

Welcome to the Amy Greaves School of Dance

"Creating memories for dancers"



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Welcome

“At our dance school we are dedicated to nurturing every individual’s potential, building confidence through movement, fostering progression in skills, igniting passion and nurturing creativity in every dancer, creating a supportive environment where dreams take centre stage”

Core Values:

Nurturing
Confidence
Progression
Passion
Expression

Meet Our Team



Amy - Owner & founder

Meet Amy, the passionate force behind our dance school. Amy's journey in dance began at the age of seven, igniting a lifelong love for movement and performance. She immersed herself in all theatre subjects, honing her skills and nurturing her talent. Driven by her dedication to dance, Amy pursued formal training and became a qualified dance teacher in the IDTA syllabus. Her thirst for knowledge led her to attain a BA Honours degree in Dance and Performance from Wolverhampton University. Amy's expertise extends beyond the dance floor. As a trained secondary school teacher, yoga instructor, and level one counsellor, she brings a holistic approach to her teaching and mentorship. With a rich performance background that includes iconic venues like Disneyland and the Royal Albert Hall, Amy's artistry shines through her work. She's been featured on BBC and entrusted as the choreographer for the esteemed Lighthouse Project.

For over 17 years, Amy has led her dance school with passion and vision. Under her guidance, the school has flourished, gracing prestigious stages such as Blackpool Tower and Sadler's Wells Theatre. Amy's philosophy is simple yet profound: dance is for everyone. Her classes strive to cultivate a nurturing environment where students of all ages and abilities can thrive and excel. Join us and experience the joy of dance with Amy's expert guidance and unwavering enthusiasm.



Dakota - Teacher

Dakota is a vibrant member of our dance community who has been dancing with Amy since the age of 10. For Dakota, dance isn't just about the steps it is about the connections forged on the dance floor. One of her greatest joys in dance is making new friends and building lasting relationships with her friends.

With a passion for movement and performance, Dakota has participated in numerous shows and exams, showcasing her talent and dedication. But beyond her own achievements, Dakota finds fulfilment in helping others succeed and takes pride in mentoring younger dancers, sharing the knowledge and skills she has acquired over the years to help them grow and thrive.

Dakota firmly believes that teaching is a two-way street by helping others progress, she continues to evolve and develop as a dancer herself. Her commitment to both her own growth and the success of her peers exemplifies the spirit of camaraderie and support that defines our dance community.



Ellis-Jay - Teacher

Ellis-Jay is a dedicated dancer whose journey in the world of dance began at the tender age of four. Over the years Ellis-Jay has explored a wide range of dance styles, immersing herself in the beauty and expression of movement. Her passion for dance has led her to participate in numerous in-house dance shows and festivals performances, where she has not only showcased her talent but also blossomed into a confident and assured performer.

Ellis-Jay's journey doesn't stop at dancer herself, she finds immense joy in teaching and nurturing the next generation of dancers. With a warm heart and patient demeanour, she delights in supporting young children as they discover the magic of dance. For Ellis-Jay teaching is not just a job it is an opportunity to inspire, guide and grow alongside her students. She is grateful for the chance to develop as a teacher and looks forward to continuing her journey of sharing the joy of dance with others.



Becky - Teacher & Admin/Customer service support

Introducing Becky, a dynamic presence at our dance school with a wealth of experience in the world of dance. Becky's journey began at the age of six when she immersed herself in the world of freestyle dance. Her natural talent and dedication propelled her to compete at a national level, earning her the prestigious champ status. Driven by her passion for dance, Becky expanded her horizons by studying ballet and contemporary dance at Kiddminster College. She further honed her skills and knowledge by completing a degree in professional dance development at Worcester University.

Becky's journey in dance has taken her to numerous stages, where she has mesmerized audiences with her artistry and skill. In addition to her performances, Becky has also lent her expertise to various dance schools and choreographers, sharing her passion and knowledge with aspiring dancers. With her diverse background and unwavering dedication, Becky brings a unique perspective and energy to our dance community. Join us and be inspired by Becky's talent, creativity, and commitment to the art of dance.

Meet Our Team continued



Olivia- Teaching Assistant

Meet Olivia, a dedicated member of the Amy Greaves School of Dance, who began her journey with the school at just four years old.

Her passion has led her to participate in various shows, exams, and eventually teaching. Olivia derives immense joy from teaching and helping younger students, enabling them to reach their full potential as dancers.

She believes that everyone has the ability to excel as dancers and performers. Olivia hopes to inspire and guide younger students on their journey, promoting the values taught to all members of the Amy Greaves School of Dance: dedication, kindness, and resilience.



Willow- Teaching Assistant

This is Willow. She has been dancing at AGSOD since she was two years old. Her favorite lessons are ballet and rock 'n' roll, and she loves participating in shows and performances. For Willow, dance isn't just about moving to music; it's about the people she meets along her dance journey and her passion for performing.

