full term:. Green dates = Classes running. Red dates = Closed days/holidays
- **Personal Details:** Click on 'Confirm Details' to review and update your personal information. It's essential that we have accurate details. Please complete any missing details, as full records are required for insurance purposes.

## Payments, Joining & Leaving

- **Initial Booking:** You will have paid a £20 holding fee.
- **Trial Class:** If, after your first class, you do not wish to continue, notify us via email. We will refund your holding fee, minus the cost of the trial. This must be done within 48 hours. Failure to let us know after 48 hours will result in loss of your holding fee to allow us the time to reassign the place to another student. Continuing students will be invoiced for the term (we will take your holding fee into consideration). Membership is due. You will receive a T-shirt as part of membership. The holding fee is non-refundable after continued enrolment.
- **Start Date Flexibility:** Future start dates can only be held with payment. Otherwise, your place may be forfeited.
- **Payment for Classes:** Payment for classes can be made via bank transfer or cash. Please request bank details by emailing [info@elevationsleeds.com](mailto:info@elevationsleeds.com). We keep a detailed remittance list.

## Payment of a course/block period (Stompers and Adult Classes):

If, within the first two weeks of term, you find the class isn't the right fit, we're happy to refund the remaining balance of the term as per our terms and conditions. Please contact us via email [info@elevationsleeds.com](mailto:info@elevationsleeds.com) and we'll arrange this for you.

If you need anything else or have further questions, don't hesitate to get in touch. We're here to help and can't wait for you to begin your Elevations journey!

# Returning Students & Invoices

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## Payments, Joining & Leaving

### Returning Students

- A **£20 annual membership fee** per student is required and includes an Elevations t-shirt.
- Membership fees are **non-refundable**, except when we are unable to offer you a place.
- To withdraw, notify us **before the start of term** to allow reallocation of your space.

### Payment Terms

- Invoices are issued during school holiday periods (Summer, Christmas, Easter).
- Full payment is due by the **end of the first week of term**.
- Overdue invoices beyond **week 3** incur a **£10 late fee** and will result in suspended attendance.
- Fees can be paid via bank transfer or cash. To request bank details, please email [info@elevationsleeds.com](mailto:info@elevationsleeds.com).

### Cancellation Policy

- Cancelling less than **7 days before the start of term** results in a charge for the first class(es) to allow us reassignment of your place.
- Once a term has commenced, fees are **non-refundable**.
- Missed sessions (e.g., due to illness or holidays) are not refundable.
- Long-term illness or injury is reviewed at the principal's discretion.
- For broken limbs:
  - If the class is full and you wish to retain the space: 100% fees apply.
  - If not full, and you request a place-hold: 50% retaining fee.

### Conduct and Behaviour

- We reserve the right to remove students from the programme for persistent disruptive behaviour. No refunds will be issued.

### Force Majeure

- No refunds will be issued for forced closures. We will attempt to provide a replacement or online class where possible.
- If Elevations cancels a session for internal reasons (e.g., instructor illness), we will offer either a refund or extension.

### Annual Show and Class Disruption

- During show season, some classes may be disrupted due to rehearsal schedules. No refunds will be issued for these changes.

# Our Fabulous Team



Hayley Byrne  
Founder

22 years ago, the Academy began its journey with modest offerings: a single teen street class and a tots ballet session.

Today, Elevations boasts an impressive schedule of over 80 classes per week, led by a dedicated and inspiring faculty committed to nurturing and educating your children. Our team's longevity is a testament to our supportive environment and shared passion. Our reputation and growth have flourished primarily through word-of-mouth and recommendations, reflecting the pride we take in our work and our unwavering commitment to sharing our expertise and passion for the arts.

Laura



Lanthie



Sophie



Nel



Anya



Annie



Abby



Ewan





# Opportunities

We understand that some children attend our classes primarily for skill, enjoyment, friendship, and fitness. Nonetheless, we would like to inform you that there are opportunities available for students interested in performing in our annual show or participating in examinations. Whilst we encourage participation, the choice is yours!



