



Admissions Policy

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ASOPA Admissions Process

Adagio School of Performing Arts (ASOPA) is a selective school, with the aim to identify Classical Ballet and Performing Arts potential. The principles relied on in the selection of students for admission are designed to ensure the school will remain an outstanding provider of academic and vocational education. Applications for admission will be considered from parents and guardians who are in sympathy with the aims and ethos of the school and whose child will benefit from the blended academic and vocational curriculum of the school.

All applicants will be required to pass a Classical Ballet and Jazz assessment and complete assessments in English and Maths. Following the outcome of both vocational and academic results, invited applicants will attend an interview.

As a full time, vocational school, emphasis will be on the aptitude of any applicant and whether the demands of the training set out in the school's curriculum are beneficial for the individual. An offer of a place is within the 2010 Equalities Act and will not take into account factors such as applicants' ethnicity, religion, family circumstances, socio-economic grouping, gender etc.

Equal Treatment

The aim of ASOPA is to encourage applications from candidates with as diverse a range of backgrounds as possible. We believe that a diverse community helps Enrich, Educate, Empower and is vital for preparing pupils for the world of today. Scholarships and bursaries are offered in order to help those who meet the school's admissions criteria but are unable to meet the fee's set out by the school.

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As a school we will evaluate those with learning difficulties, and they will be completely considered alongside other candidates. Equal consideration will be made alongside other candidates at the decision of admissions. Parents will be asked to provide any relevant information before auditions and educational tests are held. Once admitted to the school all students will have full and equal access to the school's curriculum regardless of any learning or disabilities they may experience.

ASOPA Contract and Terms and Conditions.

At the point of entry ASOPA parents or guardians will sign a parent's contract. This represents a formal contract between both the school and the parents.

Contents of the contract are:

1. Once the admissions have been completed and the candidate is successful an offer of a place will be sent to the parents. Acceptance will need a non-refundable deposit to maintain the pupil's place.

2. Fee's will cover the termly curriculum costs and most stationery items. Extra charges are clearly set out and will include GCSE examination costs, school trips and medical insurance.
3. ASOPA accepts that there will be general wear and tear, but unnecessary damage will be invoiced and must be paid upon receipt.
4. Fees are due by the first day of each term and interest at 8% will incur if fees are not paid in a timely manner from the date of invoice. Should the unfortunate circumstances arise where financial difficulty has occurred parents are urged to speak to the school's bursar to help prevent interest charges rising and exclusion.
5. Notice period for ASOPA is a full term in writing date stamped. Failure to give the required amount of notice a terms fees will be charged in lieu.
6. Once admitted to ASOPA students are the school's highest priority and all pupils will have full and equal access to the full curriculum regardless of any disabilities or learning difficulties which they may experience.

Parent relationship

We firmly believe a supportive relationship between school and parents will help deal with any issues that may arise. When students join ASOPA, as a parent, you are invited to meet informally with the School's Principal, Bursar and Head of Education. We will always look to support your child and would expect in return the parent's support in respecting the school's values and procedures and fully support all their child's performance opportunities. Parents will be asked to sign a parent contract, outlining expectations in terms of communications, parental behaviour and complaints procedure. We expect all parents, and staff, to behave respectfully, in a non-abusive way, in all circumstances.

As part of a student's continual assessment parents will receive written reports and an annual consultation meeting.

As a parent if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress or wellbeing you can contact the school at any time and do not need to wait for the annual consultation meeting. We will also communicate any concerns we have back to parents and believe any issues be dealt with immediately to minimise their impact.

We would ask that the Directors of the school are kept informed of any developments at home that may affect attitude or behaviours, so we are best able to support the student. For safeguarding reasons, it is also important that the school be notified of any changes in circumstances such as address, contact details and telephone numbers.

Scholarship and Bursary Policy

Any scholarship or bursary awarded is subject to the highest standards of behaviour, attendance, punctuality and work in both vocational and academic studies. The school reserves the right to withdraw any award to a student who they feel is not contributing to standards required. The Director's decision on these matters is final.

Any scholarship or bursary awarded is for school fees only. It does not include uniform, examination fees, school trips, books, stationary, medical insurance or any other additional fees.

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