



Thursday 12th January 2023

Dear BSME Schools,

BSME Dance Invitational Competition

We are very excited to invite you to the British Schools in the Middle East Inaugural Dance Invitational Competition.

Theme: "A Night at the Movies"
The dance piece/s brought by schools can be in any style and the outcome may vary but the stimulus used to choreograph and create pieces should be taken from the title. It is up to the visiting school how they would like to interpret this.

Dates: **Friday 19th May - Sunday 21st May 2023**

Location: [Cranleigh Abu Dhabi](#)

Participants: Students from Year 5 - Year 13.

The structure of the event will depend on the sign up. Schools can bring a maximum of two dance groups, one in each of the below categories with a maximum of 15 students in each:

Category 1 - Year 5 & Year 6

Category 2 - Year 7 - Year 13

Entry Fee: The participant fee required from each child is **500 AED**.

This covers the cost of refreshments, workshops led by external practitioners, t-shirts, lunch (Saturday and Sunday) and dinner (Friday) for all students and 1 staff per category with a maximum of 2. Transportation is not included. The fee for an extra member of staff is 200 AED.

Entry Form: Please complete [this](#) google form by **Tuesday 31st January 2023**.

The full amount must be paid by **3rd March 2023**. As soon as I have confirmed the numbers of schools participating I will send you more information regarding payment details.

Schedule: The format for the weekend will be dependent on final numbers.
See below approximate timings and schedule for your planning:



Friday 19th May	Saturday 20th May	Sunday 21s May
Arrive at 13:00	Arrive at 08:00	Arrive at 08:00
Welcome and introduction, including visiting performance Participants will experience 2-3 workshops from external practitioners	Participants follow a rotation of workshops throughout the day. One slot is designated on the auditorium stage for a technical rehearsal of your BSME routine. Q and A session with visiting practitioners Final Rehearsals	Full technical run through Dance Invitational Showcase to start at 13:00
Dinner provided	Lunch provided	Lunch provided
Depart at 19:30	Depart at 16:30	Depart at 15:00

Awards: Awards will be presented for for groups who place first, second and third in each category.

The Dance Invitational should focus on pupils having the opportunity to be part of the creative process, whilst developing communication and team working skills but, most importantly sending a message to the audience through the medium of Dance. The Dance Invitational will focus on the process the children will go through, the skills they will learn, the people they will meet and the experience they will feel!

Flights, visas, hotel bookings and transportation are the responsibility of the visiting school. We can support bus bookings should you need this.

Please do not hesitate to email me on kgallagher@cranleigh.ae, if you need any further information.

Best Wishes
Kelly Gallagher
Director of Dance & Drama