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ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

PROSPECTUS

September 2026



**Launching
September 2026**

**BTEC Level 3
Extended Diploma
in Performing Arts
Practice (Dance)**

**Industry-led
training,
combined with
holistic support
to help every
student thrive**

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*A professional, welcoming space
where creativity flourishes and
every student feels at home.*

Welcome

Welcome to Ignite Academy of Performing Arts (IAPA) - a place where young people are encouraged to grow, create, and step confidently into their future.

At IAPA, every student is supported to discover their strengths, embrace challenges, and develop as both artists and individuals. Our personalised course blends professional-standard training in performing arts with dedicated wellbeing and personal development support.

As part of Hallie's Legacy CIC, IAPA embodies Hallie's vision of creativity, compassion, and community. We are committed to providing opportunities where young people can thrive through the arts - developing not only their talent, but their confidence, wellbeing, and sense of belonging.

"I'm proud to lead an academy dedicated to nurturing confident, capable, and creative individuals who thrive both artistically and personally."

Emma Colquhoun
Principal





■ *Your journey starts here -
take the first step towards
your creative potential.*



Our Vision and Values

Our Vision

To empower young performers to grow into confident, creative, and compassionate artists who make a positive impact in the world.

Our Core Values

Creativity

Celebrate imagination, individuality, and artistic exploration

Excellence

Deliver professional-standard training and high achievement

Community

Build an inclusive, welcoming environment where every student belongs

Wellbeing

Holistic - nurturing mental, emotional, and physical health

Location and Facilities

From early 2026, Ignite opens its newly renovated, purpose-built home in the heart of Corby, Northamptonshire (Midlands).

A bright space designed to inspire creativity, collaboration, and community for young performers.



*Rooted in
community
and connected
to opportunity.*

Space

Three fully-equipped, air conditioned studios

Sanctuary Dedicated classroom and wellbeing spaces for learning and reflection

Home-from-Home

Changing rooms, kitchen/dining area, offices, reception, and chill out zones

Accessibility

Full accessibility throughout all spaces, ensuring inclusivity for all students

Connections

10-minute walk from Corby Train Station and close to town centre.

1 hour direct train to London, The hub of the UK's entertainment industry.

■ Life at IAPA

Life at IAPA is dynamic, supportive, and full of creative energy. Students receive professional training beyond the studio, developing artistry, resilience, and confidence through every experience.

Industry-Led Training

Expert tuition to develop professional-standard skills.

Accelerated Dance Pathway

Intensive, focused training designed to fast-track technique, versatility, and performance readiness.

Dance Showcases & Event Performances

Immersive experiences that bring students closer to the professional stage.

Holistic Wellbeing Support

Fostering confidence, resilience, and personal growth alongside artistic development.

Mentorship From Industry Professionals

Personalised guidance to inspire, challenge, and empower every student.



*Create, perform, and grow.
Experience a journey that
develops confidence and
passion for performance.*

Why choose IAPA?

IAPA is dedicated to nurturing versatile, confident, and resilient performers.



Tailored Training

Nurturing each student's unique strengths, passions, and career goals, ensuring every performer reaches their full potential.



Dedicated Wellbeing Support

Providing guidance, care, and balance to help every student thrive both on and off the stage.

A Strong Sense of Belonging

Where every student is supported, valued, and empowered to reach their potential.



Next Steps

Opening doors to advanced opportunities, industry connections, and the next stage in each student's performing arts journey.

*IAPA - developing
confidence, versatility, and
industry-ready skills.*



*Nurturing talent,
inspiring ambition,
and celebrating
achievement.*

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice (Dance)

(Equivalent to 3 A levels)

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice is a full-time, two-year vocational programme designed for students aged 16+ who aspire to build a professional career in the performing arts industry.

Learners will develop a strong foundation in dance technique, performance skills, and stylistic versatility across multiple genres, taught by specialist tutors and experienced industry professionals.

By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the skills, experience, and confidence to progress into higher education, conservatoires, or professional careers within the creative industries.