## Performances

Students and parents alike eagerly anticipate our annual performance. Held in a professional working theatre, complete with sophisticated lighting, sound, and stunning costumes, this event showcases the hard work and dedication of our students. It is a magical time that brings our community together, celebrating the talents and achievements of everyone involved. Showcase 2026 - May!

## Examinations

We have regular examination sessions with the RAD and IDTA throughout the year. We will let you know if your child is ready for an examination, and will invite you for entry. If your child doesn't want to do an exam, but has successfully satisfied us and completed the grade (level of work), we are most happy to let students progress to the next level without formal entry.

# SHOWTIME

We are unable to **fully confirm** at this stage which class will do which team. We will confirm by October half term.

## **Team Europe- Carriageworks**

Rehearsal | Thur 7 May 17:00

Fri 8 May | 18:45

Sat 9 May | 18:00

Sun 10 May | 18:00



## **Team Asia- Carriageworks**

Sat 9 May | 10:00

Sun 10 May | 10:00

## **Team Africa- Carriageworks**

Sat 9 May | 13:30

Sun 10 May | 13:30

## **Team Americas- Riley Theatre**

Sun 17 May | North America 13:00

Sun 17 May | South America 15:00



# Venues | Chapel Allerton

## Monday-Friday

St Martins Institute  
St Martins View  
Chapel Allerton  
LS7 3LA



## Tuesday Evenings

(Intermediate Ballet, Tap & Pointe & Adult Classes)

## Saturday Mornings

Chapel Allerton Primary School  
Harrogate Road  
Chapel Allerton  
LS7 3PD





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LS7 3PD

## PAYMENTS/ENQUIRIES

Please use the far right door circled in red. Our front desk will be set up in the classroom leading from this door.

NOTE- The front desk is only open the first two weeks of each term to take payments and help new students find their way.



## PARKING

There is a visitor car park around the back of the school (accessed via Harrogate Lodge entrance 'The Mount and Oak Hurst' near Seven Arts Centre). Alternatively, road parking. Nearby Lidl and Coop have plenty of parking spaces- but please be mindful of time restrictions in place. PEDESTRIAN GATE ACCESS Please enter via the pedestrian gate at the front of Chapel Allerton Primary School. This will lead you onto the front playground.

# Finding your way around...



## Large Hall- Chapel Allerton Primary

Please use the SECOND door to the right circled in red. There's some picnic benches outside. Please wait outside before your class, and parents/guardians will congregate around this area at the time of collection.



# Finding your way around...



## Small Hall- Chapel Allerton Primary

Please use the door signed 'RECEPTION' for entry to the small hall. Please wait outside before your class, and parents/guardians will congregate around this area at the time of collection.





# Finding your way around...



## Dining Hall- Chapel Allerton Primary

The dining hall is around the back of Chapel Allerton Primary School. Head in the direction of the arrow. Please take the flight of concrete steps down towards the lower playground and/or use the access ramp. Follow the path which leads down the side of the school building (alleyway with railings). The dining hall entrance is directly opposite the charity clothing bin. If in doubt- please just ask at the front desk. Please wait outside until your teacher calls you in for class. Parents/guardians congregate outside at the end of class for collection.



# St Martins Institute



**Monday-Friday**

St Martins Institute  
St Martins View  
Chapel Allerton  
LS7 3LA

## **PAYMENTS/ENQUIRIES**

Please use the front double doors to the left circled in red. Our front desk is in the vestibule area. Please not hang around/wait in the vestibule area- we need to leave this area clear in the event of a fire. Please wait outside or in your car or make use of the picnic tables/playing field at the back of the Institute.



