

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2011

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back after what was for the school a successful and very busy summer "break".

Examination Results

Royal Academy of Dance

Vocational

Lara Lucano Advanced 2 Distinction

Grade examinations

25 pupils took Grade examinations, 18 passing with Distinction and 7 with Merit. A further 9 pupils took Primary in Dance, 6 achieving Distinction and a Gold medal and 3 a Merit and a Silver medal. 8 young pupils were awarded the Class Award in Pre-Primary in Dance.

Our 90 club were:- Grade 1, Toby Wood 92; Grade 2, Jemima Burfield and Aiste Stankeviciute both with 97; Grade 3, Sarah Trinder 92; Grade 5 Emily Dougans 92; Grade 6, Niamh Robinson 95, Talay Namintraporn 93; Grade 7 Nadia Slater 92, Lilly Brown 91.

ISTD Tap and Modern

Advanced 2 Tap Emma Riggs Distinction; Advanced 1 Modern Elisabeth Reid, Emma Riggs both with Distinction; Intermediate Foundation Modern, Amy Charlton Distinction.

Four pupils took Modern Grade examinations all passing with Distinction and Annabel Pickering obtaining 92 for Grade 4 Modern.

Congratulations to all our students on their results.

Three students have gone on to full time vocational training. Oliver Wilkinson-Smith to the Royal Ballet Lower School, Lara Lucano to the Millennium School, and Georgina Woodward to Northern Ballet School. We all wish them the very best for their futures and look forward to following their progress.

All our students who took public examinations excelled in their particular fields, proving that it was possible to organise their time to accommodate both their academic studies and their commitment to their dancing. Reade Kiefer has gone to study Geography and Economics at Coventry University (is she going to follow her sisters footsteps who graduated from the London School of Economics and is now involved in running a ballet company in Washington DC?) and Michelle Breese to study Medicine at Kings College.

We are very proud of all our students' achievements.

The pupils selected to dance with the Mariinsky Ballet at the Royal Opera House in August in La Bayadere (as reported in the summer newsletter) were a credit to the school in their performances.

The All England Dance Competition Finals in London saw one of our most successful ever finals, taking first place in all four ballet groups (9 and Under, 12 and Under, 15 and Under and Under 21) the Under 21 and Under 12 groups being selected to dance in the Gala. There were medal winners in every solo ballet group represented. Lara Lucano was runner up in the Young Dancer of the Year Competition and was also asked to perform a solo in the Gala, as was Olivia Leitch who won the Janice Fullman Junior Ballet Award which was presented to her by Royal Ballet Principal Dancer, Lauren Cuthbertson, who had also won the Award when she was a student.

Our beautiful ex pupil Hannah Bateman performs the lead role of Cleopatra in Northern Ballet's production at the New Victoria Theatre in Woking this October and one of our pupils, Toby Wood, is to play her son.

I continue my work with the Royal Academy of Dance in developing their new syllabus and I was invited to be part of the select London Focus group for the new Grade 4 and 5.

DATES Spring Term commences Monday 9th January

Half term Friday 10th February to Saturday 18th February incl.

Term Ends Thursday 22nd March Monday to Thursday Classes

Saturday 31st March Friday and Saturday classes

Remember the additional week's holiday this term (November 21st to 26th inclusive)

This term ends Saturday December 3rd.

RAD examinations Thursday 15th December, Friday 16th December and Saturday 17th December

Dance Proms Royal Albert Hall Sunday 13th November

Epworth Choir Carol Concert Monday 12th December

Dee Dee Roberts and Mark Leitch Awards Sunday 18th December

School Show April 15th to April 21st, details and forms on web site www.srballet.com If you know of anyone who does not receive a newsletter please ask them to send a current email address to sradmin@tiscali.co.uk

Miss Sue