

Autumn Term Newsletter 2013

Dear Parents and Friends,

The most extraordinary emotional and successful event in our school took place on the 28th September at a Gala in honour of our wonderful Wendy Thomas. The distinguished compere John Suchet introduced the programme which included many of our ex students, two of whom were given time from the Royal Ballet and Northern Ballet Companies to grace our performances. The magnificent amount of £10,000 was raised and again I re-iterate my thanks to everyone involved and especially to Edwina Farrow who has also agreed to be the costume and tutu maker for our school.

The lucky students involved in the Bolshoi Ballet productions of La Bayadere and Sleeping Beauty at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden are still awestruck and inspired by appearing alongside some of the best dancers in the World.

Miss Cathy is particularly busy rehearsing Jade Cawthraw, Olivia Jones, Erin King, Emma Lewis, Hannah McMillan, Niamh Robinson, Aiste Stankeviciute, Sarah Trinder and Bethany and Lucy Wood for the launch of the new Royal Academy of Dance Grade 4 and 5 at the Mermaid Theatre in London on the 3rd January.

November 3rd will see the casts of the Spiders Banquet and the Beethoven Piano performing at the Royal Albert Hall, our third year of appearing in these which were launched in 2011. We were one of 26 schools selected and are pleased to have two items to perform.

Examination results.

As always our examination results continue to be exceptional. Special mention to Lauren Hurst who received a phenomenal mark of 88 for her Advanced 2 exam thereby surpassing marks from older girls in full time vocational training and proving it is possible to fully commit to ones dancing, and attend all classes and rehearsals alongside studying for and achieving excellent results in public examinations. .

Royal Academy of Dance.

Vocational

Advanced 2 Lauren Hurst – Distinction

Advanced 1 Beth Andrews and Amy Gardner- Distinction, Emma Hallam- Merit

Intermediate Foundation Emily Dougans-Distinction, Emily Bousfield-Merit

Grade Examinations

47 candidates took exams, 26 passing with Distinction and a Gold Medal and 21 with Merit and a Silver Medal

Primary in Dance

7 candidates took the exam 6 passing with Distinction and a Gold Medal and 1 with Merit and a Silver Medal

The 90 club were Aiste Stankeviciute with 95 for her Grade 4 and Amy Warner with 90 for her Grade 2

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ISTD Tap and Modern results from Miss Vicky

13 students took Modern exams 8 passing with Distinction and 5 with Merit.

7 students took Tap exams 5 passing with Distinction and 2 with Merit

Congratulations to all our students on their results.

The new curriculum of the Royal Academy of Dance will entail students taking longer to progress through the examination system so please do not be disheartened by this, it is no reflection on their ability or the teaching. The RAD web site has details of the recommended hours of study for each grade and you will observe our students are excelling in their progression.

Dates for your Diary

The school show will be at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre Woking from Tuesday 1st July to Saturday 5th July. If you wish to be a part of our bi-annual show please keep at least the week prior to the show free. Rehearsals will be at weekends starting March onwards.

Spring term 2014

Term starts Monday January 13th.

Half term Monday 17th February to Saturday 22nd February inclusive

Term ends Saturday 29th March

Provisional RAD exams 4th and 5th April

Summer term 2014

Term starts Tuesday 22nd April

No class Bank Holiday Monday 5th May

Half term Monday 26th May to Saturday 31st May inclusive

No classes (Show) Tuesday 1st July to Saturday 5th July inclusive

Last Class Monday 14th July. Provisional exam date Monday 21st July

Just to remind you classes now cost £75 a term for the first one taken, except the Nursery Ballet and Primary Tap and Modern which are less. As always thanks to all who pay promptly.

Miss Sue

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