## **PARKING**

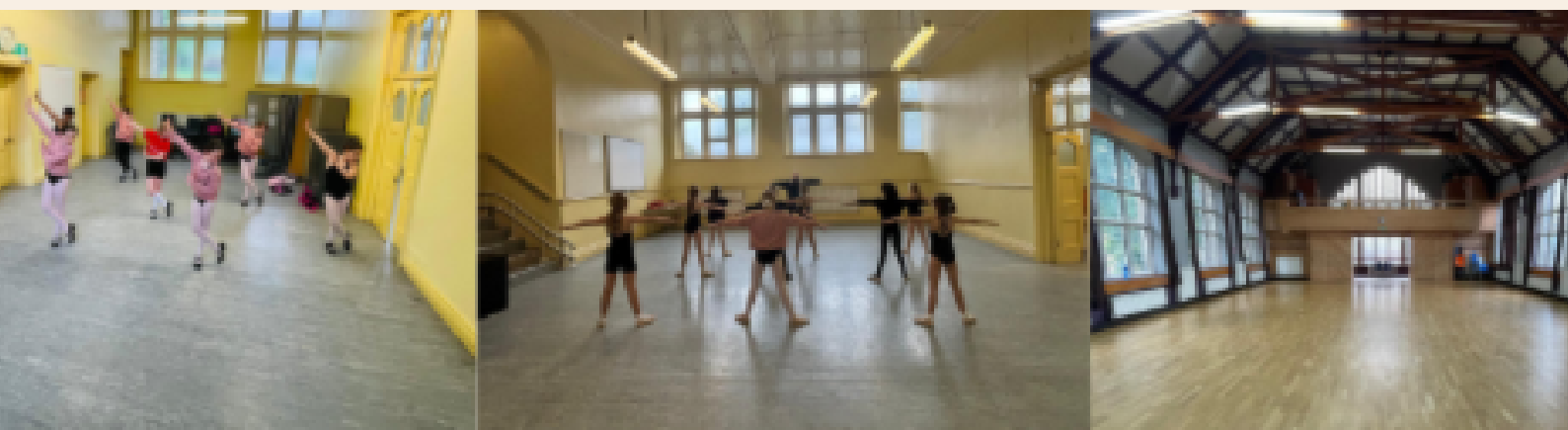
Residential road park in and around the Institute building. Please do not block the driveway of residents. Please use the stone path for lessons in the upper hall- the banking is steep and muddy.

# Finding your way around...



If your class is in the Upper Hall\* (\*with the exception of Stompers Pre-School Dance who would enter via the front door), all Upper Hall classes need to follow the stone path which runs alongside the building. You will enter via the side door. Your teacher will open the door before the start of class. Parents should congregate here for collection. NB: We note some children take shortcuts by running down the banking- it is steep, dangerous and muddy- please walk around and use the level path for your safety - and to prevent muddy shoes entering the building. If your class is in our lower halls, please use the front door. The teacher will open the door before lessons start, and will spoon-feed children out at the end of classes. Please wait outside.

**LBH= Lower Back Hall, LH= Lower Hall (Front), UH= Upper Hall**  
**St Martins Institute**





# First Timers: what do I need to wear?



Please do not buy anything special for your first class. Settle in, and make sure the session is suitable.

Bare feet with comfortable sports attire will be fine for most styles. Street Dance- trainers. Obviously, for Tap it's hard to tap dance without tap shoes- but you may wear something hard soled at first to get a feel for the style.



Once settled, you will need some kit. Uniform and personal appearance for class is of the utmost importance at Elevations Academy. We expect a high level of personal grooming.



# Kit, Brandwear and Hair

## Leotards, Shoes, Tights & Accessories

We recommend to purchase kit online from: "Dance Direct" or "Dancing in the Street" You can find our uniform list, and links to buy it on the next page.

We also have a Facebook Group where Elevations families list pre-loved kit for sale/free which is well worth checking out.

[PRE-LOVED GROUP CLICK HERE](#)

## Elevations Logo Brandwear

Hoodies T-shirts Zoodies Fleecees  
You can order online via the link below and as soon as they are ready we'll bring them to class and hand over to the student. If you are buying an item as a gift, then please make sure you let us know to arrange a secret collection. Items paid on order. Personalised goods cannot be returned.

[BRANDWEAR ORDER CLICK HERE](#)



Personal Grooming is an important part of a dancers' training.

Hair must be tied back at all times.

