
THE DANCE STUDIO



Dear Parents and Pupils,

November 2018

Just a note to remind you that this term ends on Saturday 24th November. I do hope that as many of you as possible have managed to watch classes this week, as I know how much the pupils love to share their work with you. It has been a very long term and they have worked so hard. If your child is taking an exam, please refer to the special coaching timetable for the following week.

We also wish all the candidates taking exams in December the very best of luck and thank the parents for bringing them to coaching classes at this most busy time of year. We are very pleased to be holding our very first Acrobatic Arts Examination session alongside our usual Ballet, Modern, Tap and Jazz exams. Exciting Times! I hope that we will all be rewarded with good results! In the Summer exam session, we had some amazing marks. A special mention goes to Bea Wagstaff, Jo Farr, Sarah Brooks, Elisa Perra, Maria O Connor, Daisy Herron, Niamh Richards, Jessica Brady, Zoe Birch, Cleo Lumb, Megan Flower, Olivia Dowdeswell, Grace Reid, Matilda Price, Orla O Sullivan, Emily Perra, Florence Huntsman, Neve Janbey, Grace Johnson, Ollie Playfoot, Isaac Barker, Florence Randall, Anna McKee & Darcey Price who achieved Distinction. Wow! Congratulations to everyone!

Don't forget that we now offer lots exciting subjects in both our branches. Acro Dance, a dynamic fusion of gymnastics and dance is proving very popular and we are also offering Contemporary Dance. This is in addition to our Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Modern & Jazz classes. We also offer Adult Ballet classes in Harpenden, an ideal way to keep fit, meet new people and just lose yourself in the joy of dance. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you or your child wishes to try a new subject. It's an ideal time to have an extra chance to shine with the show coming up!

- **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**
- **Term Starts Monday 7th Jan**
- **Half Term 17th to the 24th February**
- **Imperial Ballet Senior Awards March 2nd & 3rd**
- **End of Term Sat 30th March**
- **Main character show rehearsals 31st March - 4th April (Times TBC)**
- **NB We usually always have a ten week term but because it's show year we will be having an 11 week Spring Term and a 9 week Summer Term.**

A reminder that our web address is www.thedancestudioherts.co.uk Everything is on there from the timetable to important dates. **WE ARE ALSO ON FACEBOOK! PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE OUR PAGE!**

As usual pupils have been very busy indeed. Daisy Herron and Niamh Richards are attending The Classical Ballet Academy at Tring. Allegra Folwell, Jessica Folwell and Alex Meredith continue as Tring Park Associates. Jo Farr continues on the CAT scheme at London Contemporary, Bea Wagstaff is studying GCSE Dance at the Royal Academy of Dance on Saturdays and Isaac Barker is a Central School of Ballet Associate.

Our Performance Team have been working very hard this term. They have been perfecting their Acro and Classical Dance Pieces and the results have been fantastic. They performed at The Shaftesbury Theatre in London's West End in November and their impeccable behaviour, professionalism and obvious talent was a joy to see. They certainly flew The Dance Studio flag high! What a fantastic day we had! They will be performing in The Trestle School of Drama Christmas performance in December and we have lots of exciting dates booked for next year too!

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Ollie Playfoot competed in the ISTD Junior Ballet Awards in October. He danced beautifully and was lucky enough to reach the Finals! Well Done Ollie! We were very proud of him and we are looking forward to the Senior Awards in March 2019!

Jemima Herron, Mary Kirk, Erin Pointer & Emma Tack are appearing in The St Albans Gang Show in February. Emily Perra, Matilda Price, Adelina Amparan & Lilly Golding are all appearing in the St Albans Panto Cinderella. Helena Amparan, Fara Turner, Carys & Seren Barker are appearing in the panto Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs at Harpenden Public Halls. Skyler Koval appeared in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at The Alban Arena in November.

Evie Turrall, Zoe Davies Neve Janbey, Chloe Ithier, Melissa Wang, Lottie Richardson, Cliona O Sullivan, Hannah Allman, Cleo Robinson, Charlotte Westlake, Gabby Randall, Emma Brady, Bea Wagstaff, Rosie Lynch, Olivia Sharp, Sam Farr, Anna Centro, Ines Yorke, Cleo Lumb & Sarah Brooks are appearing in The Kings Langley panto Jack and the Beanstalk. We have not only provided the dancers for Jack and the Beanstalk we have done all the choreography too. We are delighted with all the hardworking performers. Please do book tickets and support our lovely, talented pupils!

Miss Hayley will be returning to work in January after having Baby Thea. We have missed her so much and I would like to thank the teachers who have covered her maternity leave so beautifully.

SHOW 2019!

In the New Year, we will be preparing for our 2019 School production. My staff and I are already so excited we could burst! This is the subject of much anticipation and a huge event that involves every pupil in the school from the Nursery Ballerinas to the adults.

The majority of rehearsing will be done during the classes but there will be a few extra ones. The Dates are as follows

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th May – All day Dress Rehearsals Harpenden Public Halls

Wednesday 15th May & Thursday 16th May – Dress rehearsals 4.00 pm onwards- Harpenden Public Halls
(NB you will only be required for Weds or Thurs **NOT BOTH**)

Saturday 18th May SHOW 11 am & 4 pm

Sunday 19th May SHOW 11 am & 4 pm

A detailed schedule of when your child will be required will be available in the New Year. The younger ones will only do 1 or 2 out of the 4 performances and we will make sure that all performers are only at the rehearsals for the minimum amount of time so that they (and their parents!) do not get overtired. Very young children will only attend the weekend rehearsals.

It is customary for you to pay for your costumes and these range from £10.00 to about £40.00 per outfit (The majority are about £15 - £20). Obviously, I shall try to keep the cost down as much as possible. Please note that costumes are then yours to keep.

The show is a charity event in aid of Great Ormond St Hospital. Anyone who has been there will appreciate that they need all the money they can get. As many of you know we are up and down to GOSH with my son. It has been a rough ride, but we are receiving the very best of care and we are so grateful. Our last show raised over £6,000 and it would be brilliant if we could do the same again or even more! I will also be looking for helpers to chaperone the children, sell raffle tickets etc and I will be circulating helpers' forms after Christmas. Last time we had a wonderful response and I am looking forward to the same again. Without your help there would not be a show!

Have a wonderful Christmas and see you in 2019! Thank you for your support that you all show to my staff and the children, it is always appreciated.

With Best Wishes

Miss Miriam