

Newsletter Summer 2009

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the term which promises to be another busy one for us.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE EXAMINATION RESULTS

Vocational results were excellent with 100% success and are:-

Advanced 2	Michelle McLoughlin, Merit
Advanced 1	Michelle Breese, Distinction; Lara Lucano, Distinction; Saori Okuno, Distinction
Intermediate	Lauren Hurst, Distinction; Sophie Lewis, Distinction; Katie Rogers, Distinction
Inter Foundation	Imogen Alvares, Distinction; Olivia Mackie, Distinction; Olivia Barrett, Merit; Eleanor Driscoll, Merit

Bravo girls!

Grade results also maintained our 100% pass rate with 31 students passing with Distinction and 31 with Merit. The "90" club were Olivia Leitch 99%, Katie Rogers 94%, Kerri Brown 93% , Bethany and Lucy Wood 91% Well done everyone.

ISTD TAP AND MODERN RESULTS

100% success with 20 students passing with Grade A and 2 with Grade B

The 90's were Natalie Dodd 95%, Lara Lucano 94% and Emma Riggs 92% for Intermediate Tap, Amy Charlton 92% Grade 4 Modern and Oliver Wilkinson-Smith 92% for Both Grade 1 Modern and Grade 1 Tap.

A marvellous achievement from Miss Helen and her pupils.

NEWS

The highlight of the summer promises to be the performances at Covent Garden by the Mariinsky Ballet Company. The lucky students below have been selected to appear in Sleeping Beauty. Five seniors, who are Camilla Foulger, Reade Kiefer, Annabel Pearce, Katie Rogers and Georgina Woodward ,and eight students, Imogen Alvares, Kerri Brown, Lilly Brown, Lauren Hurst, Kirsten Konrad, Olivia Leitch, Sophie Lewis and Hope Roberts, who will also appear with the Opera in Das Rheingold.

As we go to print students are rehearsing for the Ellen Kent Opera and Ballet Company's performances of Aida, Carmen and Turandot at the New Victoria Theatre Woking in June. Oliver Wilkinson-Smith and Lucy Wood will be playing the roles of the young Prince and Princess in Turandot.

The following pupils will also be dancing with the Company:-Imogen Alvares, Amber-Louise Brooker, Kerri Brown, Jessica Cook, Natalie Dodd, Emily Dougans, Oliver Downey, Charlotte Evans, Camilla Foulger, Cameron Helsby, Lauren Hurst, Emily Jarrett, Reade Kiefer, Jenny Leighton, Olivia Leitch, Emma Lewis, Sophie Lewis, Lara Lucano, Michelle McLoughlin, Talay Namintorn, Annabel Pearce, Emma Riggs, Hope Roberts, Niamh Robinson, Katie Rogers, Katie Valentine, Bethany Wood and Georgina Woodward.

Pupils will again be dancing at the Woodbank Home for the Elderly Summer Fair on Saturday July 11th in the afternoon. Do please come along and support us, the cream teas are delicious!

I am delighted that one of our former students, Hannah Bateman, who dances with Northern Ballet Theatre, has been promoted to First Soloist and will be dancing the role of Juliet in their production of Romeo and Juliet at Sadlers Wells in May. You may remember she danced a short extract in our last school production. Clair Thomas has come out of "retirement", after completing the RAD Professional Dancer's Teachers Diploma and teaching in Belgium, to dance with the prestigious Michael Clark Company. Laurretta Summerscales has been given a contract with The English National Ballet Company after two years study at the English National Ballet School. Laurretta trained with me from the age of three passing all her RAD Ballet examinations from Pre-Primary to Advanced 2 with Distinction.

DATES End of Summer Term 7th July (Jazz 10th July) . RAD exams 17th and 18th July.
ISTD Tap and Modern exams 28th and 29th June.
Autumn Term commences Saturday 12th September, Half Term 19th October- 31st October inclusive
Term ends Friday 4th December. . Provisional dates for RAD exams 11th, 12th, 13th December.

REMINDER Invoices should be settled before the start of term and either posted or delivered to me at Arden Cottage. Please add £5 per class to late payments. Many thanks to those who do pay promptly.

Please advise changes of classes attended or contact details as soon as possible in order that records are as accurate as possible (contact 01420 86876 or email sradmin@fiscali.co.uk or via the school web site www.susanrobinsonballet.org.uk

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