A bun is obligatory for ballet from Grade 1 +

# Kit Links

## Street Dance & Musical Theatre

Girls & Boys



Elevations black t-shirt

Black Leggings, Shorts or Joggers

Black Socks

Trainers (clean) for Street Dance

Black Jazz Shoes or Black School Pumps  
for Musical Theatre

Optional Items Elevations Brandwear  
(Hoodies, Zoodies, Onesies, Fleece etc)

## Acro, Jazz & Contemporary

Girls

Any black leotard. Your choice.

Tights Black Footless Tights or hotpants

Bare feet for Contemporary and Acro.

Bare feet for Jazz exams.

Jazz shoes can be worn in Jazz classes and  
sometimes used for show pieces.

Boys

Tight fitted black vest/t-shirt

Black Shorts

Optional Items Elevations Brandwear  
(Hoodies, Zoodies, Onesies, Fleece etc)





# Kit Links

Ballet & Tap for G1+ all the way through to Intermediate

## Girls

[Black Capezio 123 Leotard](#)  
[Childrens Sizes Click Here](#)  
[Adult Sizes Click Here](#)

[Ballet Shoes Links](#)  
[Basic Leather Ballet Shoes](#)  
[Quality Leather Ballet Shoes](#)  
[Flexi Leather \(Intermediate\) Ballet Shoes](#)

[Tights Links](#)  
[Pink Ballet Tights Value](#)  
[Convertible Pink Ballet Tights Value](#)  
[Pink Ballet Tights Quality](#)  
[Black Footless Tights for Tap](#)

[Tap Shoes Links](#)  
[Black Laced Tap Shoes](#)  
[Black Velcro Tap Shoes](#)  
[Black Glittery/Sparkly Tap Shoes](#)  
[Black Buckle Tap Shoes](#)  
[Budget Oxford Style Tap Shoe \(Jazz Style\)](#)  
[Oxford Style Jazz Tap Shoe \(flexible sole\)](#)

[Optional Items Links](#)  
[Black Ballet Cardigan](#)  
[Black Cotton Wrap](#)  
[Headband](#)  
[Legwarmers](#)

## Boys

[Ballet White Leotard](#)  
[Black shorts](#) or [Black Stirrup Hose](#)  
[White socks](#)  
[Black ballet shoes](#)

### Boys Tap

[Black shorts](#)  
[White socks](#)  
[Lycra Fitted Tee](#)  
[Boys Tap Shoes Black](#)



# Kit Links

## Creative Dance, Prep and Primary Ballet

### Girls

Creative Dance & Prep Classes

[Pink Leoskirt](#)

Primary Classes

[Black Leoskirt](#)

Ballet Shoes Links

[Basic Leather Ballet Shoes](#)

[Quality Leather Ballet Shoes](#)

[Flexi Leather \(Intermediate\) Ballet Shoes](#)

Tights Links

[Pink Ballet Tights Value](#)

[Convertible Pink Ballet Tights Value](#)

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[Black Footless Tights for Tap](#)

Tap Shoes Links

[Black Laced Tap Shoes](#)

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[Black Glittery/Sparkly Tap Shoes](#)

[Black Buckle Tap Shoes](#)

Optional Items Links

[Pink \(Creative/Prep\) or Black](#)

[\(Primary\) Ballet Cardigan](#)

[Pink \(Creative/Prep\) or Black](#)

[\(Primary\) Cotton Wrap](#)

[Headband](#)

[Legwarmers](#)

### Boys

[Ballet White Leotard](#)

[Black shorts](#) or [Black Stirrup Hose](#)

[White socks](#)

[Black ballet shoes](#)

Boys Tap

[Black shorts](#)

[White socks](#)

[Lycra Fitted Tee](#) or [Elevations Tee](#)

[Boys Tap Shoes Black](#)



# Class Descriptions

## Ballet

Our children's Ballet classes focus on building a strong technical foundation and fostering a love for dance. With engaging instruction, students progress from basics to advanced techniques. The curriculum, based on IDTA and RAD syllabi, includes mime and storytelling, encouraging creativity. Young dancers develop discipline, confidence, and a passion for ballet.

