

Sample Client Report

Request Information

Client: Mary Sidwell

Date of Request: 26 August 2025

Request: Find a dance school for a 6.5-year-old girl, no further than 30 minutes by car from Gerrards Cross, with classes available only at weekends.

Executive Summary

The most suitable options identified are:

1. Ondine Academy (<https://ondineacademy.co.uk>) – RAD Grade 1 Ballet (ages 6–8) at All Saints Church Hall, Oval Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8PZ (5 min drive from you). Saturdays 9:15–10:15am. £12 per session. Autumn term runs for 11 weeks.

2. CK Theatre School (<https://www.cktheatreschool.co.uk/>) – Modern and Tap Class (combined) at The Memorial Centre and Youth Centre Halls, East Common, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7AD (5 min drive from you), Saturdays 11:15am–12:00pm. £109 per term.

3. Jackie Palmer Dance School (<https://jackiepalmerstageschool.co.uk/>) – Ballet, Tap, Modern Dance and Acro (combined class) at 45-56 Bridge Street, High Wycombe, HP11 2EL (25 min drive from you) on Saturdays 11:45am–12:45pm. £92 per 10-week term.

Next Steps

We can book a trial lesson at any of the main schools or extend your school search to 45 mins by car. We look forward to hearing from you. If you need more information, we will be happy to provide it.

Detailed Information on Recommended Schools

Ondine Academy

Ondine Academy of Dance is one of the leading dance schools in the Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Giles area, with a history spanning more than fifty years. Established in the 1960s, the school now teaches several hundred pupils.

Lessons are delivered with a strong professional foundation and are suitable for children from pre-school age through to older teenagers. The training covers a wide range of disciplines, including:

- Classical ballet following the RAD syllabus (from beginner grades through to Grade 8 and vocational levels)
- Contemporary dance (taught through the Rambert Grades programme)
- Acro dance and acrobatics

- Modern and tap dance
- Street dance and commercial styles

The Academy is well known for preparing students for examinations, local and national festivals, as well as theatre performances. Its approach combines high standards of technical training with an emphasis on creativity, confidence and enjoyment, helping each child to reach their potential both on and off the stage.

CK Theatre School

Reputation: Well-regarded community theatre and dance school with over 15 years of experience.

The range of classes is broad and includes:

- Ballet, tap and modern dance
- Musical theatre and performance skills
- Acting, speech and drama
- Exam preparation in both dance and drama disciplines

Achievements: Pupils often perform in local productions and have opportunities to showcase their skills in theatre festivals. The school follows recognised examination boards including ISTD for dance and LAMDA for drama, giving pupils the opportunity to progress through structured syllabuses and achieve nationally respected qualifications.

Jackie Palmer Dance School

Jackie Palmer Stage School, based in High Wycombe, is one of the region's most respected and long-standing performing arts institutions. Established over fifty years ago, it has built a strong reputation for excellence in dance, drama, singing and musical theatre training.

The school offers a comprehensive curriculum covering:

- Ballet, tap, modern and jazz dance
- Acro and commercial dance
- Acting, speech and drama
- Singing, choir and musical theatre

Students can follow structured syllabuses with recognised examination boards, as well as take part in workshops, competitions and public performances. The school also runs its own professional agency, providing pupils with opportunities to audition for theatre, film and television.

Jackie Palmer has produced many successful alumni, including acclaimed actors such as Eddie Redmayne and Aaron Taylor-Johnson, who began their performing careers at the school. The academy is also home to the Jackie Palmer Girls' Choir, which has won national competitions and performed at prestigious venues.

Other Schools Considered

Pips Dance Academy – <https://www.pipsdanceacademy.co.uk>

Stagecoach Beaconsfield – <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/beaconsfield>

The Dance Academy TDA Crippenham – <https://www.thedanceacademytda.co.uk/>