Willow enjoys helping out in the younger acro class, remembering what it was like to be that age and loving the opportunity to assist others. She has made many friends during her time at dance.



Rebecca - Teacher

Rebecca has been an actor, writer, director and teacher/facilitator for 18 years following graduation from The Birmingham Theatre School. During this time she has worked in touring theatre, created an award winning one woman show and played characters at venues such as Warwick Castle and Blenheim palace.

She has taught drama and singing for PQA and Fame performing arts schools and Blue Orange Youth Theatre. She is also an associate artist for Stans Cafe theatre company and a Project Manager for The Play House, working extensively in schools for over a decade.

Whilst acting jobs are few and far between these days whilst being a Mummy she loves teaching young people and helping them find creativity, passion and confidence. Rebecca saw Cats in the West End for her 7th Birthday and she's been musicals obsessed since. She's so excited to be part of Amy Greaves School of Dance.



Maddie - Teacher

Introducing Maddie! Maddie has been dancing for over ten years now, participating in countless shows and exams. She has a special love for contemporary as it provides the best opportunity to tell a story, connect to the audience and invoke emotion which is what she believes dance is all about. Her favourite thing in the world is being on stage, she is very excited to be joining the team and hopes to encourage passion for dance and a deep love for performance.

She has been a student of aerial silks and hoop for almost four years and believes the challenge of it is extremely rewarding and connects well to dance by increasing flexibility, strength and allowing more room for varied expression. She is so excited to teach these skills to younger students and hopes that they too experience an increase in confidence, develop a profound love for the circus and most of all, she hopes that her students have fun - after all, that's what circus is all about.

Timetable

Monday @ The Ark Alvechurch

4-5pm Diddy & Junior Dance cirque

5-6pm Senior & advanced Dance cirque

Tuesdays @ Hopwood Village Hall

4:15pm - 5pm Diddy Ballet and Commercial Jazz with
Becky

5pm - 6pm Diddy & Junior Musical Theatre with Becky &
Rebecca

6pm - 6:45pm Junior Ballet and Commercial Jazz with
Becky

6:45pm - 7:30pm Adult and Teen Jazz Heels

Wednesdays @ Alvechurch Village Hall

11:15am - 11:45am Acro Tots

11:45am - 12:15pm Adult & toddler

Express stretch

Thursdays @ St Annes Church West Heath

4:15pm - 5pm Acro Dance with Ellis Jay

5pm Rock n Roll

5:30pm Stretch and Flex

6pm Advanced Dance

7pm Pointe Work

7:30pm Advanced Ballet

8pm Advanced Tap

Saturdays @ Hopwood Village Hall

8:25am - 8:55am Parent & toddler class

9am - 9:30am Diddy Ballet & Tap

9:35am - 10:05am Diddy Commercial

10:05am - 10:35am Diddy Acro & Cheer

10:45am - 11:15am Junior Ballet & Tap

11:15am - 11:45am Junior Commercial

11:45am - 12:15pm Junior Acro & Cheer

12:15pm - 12:45pm Contemporary

12:45pm - 1:15pm Senior Tap

1:45pm - 2:15pm Senior Ballet

2:15pm - 2:45pm Senior Commercial

2:45pm - 3:15pm Senior Musical Theatre

Class cost

New members have the option of a two week trial for £15, Half an hour: £4.30, Three-quarters of an hour: £6.50, One hour class: £8.30, 1hr dance cirque class £10. Classes are paid for via direct debit, We will calculate the total cost of the classes your child takes for the year and spread it across 12 monthly payments. This means you will pay a consistent monthly fee, making it easier to budget and track payments. We will obviously deduct the days that there are no classes on.

There are no refunds if a class is missed, if the school cancel a class you will be credited for your classes.

If you do need to change a class, drop a class or leave the dance school a 4 week notice period is required, otherwise you will be invoiced for the next half term. The dance schools payment policy can be found on the school website.



Uniform

Parent & Toddler - No uniform is required although is recommended that your toddler wears ballet shoes

Boys - AGSOD boys t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms, black jazz shoes.

Diddy Dance -

Ballet and Tap

- Lilac leotard with attached skirt
- Lilac crossover cardigan
- White ballet socks
- Pink full sole ballet shoes
- Black low heel tap shoes



Commercial & Acro/Cheer

- AGSOD t-shirt
- Plain black leggings
- Black pull on jazz shoes

Hair: Ballet bun or braids

Juniors -

Ballet and Tap

- Black plain leotard
- Plain black leggings
- Black ballet socks
- Pink split sole ballet shoes
- Black low heel tap shoes



Commercial & Acro/Cheer

- AGSOD t-shirt
- Plain black leggings
- Black pull on jazz shoes

Hair: Ballet bun or braids

Seniors & Advanced -

Option 1: AGSOD t-shirt, plain black leggings

Option 2: Black leotard, plain black leggings

Shoes

(Depending on which class you take)

Split sole ballet shoes in pink

Teletone tap shoes Westend style or normal style

Split sole jazz shoes

Hair: tied back off face



Dancers Journey



Toddler Class

Dancers can start their journey into dance in our toddler class, this is where confidence grows.