## Acro

Our Acro dance classes combine dance fluidity with acrobatic strength and flexibility. Dancers will learn skills like cartwheels, handstands, bridges, and walkovers, all seamlessly integrated into routines. Perfect for building control, balance, and confidence, acro supports all dance styles, especially for those who love to flip and impress! With safe progressions and supportive instruction, let's tumble into the fun!

## Street Dance

Street dance is all about energy, expression, and having fun! Born from hip hop culture, it includes cool, freestyle-inspired moves like you see in music videos and online. You will learn fun, easy-to-follow routines to the latest chart music, build confidence, and develop style—all in a friendly, supportive space. No experience needed—just lots of enthusiasm!

## Creative Dance

Our Creative Dance class for 3-4-year-olds blends the elegance of basic ballet with lively modern music and engaging activities. Tailored to capture young imaginations, this class encourages children to explore movement, rhythm, and self-expression in a playful setting, fostering both confidence and creativity.

## Contemporary

Our Contemporary dance classes, reflective the latest trends seen on popular talent TV show programmes. The classes seamlessly integrate elements of modern, ballet, and jazz to offer a versatile and expressive dance style. Students will engage in fluid movements, floor work, and improvisation, which will enhance their technique, creativity, and emotional expression.

## Tap

Our Tap dance classes offer an energetic and fun way for students to develop rhythm, coordination, and musicality. Through a blend of traditional and contemporary tap techniques, students learn to create intricate patterns and sounds with their feet. Classes are designed to be engaging and supportive, allowing dancers of all levels to progress and enjoy the dynamic world of tap dance.

## Musical Theatre

Our Musical Theatre classes combine singing, dancing, and acting to bring the magic of West-End to life. Students will develop their performance skills through dynamic choreography, vocal training, and scene work from popular musicals. These classes offer a supportive and fun environment for aspiring performers to build confidence, creativity, and stage presence.

## Jazz

Inspired by the high-energy style of Broadway and the West End, dancers will master strong jazz techniques like kicks, leaps, spins, and expressive choreography seen in musical theatre. This vibrant style is also taught in our Triple Threat Musical Theatre classes. Whether you dream of the spotlight or just love to move, this class offers show-stopping fun!



# How to Book

## STOMPERS: Pre-School Dance

Bookings can be made via our designated booking platform:

[Click here to book](#)

Payment is required at the time of booking and applies to either a trial class or a half-term block. STOMPERS participants are exempt from the annual membership fee.

## Adult Classes

Bookings can be made via our designated booking platform:

[Click here to book](#)

Payment is required at the time of booking and applies to either a trial class or a half-term block. Adult participants are exempt from the annual membership fee.

## Waiting Lists

[Join the waiting list \(new students only\)](#)

If you are a new student and would like to join the waiting list for a class that is currently full, please complete the form above. In the "Notes" section, include the following information:

**WAITING LIST: followed by the class name, day, time, and subject.**

**Please be as specific as possible.**

If you are a continuing student and we already have your details on file, you do not need to complete the form.

Instead, simply email us with the class details you'd like to be added to, and we will take care of it for you.

## New Students

If your child is new to Elevations, please follow the steps below:

Review the current class timetable.

Fill out a [class request form](#).

If a place is available, we will send you a registration form. A £20 holding fee is required at the time of registration.

Please note: If, after the first class, you decide not to continue, please notify us via email. We will refund the holding fee minus the cost of the trial session.

If your child continues with the class, the full term's invoice will be issued (inclusive of the £20 membership fee), with the holding fee deducted from the total balance.

# Fees & Membership

We offer the option to pay for a trial class without committing to the term until you have established suitability.

Classes are invoiced termly.

- 30 min classes : £5.00
- 45 min classes: £6.50
- 50/55/60 min classes: £7.00

There is an annual membership fee of £20 payable.

**NEW FOR 2025:** You will receive a t-shirt as part of membership which you must wear as uniform (or must be worn over the top of leotards for arrival, warm-up and exit). The t-shirt must always be worn when attending Elevations events.





# Contact Us & Policies

[info@elevationsleeds.com](mailto:info@elevationsleeds.com)

[Contact Form](#)

You can find all of our [policies here](#).

