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**NEXT STEPS**  
CAT AUDITION TOOLKIT 2020

## We will cover:

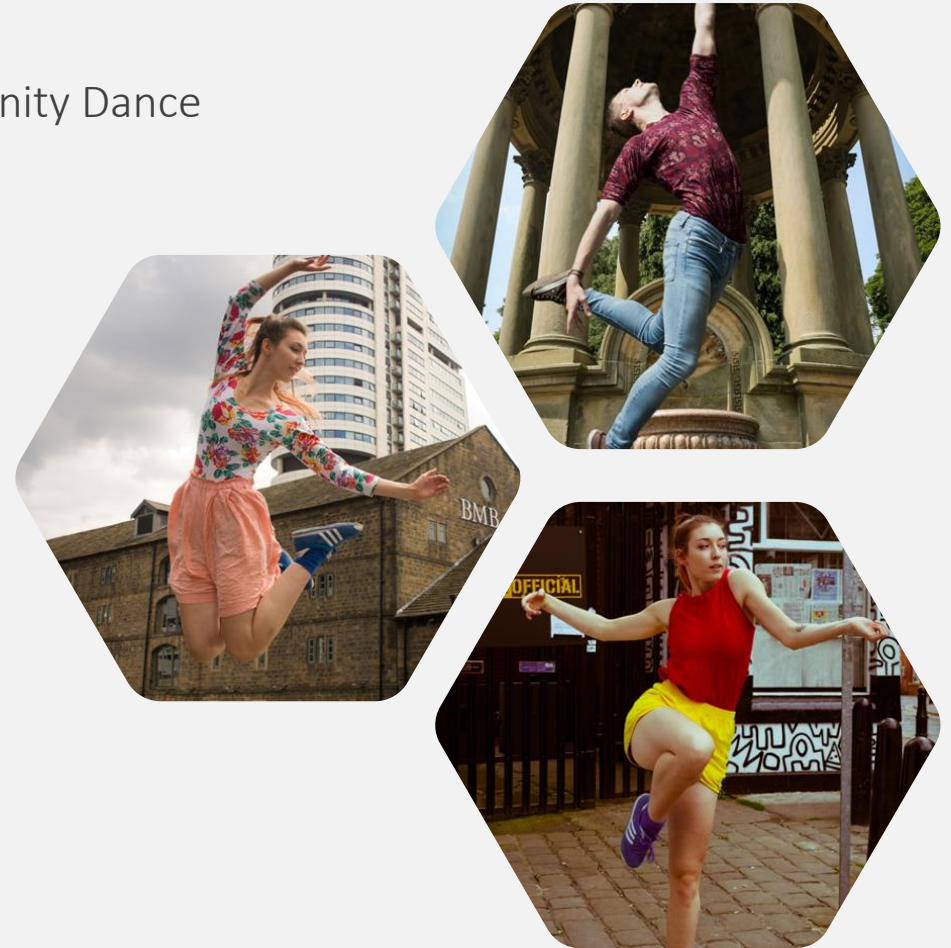
- Careers in dance
- Where can I study?
- The difference between University and Vocational/Conservatoire training
- How to apply
- How to write a personal statement
- Fee Waivers
- CAT Audition Toolkit Information





# What jobs are there in Dance?

- Performer
- Choreographer
- Dance Teaching - Schools sector / Private Dance Schools / Community Dance Practitioner / Dance Lecturer or Academic Researcher
- Dance Project Co-ordinator or Administrator
- Dance/Arts Officer
- Lighting Designer/Technical Production
- Costume / Set Designer
- Dance Producer
- Dance Photographer / Film Maker / Journalist
- Composer for Dance
- Dance Scientist
- Dance Movement Therapist
- Physiotherapy / Osteopathy
- Health & Fitness e.g. Pilates, Yoga, Personal Trainer



# University

Undergraduate Degree Courses

E.g. Middlesex, Roehampton, Chichester

- A very wide range
- Some offer Dance as a single subject
- Some combined with another subject (Dance and Drama / Dance and Art)

You can search on the UCAS website:

<http://www.ucas.com/>

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# Performing Arts Vocational Training School

Often offer a wider range of dance styles, musical theatre focus, ballet focus...

- E.g. London Studio Centre,
- Bird College
- Laine Theatre Arts,
- Urdang Academy,
- Central School of Ballet,
- Arts Ed....

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# Conservatoires

Conservatoires UK is an umbrella organisation for 11 specialist music, performing arts and production arts conservatoires across the UK.