*Develop your skills, discover your
artistry, and define your future.*



BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice: Dance Pathway

Assessment & Performance

Assessment is 100% coursework-based, designed to reflect real industry practice.

Students are assessed through:

- Practical performances and showcases
- Choreographic and devised projects
- Rehearsal observation and feedback
- Reflective journals and written evaluations
- Research and creative process portfolios

Typical Week

Monday–Thursday, 8:30am–3:30pm with optional Friday workshops

Six daily classes across various styles, balanced with rest and wellbeing

Regular opportunities to perform and collaborate

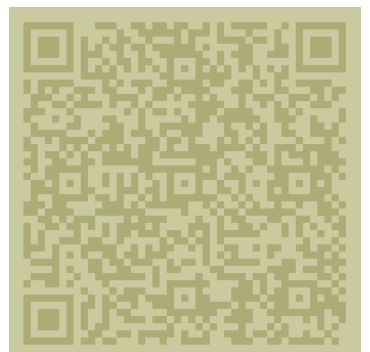
How to Apply

Joining IAPA is your first step towards a professional performing arts career.

Application Process

Complete the online application form on our website, simply scan the QR code below.

Applications are reviewed personally, with guidance on the next steps and audition details



Scan me!

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Audition Day

- Auditions give you the chance to experience life at IAPA and showcase your potential.
- Technique classes in Ballet, Jazz, and Commercial.
- 1:1 interview to discuss goals, interests, and how IAPA can support you and your journey.

Audition Tips

- Show passion, commitment, and individuality.
- Listen to feedback and apply it during the session.
- Ask questions during your interview to share your ambitions.

Be brave, be yourself, and let your passion shine. This is where your performing arts journey begins.

Meet the Team

Leadership:

Emma Colquhoun

Principal/Director

A compassionate and visionary leader dedicated to continuing Hallie's Legacy through exceptional performing arts education. With over a decade of safeguarding experience as a midwife, Emma leads with empathy, integrity, and purpose - inspiring a culture of care, creativity, and ambition at Ignite Academy.



"I dance because it's something I've always been passionate about. It allows me to express myself and share the love I have for dance."

Hallie Mae Colquhoun

Meet the Team

Course Leaders & Tutors

Joshua-Samuel Freeman

A dynamic performer, teacher, and choreographer with experience across stage and screen. An Urdang graduate currently completing his MA at Rambert School, Josh inspires excellence through creativity, passion, and professionalism, empowering students to train with purpose and confidence.



Lucia Lawerence

A dedicated performer, teacher, and mentor, whose passion for dance inspires confidence, individuality, and artistry. A graduate of Addict Dance Academy (First Class BA Hons), Lucia nurtures each student's potential through engaging, professional-led training and a genuine love for the performing arts.



Guest Teachers

Students benefit from weekly masterclasses with industry professionals, bringing authentic industry experience directly into their training.

Meet the Team

Student Experience & Wellbeing Team

Lara Dorothy

Bringing energy, empathy, and enthusiasm, Lara supports students throughout their journey. Passionate about performing arts and student success, Lara helps make every day at Ignite inspiring and inclusive.



Selena Burt

With a strong teaching background, Selena combines creativity and compassion to help every learner thrive. Working closely with the faculty, she ensures students feel supported, valued, and confident throughout their journey.



Amber Ferdous-White

Dedicated and detail-oriented, Amber provides essential support to both staff and students, ensuring a smooth and onboarding experience. Amber's professionalism and care create an environment of creativity and growth for all.



Meet the Team

Board Members

Wendy Crooks

Board Member / Head of Finance and Governance

Oversees financial strategy and governance, ensuring the academy operates with integrity while delivering opportunities for students.



Laura Morrison

Director / Board Member

Guides the academy's development, fostering excellence, innovation, and opportunity in performing arts education.



Clare Delargy

Director / Board Member

Ensures IAPA remains a safe, inspiring, and forward-thinking environment for students.



Kerry Robb

Director / Board Member

Provides expert guidance to shape the academy's development with excellence and innovation.



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potential.*

Meet the Team



Where talent is nurtured, confidence grows, and futures are shaped.

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