

English National Ballet School

GRADUATE ARTISTS PROGRAMME APPLICATION PACK 2026

Eligibility

The programme is for **dancers aged 18 to 22 years** who have successfully graduated from a full-time UK or International vocational ballet programme (minimum 3 years). Entry is by audition only.

How to Apply

All candidates are required to prepare and submit the following, as part of their online application form:

1. A headshot
2. Personal statement
3. Payment of an audition fee of £40

Application – anyone who meets the age requirement (aged 18-22 as of 3 August 2026) and will have graduated from a full-time vocational ballet school by 3 August 2026 can submit an

Final Auditions – invitation only. This will take place in London on 30th and 31st March 2026.

The audition on 30th March will consist of a ballet class, pointework (for female applicants) and men's technique (for male applicants). Candidates should also be prepared to perform a classical and contemporary solo. Selected candidates will be invited to attend an interview on 31st March.

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Key Dates and Application Deadlines

The deadline for all applications is **Sunday 15th March 2026**.

Preliminary Audition Video Results

We aim to contact all candidates within 14 days of submitting your application. All candidates will be contacted by Friday 20th March at the latest, to let you know if you are being invited to an in-person final audition.

Final Results / Offers

Finalists who attend the final auditions in London will receive the outcome of their audition by **Friday 10th April 2026**.

Accessibility Support for Auditions and Applications

We understand that some dancers may face barriers or unfair disadvantages when auditioning for vocational ballet schools. With our Application Accessibility Support Scheme, our goal at English National Ballet School is to make the application and audition process as accessible as possible. We welcome applications from talented, driven candidates with the potential to pursue a professional career in ballet and dance. For further information contact gap@enbschool.org.uk

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Preparing Your Application

1. Headshot

You will need to provide a headshot (head and shoulders) as part of your application. This does not need to be a professional image and can be taken on a mobile device (phone).

We do not require you to prepare or submit any audition photographs.

2. Personal Statement

You are also required to submit a brief personal statement, as part of your application.

You will need to include a written personal statement (no longer than 500 words) within your application form, so we recommend preparing this on a separate word document that you can copy and paste into your application form.

Please prepare a personal statement that includes responses to the following questions:

- Why do you aspire to join ENBS Graduate Artists Programme?
- What are your aspirations for your future in dance?
- What is your biggest achievement in dance to date?

3. Application Fee

Candidates are required to pay the application fee of £40.00 which will be paid as part of the application form by credit or debit card.

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Audition Criteria

All candidates will be considered on the same criteria, and successful students are selected on the basis of their talent and potential skills required for a career in professional Ballet and dance.

Our audition panel will be focussing and looking at the following qualities:

- Lines
- Musicality
- Articulation
- Dynamics
- Movement
- Use of space
- Versatility

We hope this audition pack answers any questions you may have about the admissions process. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact gap@enbschool.org.uk where a member of our team will be happy to help.

We look forward to receiving your application.