- Guildhall School of Music & Drama
- Leeds College of Music
- Royal Academy of Music
- Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
- Royal Central School of Speech & Drama
- Royal College of Music
- Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
- Royal Northern College of Music
- Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama
- Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance

The Conservatoire for Dance and Drama comprises 6 specialist schools delivering world-leading dance and drama education and vocational training in the performing arts.

- Bristol Old Vic Theatre School
- Central School of Ballet
- London Contemporary Dance School
- National Centre for Circus Arts
- Northern School of Contemporary Dance
- Rambert School



# What is the difference between University & Conservatoire?

## University

- Fee / loans
- Dance degree / joint dance degree
- Dance studios on a university campus
- 4-5 dance classes a week
- Meet people studying different subjects
- Normally would require further training for a career as a professional dancer
- Part time job

## Dance Conservatoire

- Fee / loans
- Dance degree
- Specialist dance facilities
- 3-4 dance classes a day
- Train 5 days a week
- Surrounded by people who are passionate about dance
- Contact with dance professionals
- Professional Dance Training





# Applying for Courses

Three main ways of applying:

- 1. UCAS (University courses)
- 2. UCAS Conservatoires (Trinity Laban)
- 3. Direct applications (The Place, Northern & Rambert / Performing Arts Schools such as Bird College, Urdang Academy)

- Apply early!
- Do your research for each institution
- Check what each application requires
- Check what each requires in terms of pre-requisite for grades  
e.g. Trinity Laban is 2 A levels at E or above
- Allow enough time before the deadlines!





# UCAS

For university courses e.g. Middlesex University

<https://www.ucas.com/>

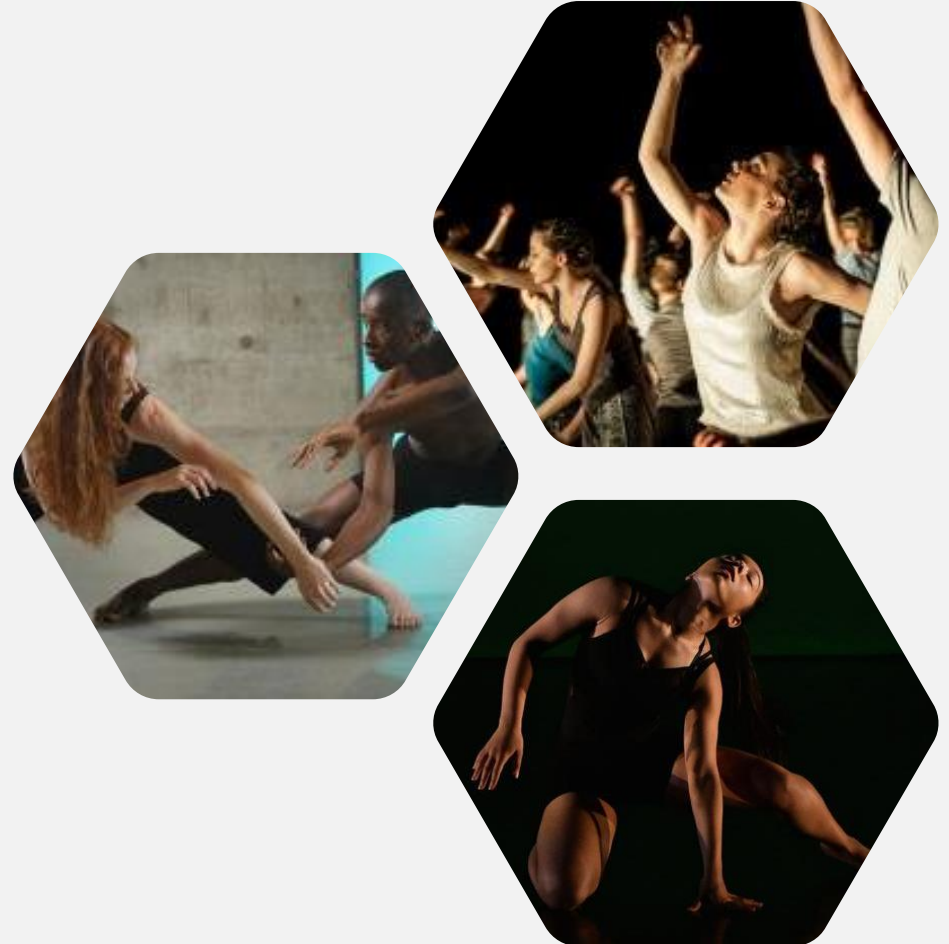
Applications are open

**DEADLINE: 15 January 2021 at 6pm**

## What needs to be done by these dates?

- You'll need to leave enough time to complete your application, resolve any queries and make sure it reaches us by the deadline.
- After you find courses and you're ready to apply, you will need to:
- Fill in your details, qualifications and course choices.
- Write a personal statement to demonstrate you'll be a good student.
- Include your reference and pay your application fee.
- The application fee is £20 if you're applying to just one course, or £26 for multiple courses.

