

Audition Information

Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) in Contemporary Urban Dance

Arrival

The audition day starts at 9.30am so please arrive in time to register and then warm up for the first session. We do not need you to bring a photo or any references.

For the audition at NSCD parents are most welcome to stay in our foyer seating area throughout the day. The school café will be open and there is limited free parking on site with further free parking on the adjacent roads.

Clothing

Please wear clothing suitable for the urban sessions (i.e. tracksuit bottoms/shorts & t-shirt). Full length sleeves and leg wear/layers are advisable for creative and contemporary sessions, to allow for ease of movement in floor work. Footwear: Urban; trainers / Contemporary and Ballet; bare feet or socks.

The Audition

You will be given the opportunity to demonstrate your skills and abilities through:

Stage 1: All Candidates (9.30am-2.30pm)

- **Creative/Improvisation/Ice-breaker session**
- **Dance technique classes** (Urban styles fusion class, Contemporary and Ballet)

Lunch break

- **Presentation of your pre-prepared solo** (maximum of 1½ minutes duration). This should include elements of urban dance and preferably be your own choreography. If music is used, a CD, iPod or phone should be brought to the audition (we recommend using 2 of these formats so that you have a back-up). If you use a CD-R please ensure you burn it as an Audio File and finalize the disc, otherwise it will not play on the NSCD CD players (files stored as 'data' will not work either).

At the end of Stage 1 the audition panel will inform candidates if they have been selected to stay for Stage 2 of the audition.

Stage 2: Shortlisted Candidates only (2.45pm to approx. 5pm)

- **Creative task / improv 'mash-up'**
- **Group discussion** based around excerpts of filmed performance shown in the session.

Stage 3: Final Shortlist Candidates only (post audition)

Approximately 1 week after the audition day, all candidates who were shortlisted for stage 2 will be notified by email to inform them if they have reached our final shortlist. Those who have reached the final shortlist will be provided with details about a short reflective written task, in relation to the audition, to be submitted online within 1 week from the notification.