

A young girl with a floral crown is blowing glitter from her hands. The background is bright and out of focus. The text "Release the magic from inside" is written in a white, cursive font over the image.

*Release
the magic
from inside*

The logo for Harlequin Acorns features two cartoon acorn characters with faces, arms, and legs. One acorn is on the left, and one is on the right. There are three stars: one at the top right, one at the bottom left, and one at the bottom right. The text "HARLEQUIN ACORNS" is written in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font.

**HARLEQUIN
ACORNS**

Welcome:

Harlequin Acorns is a fabulous way to introduce your child to the love of dance.

Girls and Boys are welcome from age 2, there are classes available weekdays after school hour and Saturdays.

Harlequin Acorns is the perfect introduction to Harlequin Stage School. The students are taught under the incredibly careful teaching of Miss Lotte, Miss Emma, Miss Lianne and Miss Rebekah - Miss Paula [the principal of Harlequin Stage School] will regularly oversea classes and ensure a smooth transition into the junior school. Lessons are available in Ballet, modern, Acrobatic Arts and tap.

Meet the teachers:



Miss Paula - Principal



Miss Lianne



Miss Lotte



Miss Rebekah



Miss Emma

The ethos of Harlequin Stage School is to provide a happy, friendly, professional, disciplined and focused environment in which pupils will enjoy learning, are encouraged to explore rhythm and dance and be inspired to achieve results of the highest possible standards.



Timetable:

Saturday – Perdiswell Studio

Time	Studio 1	Studio 2	Studio 3
0915	Baby Ballet 2 & 3yrs		
0945	Baby Acrobatic Arts 2 & 3 yrs	Pre School & Reception Ballet	
1015		Pre School & Reception Acrobatic Arts	
1045		Pre School & Reception Modern	Year 1 & 2 Tap
1115	Primary 1 Tap	Year 1 & 2 Acrobatic Arts	Year 3+ Tap
1145	Primary 1 Acrobatic Arts	Year 1 & 2 Ballet	Year 3 Acrobatic Arts
1215	Primary 1 Ballet	Year 1 & 2 Modern	Year 3 Ballet
1245	Primary 1 Modern	Year 1 & 2 Musical Theatre	Year 3 Modern
1315	Primary Musical Theatre		Year 3 Musical Theatre

Monday – Perdiswell Studio

1600	Baby Ballet 2 & 3yrs	Pre School & Reception Ballet
1630	Year 1 & 2 Tap	Pre School & Reception Modern
1700		Year 1 & 2 Ballet
1045		Year 1 & 2 Modern

Tuesday – Perdiswell Studio

Time	Studio 1
1615	Primary Ballet
1645	Primary Modern

Friday – Perdiswell Studio

Time	Studio 1
1615	Primary Limbering & Stretching
1645	Primary Jazz

Fees:

Single Class Fee	£4.50	For classes booked and paid singularly.
Acorn / Primary 10 Class Bundle	£40.00	For a credit of 10 classes to be used as required. Live for 6 weeks from purchase date and can be used for sibling bookings in Acorn classes.
Acorn Pass	£90.00	Credit for 5 classes per week / 30 per half term
Primary Pass	£150.00	Unlimited Primary classes for Primary students for a six week half term
<p>Sibling discount is available and applied to the sibling attending the lower amount of classes. Both siblings must attend 2 or more classes to qualify for discount. Please ask admin for sibling quotes.</p>		

Age Groups Explained:

Children can start classes at Harlequin Stage School in ballet and Acrobatic arts at 2yrs. [Baby classes].

The academic school year before children go to school they enter Pre School classes and can attend ballet, modern and Acrobatic Arts. [Pre School Classes].

The academic school year that children attend school in reception they enter Reception classes and can attend ballet, modern tap and Acrobatic Arts. [Reception Classes].

When students reach Year 1 + they can attend Pink Bubble classes in ballet, modern, tap, acrobatic arts, musical theatre, Stretching & limbering and jazz.

Exams:

At the end of each Christmas term all Acorn students are invited to take their medal tests in ballet and modern. Teachers enter into the studio with the students in this exam.

Pre School – Bronze

Reception – Silver

Year 1 – Gold

Year 2 – Prelim Primary

These examinations are internal and give all students a great sense of achievement as they are awarded with a medal and certificate; parents are given some written feedback on a report and a graded result gives an indication as to how your son/daughter is progressing.



When each pupil is ready [this usually starts when children are Year 2+] they will be entered for external examinations where pupils need to learn a set syllabus and are examined by an external examiner. The students enter the exam room in specific sets and are not accompanied by a teacher.

Teachers at Harlequin Stage School are qualified to enter students into external examinations with BBO dance, Royal Academy of Dance, Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance and Acrobatic Arts.

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How do I book?

Following your free trial if you decide Harlequin is for you:

1. Download the Gymcatch App



Or use the website:

[Gymcatch | Book In-person, Live Virtual & On Demand Fitness](#)

2. Create a profile and add your payment card.
3. Search Harlequin Stage School in the search bar at the top under Providers.
4. Complete the Participation information ensuring you add your child as the participator.
5. Use the calendar or Whats on option to search classes and book using the pink BOOK bar, payments can be made using single payment, bundles or pass options.
6. You can book up to half a term in advance – please use the waiting list option if a class is full and we will advise you should a space become available.