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# TRINITY LABAN CONSERVATOIRE OF MUSIC & DANCE

- BA (Hons) Contemporary Dance
- BA (Hons) Contemporary Dance with Foundation Year
- BSc (Hons) Dance Science

UCAS Conservatoires (Conservatoire Code: T75)

Application Fee: £26 / Audition Fee: £50

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/conservatoires/ucas-conservatoires-apply-and-track>

Applications are now open. DEADLINE: 15 January 2021

Face to face auditions are hoped to resume in Feb 2021, with the option to submit audition videos instead via our online platform Embark. Full info tbc shortly.

How to Apply guidance here:

<https://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/study/how-to-apply/dance-applications#Application-process>

Dance Audition Tips:

[https://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/sites/default/files/dance\\_audition\\_tips\\_18.pdf](https://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/sites/default/files/dance_audition_tips_18.pdf)



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# Northern School of Contemporary Dance

- Cert HE Contemporary Dance
- Cert HE Cultural Dance Forms
- BA (Hons) Contemporary Dance

1. Audition Fee - £20.

2. CDD Audition Fee Waivers

Applications Open 12/10/2020

Applications deadlines

BA: 06/12/2020 closing date if wishing to audition 14/12/2020, otherwise 15/01/2021 for auditions week commencing 15/02/2021

CertHE: 21/03/2021 closing date with first auditions 29/03/2021 & 30/03/2021

Please note that the first-round audition is held by zoom and then shortlisted candidates are invited to site for a second-round audition (full details & list of dates available soon)

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- <http://www.lcds.ac.uk/apply-now>
- Audition fee is being abolished
- Deadline: February 2021 (exact date TBC)
- Applications open in October 2020 (exact date TBC)





Rambert School of Ballet & Contemporary Dance

<http://www.rambertschool.org.uk/courses/how-to-apply/>

Audition Fee: £50.00

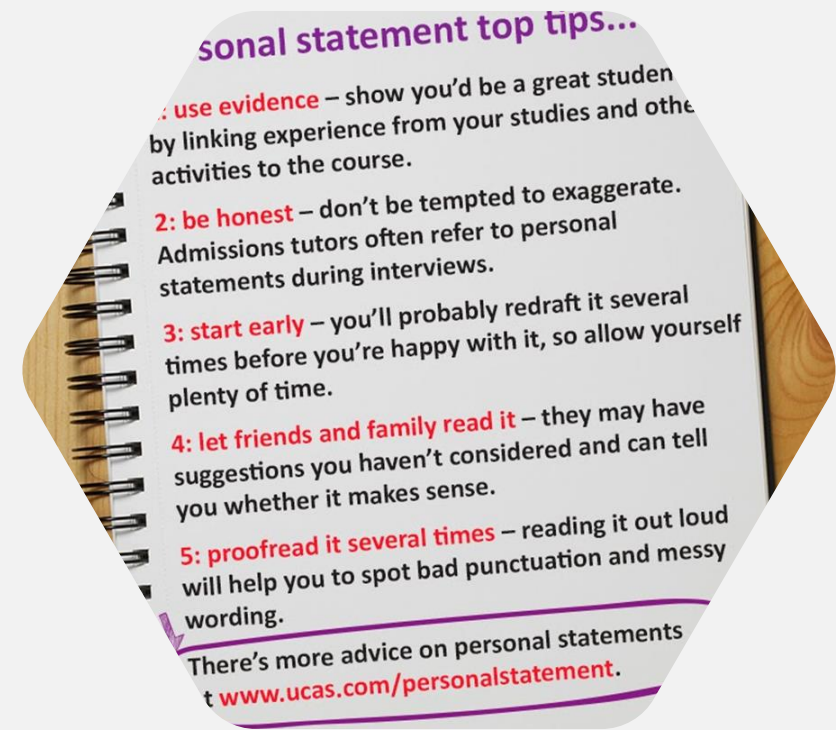
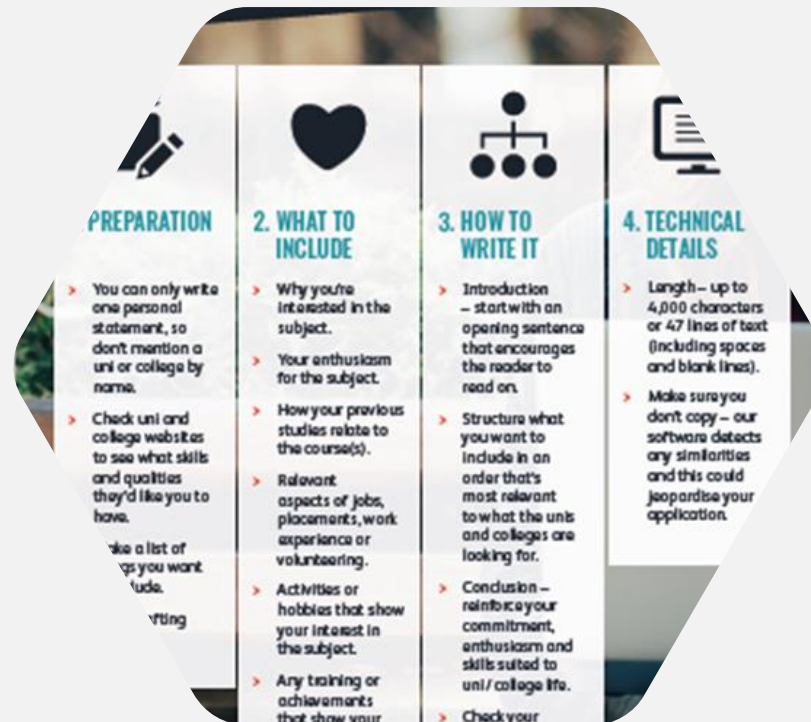
DEADLINE: TBC for 2021

