



Dear Headteacher / Head of PE

I am writing to invite your school to perform in a city-wide schools' dance initiative which is taking place at the Birmingham Hippodrome on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March 2020.

"Let's Dance" is a platform to showcase schools dance and physical activity for young people across the city.

City Academy Birmingham, part of the CORE Education Trust are the lead school in partnership with the Let's Dance team, our aim being to maximise the number of young people from State- funded Infant, Junior, Primary, Secondary and Special schools, FE Colleges and Universities engaged in dance and physical activity. With the Commonwealth Games coming to Birmingham in 2022 what better way to celebrate schools dance at one of the most prestigious and high-profile venues in Birmingham.

Each night 20 schools will perform one dance of their choosing for any age group/s with a maximum of 32 performers per school and the piece no longer than three/four minutes. To allow as many schools as possible to enter, each school will perform on one of the two nights.

Due to the availability of the Hippodrome we have only been able to secure 2 nights for 2020 but we hope to expand participation over the coming years to 4 nights thereby increasing participation and enabling 80 schools to enter. It will be a first come first served basis for schools entering.

There is no theme for the shows, you are free to choose any style of dance or a subject that fits in with your current curriculum.

There is a high-quality printed programme produced for each night which is sold for only £1 to parents/carers as a memento of the production. The programme will list all the performers and teachers names who are involved in the dance. Our aim is to fund this through advertising so if you know of any companies who might like to advertise/sponsor please let us know.

There is a small entry fee of £200 to help cover some of the administration costs and we ask that participating schools help us to market the event to parents/carers as ticket sales are vital to recover staff and Hippodrome costs. The deadline to enter is September 20th 2019.



We will be holding a meeting about the event on Wednesday 19th June 4.00pm here at City Academy. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about Let's Dance, ask questions and speak to Jo Wait the Event Organiser and myself. If you have any questions in the meantime please feel free to contact Jo and if you would like to attend the meeting please email Jo to confirm your attendance to give us an idea of numbers: Jo Wait 07866272711 jowait17@gmail.com

We are all very much looking forward to this event, Birmingham has a wealth of talented young people and we hope this will provide a memorable opportunity and inspire more children and young people to get involved in dance. Many of the key dance organisations in the city are excited about the event and we plan to engage as many partner organisations as possible to help schools who would like some support getting started with their dance piece. We will share more information about this at the meeting.

We do hope your school/group are able to take part.

Yours Sincerely

Karen Slater
Headteacher