Uniform:

Baby Ballet:

Pink Ballet dress, pink ballet socks, leather or satin ballet shoes with elastic

Acrobatic Arts:

Pink Ballet dress, bare feet



Pre School & Reception Ballet:

Lilac Ballet dress, pink ballet socks, leather or satin ballet shoes with elastic

Acrobatic Arts, Tap and Modern:

Harlequin Modern leotard, black shorts.

Black socks and tap shoes



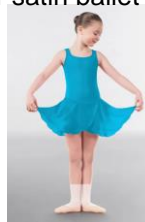
Year 1 & 2 Ballet:

Marine ballet dress with chiffon skirt, pink ballet socks, leather or satin ballet shoes with elastic

Acrobatic Arts, Tap and Modern:

Harlequin Modern leotard, black shorts.

Black socks and tap shoes



Year 3 / Primary Ballet

Lilac ballet dress with chiffon skirt, pink ballet socks, leather or satin ballet shoes with elastic

Acrobatic Arts, Tap & Modern

Custom trim Harlequin Leotard and shorts

Black socks & black tap shoes



All uniform is available from www.harlequinstageschool.com under the Shop section. The password for the shop is Harlequin.

Please ensure where possible hair is tied neatly off the face and any earrings worn for class are studs.

Frequently asked Questions:

When do I need to purchase uniform?

Uniform is not necessary for the first few weeks of joining Harlequin Acorns. Shorts and a t shirt and bare feet are fine for the first half term.

What arrangements have been made to facilitate COVID guidelines?

Students Year 1 and above are greeted and registered in at the door and taken to a changing area where a student teacher is there to assist, prior to the class time the students are taken down to line up outside the studio door with the student teacher. When the class finishes students are returned to their changing room with their student teacher and either helped to prepare for the next class or taken out to Reception where they are reunited with their parent/carer.

Students Reception and below: parents are permitted into the building and must wait in the allocated changing room where social distancing must be adhered to and mask must be worn by parents. Students will be returned to the waiting parents following the class by the student teachers.

All barres, door handles and props will be sanitised fully after use. Students will be encouraged to sanitise hands prior to entering and leaving class, hand holding will be discouraged. Classes sizes are limited as per COVID risk assessment advice for the room dimensions and ventilation.

Do I send a drink into class?

You can send drinks if students are participating in more than one class. Drinking on demand will not be encouraged throughout a 30 min class. Please ensure all drinks bottles are clearly named.

Can my son / daughter dance just for a hobby?

Of course, enjoyment and participation is the greatest part of dance classes, students are encouraged to explore their imagination and creativity. Shows are held regularly (where COVID allows!) where everyone that wants to take part can do so and we hold medal tests annually for all Pre School - Year 2 students in Ballet, modern, tap and Acrobatics Arts.

How does my son / daughter progress through Harlequin Stage School? All students move up each year in the same way as their academic school year. Usually around Year 2/3 Harlequin Acorns are progressed through into the Junior part of the school and will enter the external examinations, We hold 2 external ballet examinations sessions per year and one modern, tap and Acrobatic Arts. Students are entered when Miss Paula and team feel they have reached their full potential in that grade. Should any student decide they do not wish to take examinations no child is held back – they would simply move to the next grade with the rest of the class.

Do I pay for weeks we can't attend?

it is advisable to book online in advance as if the class is full - due to COVID regulations we cannot go over that number. If you can't attend, you can advise Harlequin reception and they could look to see if there is a suitable alternative class

you can be swapped onto during that same week but refunds will not be given and booked classes cannot be moved to the following week. Expired bundles cannot be reimbursed - a bundle consists of a 10-class bundle and needs to be used in a 6 week period. Passes are valid for a 6-week half term period.

How do I register?

If you Email: harlequinstageschool@hotmail.com, text or call: 07944736045 / 07525204015 or Perdiswell Studio 01905 451372 (Studio hours only) an initial free trial can be organised at your request.

What is the difference in classes?

Ballet is the basis of all dance disciplines. Harlequin Acorns is a wonderful introduction into the magical world of classical ballet for boys and girls from 2 years. Ballet is fun and creative and encourages children to express themselves through dance, music and imagination.

Modern is an excellent tool for developing confidence, self esteem, group concept and personal progress. Music used is usually upbeat and familiar to the students.

Acrobatic Arts is a unique blend of dance and gymnastic disciplines. Stunning moves from gymnastics are blended with steps and routines for a unique and modern approach to dance. Acrobatic Arts focusses on balance, limbering, tumbling, flexibility and strength – all based around the classical technique. This class is great to improve strength and flexibility and to learn a progressive syllabus that will enable safe tricks and tumbling.

Tap dance classes are fun. They involve creating sounds and rhythms with the feet. Tap is good for the brain.

Musical Theatre is singing, movement and drama. Students grow in confidence whilst learning basic singing techniques, presentation and projection, drama games and monologues.

Jazz is a fun class where different styles of dance are explored and new steps are introduced and perfected. Jazz classes should be attended in conjunction with limbering and stretching.

Limbering and Stretching is a class where all the muscles are stretched and warm ready for the jazz class that follows. Students are taught how to warm up their bodies and how to understand how their bodies work in dance.



