

## NEW DANCE OPPORTUNITY

Next season, we are setting our sights on a brand-new opportunity for the dancers in our academy. We are intending on entering the qualifying rounds for the Dance World Cup 2023 which is considered the Olympics of dance.

### About the Dance World Cup

The Dance World Cup is the largest all-genre international dance competition for children and young adults in the world. Each year over 20,000 dancers from 62 countries compete at their country's qualifier for a coveted space to compete at the World finals. Each year the World finals are held in a different country at the most spectacular venues. It will be announced at the end of this year's competition where 2023 will be held.

### Competition dates & prices

The competition is always held during the last week in June/first few days of July and usually lasts around 9 days. The first few days of the competition start with the younger dancers (age 4-13) followed by the older dancers (age 14-25) for the last few days. Dancers would only be required to attend the competition for 3-4 days.

We are aware that these dates will clash with the FC Bournemouth competition but feel that our dancers need a challenge outside of the All-Star world to continue their growth. This is also an amazing opportunity for dancers of all ages. Therefore, if successful, we will forgo Bournemouth next year and Jamfest Europe will be our final All-Star competition for 2023.

Competition entry fees are as follows (this year's prices):

- Group entries – 60 euros per dancer
- Duos/trios – 30 euros per dancer
- Solos – 60 euros

Dancers are also required to pay a membership fee of 12 euros.

### Qualifiers

In order to attend the Dance World Cup, dancers need to enter the qualifiers. In England, this is done via video submission with the deadline being the end of November. Only four entries per age group & category can be selected for the World finals from each country. Entry fees are not refunded if a team is unsuccessful. We are still awaiting details on pricing for qualifier entry fees.

### Tryouts

Our tryouts will be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**.

12-1pm Jazz/Lyrical dancers aged 13 and under as of 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023

1-2pm All hip hop dancers

2-3pm Jazz/Lyrical dancers aged 25 and under as of 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023

Fees for tryouts will be £15 per dancer, which will be refunded if unsuccessful. There will be an extra fee due later this year to enter the qualifiers which we are waiting further information on.

If you are successful in making it onto a dance world cup qualifier team, then this will be your competitive dance team for the 2022-23 season.

If you are selected for a duo/trio group, you will be required to attend the All-Star dance tryouts in July to be placed on a team. We can either carry forward your dance tryout fee to July or refund if required.

If you are not successful, you will be required to attend the All-Star dance tryouts in July to be placed on a team. We can either carry forward your dance tryout fee to July or refund if required.

If you do not wish to tryout for the Dance World Cup, you can wait until July for the All-star dance tryouts.

Tryouts for cheer teams will take place as normal in July.

World cup teams/duos/trios will need to attend a choreography weekend to learn their routines on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. This is so that we can start cleaning the routines early enough to get them ready for November. Weekly training times for these teams will be released once our tryout pack is published.

If you are interested in trying out, please let us know via email ([beckie@sadanceandcheer.co.uk](mailto:beckie@sadanceandcheer.co.uk)) by **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April** and send tryout fees during week commencing **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

If you have any further questions regarding this competition, please email [saacademy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:saacademy@hotmail.co.uk)