Website notes that they are currently finalising their plans for 2021 and will provide more information



# Writing a personal statement

- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement>
- <https://www.ucas.com/connect/blogs/ten-places-get-personal-statement-pointers>



# Audition Fee Waivers

TRINITY LABAN Fee Waiver information:

<https://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/study/fees-and-finance/audition-fee-waivers>

You must still pay the £26 UCAS Conservatoires application fee

## Conservatoires for Dance and Drama Audition Fee Waiver

You must meet all of their essential criteria to be eligible for a free audition:

<http://www.cdd.ac.uk/students/how-to-apply/audition-and-interview-fee-waiver-scheme/>

Please note this can cover one audition for the following institutions:

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School

Central School of Ballet

London Contemporary Dance School

National Centre for Circus Arts

Northern School of Contemporary Dance

Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance

Northern School of Contemporary Dance <http://www.nscd.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Undergraduate-Audition-Fee-Waiver-Scheme.pdf>



# Audition Fee Waivers

What happens after I apply for a fee waiver?

Applications will be processed every four weeks (outcome dates are on the website)

How do I apply for a fee waiver?

You will be able to apply online from Friday 11 September 2020 via the link below: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/feewaiver2122/>

Paper forms and other formats are available on request. Please email [info@cdd.ac.uk](mailto:info@cdd.ac.uk) to request a copy.

Fee waivers will be awarded using a priority ranking according to the number of criteria they meet. Once your answers have been assessed, you will be contacted by the Conservatoire for Dance and Drama to confirm your result. Upon successful application, the relevant school will be notified and will waive your audition/interview fee. You should apply to the school as normal, without enclosing the fee. The Conservatoire will pay your fee directly to the school and you will not need to take any further action regarding this fee.





# CAT Audition Toolkit

- Introduce the schools
- Presentations about the Degree courses
- Sample audition classes at each
- A chance to meet staff
- A chance to ask questions

## Information Evenings:

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|-------------------------|----------|----------------|------|
| • Thursday 1st October  | 6–7.30pm | The Place      | Zoom |
| • Thursday 8th October  | 6–7.30pm | Trinity Laban  | Zoom |
| • Thursday 15th October | 6–7.30pm | NSCD           | Zoom |
| • Thursday 22nd October | 6–7.30pm | Student social | Zoom |

## Half term practical sessions:

- Wednesday 28th October Daytime TBC NSCD
- Thursday 29th October Daytime TBC Trinity Laban
- Friday 30th October Daytime TBC The Place



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Q & A