

Dear Parents & Students,

August 2021

I hope that you all are having a lovely summer and things are starting to feel much more normal for you all. It has been so nice to be able see friends and family once more and plan day trips and holidays.

We can't help but reflect on what an extraordinary year this has been. From the excitement of coming back to face to face classes last September after the first lockdown, to then having to go back to online classes at the start of the year and back again to face to face teaching after Easter, one thing we can say with certainty.... it has been an emotional rollercoaster of a year.

Luckily at The Dance Studio we are always up for a challenge. We are proud of how everyone has adapted and stayed positive. We hope that our classes have helped our student's keep up with their training, keep their interests going, stay connected and offer a bit of normality and hope throughout it all.

SEPTEMBER CLASS TIMETABLE AND INFORMATION

Please find enclosed our September Timetable. Restrictions have been relaxed somewhat but we will still be operating with attention to hygiene, enhanced cleaning, ventilation and sensible class sizes in order to keep classes running happily and safely.

EXAM INFORMATION

Exam sessions have been booked for the end of Autumn Term and we will contact you nearer the time if we feel your child is ready.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Starts Monday 13th September

Half Term 25th October to the 31st October

End of Term Saturday 27th November

NB Teeny/Tiny/ Nursery Ballerina morning and 1.30 pm Ballet &

Twinkly Tap classes end on the 3rd December

Exam coaching week 29th Nov – 5th Dec

Exams will be held week commencing 6th December

UNIFORM

All class and branded uniform can be ordered via our website and delivered directly to your home. The only exception to this is Acro uniform which needs to be ordered directly with Miriam using the Acro uniform order form on our website.

Uniform will also be available to purchase at all our morning Tiny Ballerina sessions.

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THE DANCE STUDIO



STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Gemma who is returning after the birth of the lovely Oliver and Miss Christina who is returning after the birth of the handsome Arthur. We have missed them very much and can't wait to see them again!

PERFORMANCE TEAM

Our talented Performance Team students were working so hard on all their choreography pre COVID and everything has been suspended since then due to the restrictions, However, with the lifting of several restrictions and the re- opening of Theatres we are hoping to resume our Team activities as soon as it is safe to do so. Just bear with me while I work out the details.

STUDENT NEWS

Alex Martel, Bea Wagstaff, Sarah Head and Carys Barker have completed a fantastic first year at The Centre for Advanced Training at The Place in London. This is a wonderful course for talented young dancers which supplements their Dance Studio Training. Congratulations to Sienna Nasmyth Miller who has been offered a place for September. Well done! Competition for places is fierce so we are absolutely delighted with this achievement.

We say goodbye to our lovely Lily Austwick who will be joining the Stella Mann College for Performing Arts in September to commence her professional dance training. Great news! Good luck Lily! Anna Roseden continues successfully at the prestigious Performers College and we are so proud of her achievements to date. Matilda Miller has beat stiff competition to join the Ballet Boost Programme for talented dancers. She is also a Tring Park Associate and together with her Dance Studio classes she is a busy ballerina indeed! Isaac Barker has had a brilliant start to his Tap Attack training programme and continues to excel.

More congratulations go to Jonah Herron who is performing in Carousel at the open air theatre in Regent's Park. It's such a gorgeous venue. Let's hope the weather is kind! I am looking forward to seeing him! Do go if you can, it's the perfect theatre treat for your youngster!

SCHOOL SHOW NEWS!

As you know our school show, the highlight of our year and the jewel in the crown of The Dance Studio, was cancelled due to COVID. We were very sad as it is our absolute favourite thing to do. I am delighted to let you know that the show has been rebooked for the 20th, 21st & 22nd May 2022. It will take place at the brand new Eric Morcambe Theatre in Harpenden and we couldn't be more excited! More details to follow! All pupils will be invited to take part if they wish so pop it in your diary now!

So, it just leaves me to wish you a wonderful rest of your Summer. The school office will be closed from the 14th to the 25th August due to our family break but I will be answering e mails and queries outside of these dates. We are so looking forward to hearing all your news and seeing our gorgeous dancers in September!

Take care & Happy Hols!

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