Toddlers take part in our class recitals



Diddy Class

Diddy dancers can take a variety of classes on either Saturdays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. Diddy dancers also have recitals and performance opportunities.

Diddy dancers can also take part in exams.



Junior Class

Juniors have the same opportunities as diddy dancers however can be included in some senior classes alongside performance and exam opportunities



Senior & Advanced

Senior and Advanced dancers have a wide range of classes including Pointe Work, alongside being able to take part in school trips (example: London), performing at dance conventions alongside exams

Exams & Shows

We have achievement awards with the i-PATH examination body. These are taken in all styles and the required preparation and information will be given to each student. These are not compulsory.

Throughout the year the school hold recitals for parents & guardians to showcase what we have been working on in class. This is also a great opportunity for students to gain confidence for shows.

We have previously held summer and winter shows at some incredible venues to showcase our school and its talents. We will continue to work on putting on fantastic shows for students to participate in, this years show information can be found in our structure and focus page.

Alongside awards and shows, we also provide opportunities for students to perform at venues such a Blackpool tower and take trips to London to participate in workshops and see west end shows.

Students will also have the opportunity to receive in class 'dancer of the week' & WOW cards to highlight achievements. Report cards are also given out to highlight progress during the academic year.



Keeping in touch

Every month we send out newsletters with updates on the dance school, sharing news on dancer progress, information on social events within the dance school & other useful information for dancers. Alongside our newsletters we update our social media platforms with exciting content. When signing up you will have chosen your social media consent, if this changes please let us know so we can make the relevant amendments.



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Amy Greaves School of Dance
We also have a parent only page on facebook :
AGSOD parent group

Check out our podcast, on instagram please follow @danc.podcast this will highlight topics within dance and tips and guidance for dancers and parents!

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Payment Policy



We are so excited to announce we will be moving our class bookings onto a new system from September! This will make payments easier for you. We will calculate the total cost of the classes your child takes for the year and spread it across 12 monthly payments. This means you will pay a consistent monthly fee, making it easier to budget and track payments. We will obviously deduct the days that there are no classes on. This will be so much more convenient for you and our school, as we collect fees automatically via subscription.

Payments will be automatically taken online from your bank account on the 1st of each month through GoCardless. You will receive details on how to sign up for a GoCardless account at the beginning of August and will have one month to complete your registration. Please ensure funds are available on the 1st of each month to cover the cost of your child's classes.

If you need to cancel your child's classes, a one-month notice period is required. For example, to cancel classes starting in December, you must inform us by November 1st. If a payment fails on the 1st of the month, a second attempt will be made a few days later. After a third failed attempt, a £5 admin fee will be added to your monthly bill. If the payment still fails, unfortunately, your child will not be able to participate in classes until the payment is resolved.

Remember we will take payment every month even in August when there are no classes, as the class payment is split across 12 months.

FAQs

Ages for classes

Classes are broken down in the different age groups, information of the timetable for the different ages can be found on the school website.

- Parent & Toddler
- Diddy Dance for Reception, YR1 & YR2
- Juniors for YR3, YR4 & YR5
- Seniors for YR6, YR7, YR8 & YR9 (Depending on dance background)
- Advanced YR9 onwards
- Adult 18+

Class cost

New members have the option of a two week trial for £15, you can take as many classes as you like during this trial. After this classes are £4.30 per half, £6.50 45mins and hour and £8.30 per hour. There are no refunds if a class is missed, if the school cancel a class you will be credited for your classes.

If you do need to change a class, drop a class or leave the dance school a 4 week notice period is required, otherwise you will be invoiced for the next half term. The dance schools payment policy can be found on the school website.

Parking

St Annes have a car park to use free of charge

Hopwood village hall, this car park is not in use of a Saturday due to the volume of traffic we have coming to the dance school, however the Westmead hotel which is a 1 minute walk away from the village hall has a large park for us to use

Parking can be limited outside Alvechurch village hall, but the village car park is a 1 minute walk away from the village hall and is located on Tanyard lane



Structure & Focus

2024-2025

Main focus: The Big Show

Term 1 & 2: Winter Recitals

Term 3 & 4: Report cards. Social events to engage dancers in the arts.

Term 5 & 6: The Big Summer Show

More information about the above can be found on the school calendar and each event will always have an information pack for it prior to the event.

Safe Guarding

Amy Prior: Safeguard lead

If you have any concerns about a child's safety, please contact Amy immediately on 07979408997

Or

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000 / Police 999

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility!





Thursday Class Venue

**St Anne's Parish Church
Lilley Ln, Birmingham B31 3JT**

Saturday & Tuesday Class Venue

**Hopwood Village Hall
Birmingham Road
Hopwood
B48 7AL**

**Wednesday Venue
Alvechurch Village Hall
10 Bear Hill, Alvechurch, Birmingham B48
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