

PRESS RELEASE

Royal Academy of Dance awarded ‘outstanding’ provider of initial teacher education by Ofsted



Image by Tim Cross

- **The Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) was deemed ‘outstanding’ in all areas of the two stage inspection**
- **Ofsted praised the RAD on the high skill base acquired by students, as well as the leadership and quality of training.**

The Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) has been judged as an ‘outstanding’ provider of initial teacher education following a recent Ofsted inspection. The Academy received this judgement in each of the four categories of the inspection framework.

Ofsted were particularly impressed with the following:

- The passion and vision for dance education demonstrated by leaders at RAD
- The Faculty of Education’s commitment to improvement and the way the programme has developed over time
- The quality of training, it was acknowledged that the training provides students with the knowledge and understanding to develop their teaching skills
- How the involvement of the RAD staff and external experts ensure that students gain the skills and understanding to meet the everyday demands of teaching
- Students and NQTs have strong subject knowledge, and they use a range of teaching approaches well to meet the needs of all pupils, including those with special education needs and/or disabilities (SEND), or who speak English as an additional language
- As an organisation, the RAD has the highest expectations for students’ teaching skills, and their professional and personal conduct. As a result, students sustain and enhance the high standards for dance education for which the RAD stands



RAD's Director of Education Michelle Groves commented: *"The Faculty of Education is delighted with the Ofsted judgement which is testament to our high quality provision of initial teacher training of specialist dance teachers. The needs and expectations of trainee and graduate teachers are at the heart of our provision, and we are pleased that our efforts to support, nurture and educate the next generation of dance teachers has been recognised in this way."*

The RAD is a specialist dance education provider with over 90 years' experience in inspiring, cultivating and supporting dance teachers around the world. The RAD's Faculty of Education was created in 1999 in recognition of the Academy's increasing commitment to higher and professional education of dance teaching, and since then the RAD has trained over 4,500 dance teachers through higher and professional education programmes. The Academy offers a range of graduate and post graduate programmes in dance and dance education, including distance learning modes of study.

The full report is available to read [here](#).

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Royal Academy of Dance

With 14,000 members in 84 countries, the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) is one of the largest and most influential dance education and training organisations in the world. Established in 1920 to improve standards and re-invigorate dance training, the Academy helps and encourages its teachers to perfect their teaching skills and pass on this knowledge to their students. There are currently over 1,000 students in full-time or part-time teacher training programmes with the Academy and each year the examination syllabus is taught to thousands of young people worldwide, with around a quarter of a million pupils per year going on to take RAD exams.