

Strictly St Gemma's FAQ's

- **How many lessons do I get when taking part in Strictly St Gemma's?**
 - You'll get a total of 6 hours of lessons with a professional dance tutor which will take place between the end of January and the 27th March. 4 hours will be learning the routine for your preferred dance choice (either partnered or group). The remaining 2 hours will be learning the overall group dance which will be performed by all participants. Each lesson will last 1 hour.
- **Do I get to pick which style of dance I get to perform?**
 - There's a choice of either a partnered dance (ballroom) or group dance. For the partnered dance there is a choice of either Jive or Salsa. We will do our best to allocate your preferred style but this cannot be guaranteed. For the group dances the routine will be in a mixture of different styles.
- **When and where will the lessons take place?**
 - The actual date and location of the lesson will depend on which dance style you have chosen (partnered or group) and which group you are allocated as each one will be taken by a different dance tutor so it will depend on their availability. Where possible all dance lessons will take place either on a weekend or evening to make them as accessible as possible. We will also work with you to try to ensure that the lesson dates of the group you are allocated work for you and can move you into a different group if necessary.
- **What do I have to commit to in order to take part in Strictly St Gemma's?**
 - You will need to pay a registration fee of £25, raise a minimum of £250 in sponsorship and sell a minimum of 10 tickets to the Grand Finale show. You will also need to commit to attending the 6 dance lessons and to performing at the Grand Finale Show on the evening of Friday 27th March.
- **Do I need to provide my own costume?**
 - Yes you will need to provide your own costume, your dance tutor will be able to help you with this. It doesn't need to be anything expensive, you might even be able to pick something up in one of the St Gemma's charity shops.
- **What about shoes?**
 - Again your dance tutor will be able to advise on this, the type of shoes you need to wear may depend on the type of dance you are doing.
- **Do I need to choose my own music?**
 - No your dance tutor will help choose the music for your routine. The theme of the grand finale show will be 'A Night at the Musicals' so the music will be chosen with that in mind.
- **What happens at the Grand Finale Show?**
 - The show will take place in the main auditorium at the Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds. On the evening you'll be performing 2 routines, your chosen routine and the overall group dance which all participants will take part in. There will be a panel of four judges on the night who will score each dance with one group/couple being crowned the overall Strictly St Gemma's champion. You won't be judged on the overall group dance routine, this is just for fun! The theatre has plenty of dressing rooms available for you to get changed and soak up the back stage atmosphere before your performance.