

Autumn Term Newsletter 2014

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am happy to announce another successful dancing year and thank you for your continued support especially during our bi annual show. The proceeds from this have resulted in donations to the Northern Ballet Company, the purchase of new playback equipment for the studios to benefit our students in their classes and a donation to our main venue Byfleet Methodist Hall. The cheque for the Northern Ballet Company was presented to them on stage at the New Victoria Theatre Working by Ava Mantell and Isabella Takla whilst appearing with them in their production of The Great Gatsby. It was a special thrill for the girls as they performed alongside our ex student Hannah Bateman.

Ten lucky students had the honour of appearing with the Mariinsky Ballet Company in a Midsummer's Night Dream at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. They were Jade Cawthraw, Anastasia Hotchin, Olivia Jones, Erin King, Hannah McMillan, Daisy Mortlock, Henrietta Owen, Aiste Stankeviciute, Sarah Trinder and Lucy Wood.

Another exciting event is the Annual Dance Proms at the Royal Albert Hall on November 2nd. We have been fortunate in having our Senior Group with Masquerade and Junior Group with Catch Me If You Can winning their place in this following an audition. They will be appearing in a programme that also has stars of the Royal Ballet and Strictly Come Dancing performing. I was also invited to promote this event at the Capezio Dancewear shop in Covent Garden where Zoe Donaldson , Clara Ngo, Alice Pople and Christina Spanellis from our junior students and Emily Dougans, Kate Hester, Emma Lewis and Katie Swift from our seniors will represent our school.

Emma Lewis, Aiste Stankeviciute and Lucy Wood made a promotional video for Freeds of London to explain the importance of the correct fitting of pointe shoes. This can be viewed online at the Freeds web site.

Congratulations to Lauren Hurst who represented our school magnificently at the recent Genee Competition in Antwerp, Belgium. This is the flagship competition for the Royal Academy of Dance and you have to have achieved Distinction in the Advanced 2 examination to be eligible to enter. She has also been accepted to be a part of the Quicksilver Company in association with Rambert Dance Company.

We send our love and congratulations to Miss Beth on her recent wedding, all the best people get married in October!

Rehearsals are in full swing for the forthcoming dance festivals.

Royal Academy of Dance examinations

Advanced 2: Imogen Alvares, Rebecca Mabin and Katie Valentine with Distinction; Grace Buskell, Emily Francis, Olivia Leitch, Hannah Owen and Francesca Peplow with Merit.

Intermediate Foundation: Louisa Mackie with Distinction; Alisa McInerney with Merit

21 pupils took grade examinations, 16 passing with Distinction and a gold medal and 5 with Merit and a silver medal.

4 students took the Primary in Dance examination all achieving Distinction and a gold medal.

The 90 club were Olivia Jones, Grade 6, 98, Alice Pople Grade 3, 94, Olivia Lewis Grade 2, 92, Annie Suchet Grade 1, 90 and Charlotte Mandeville Primary in Dance, 90

Congratulations to all.

An especial Bravo goes to Erin King for her 100 for Grade 6 and Sarah Trinder for her 100 in both Grade 5 and Grade 6.

ISTD Tap and Modern

26 students took examinations, 11 passing with Distinction and 14 with Merit.

The 90 club were Erin King 94 and Olivia Jones 93 for Grade 6 Modern.

DATES

SPRING TERM

Starts Tuesday 6th January

Half term Monday 16th February to Saturday 21st February inclusive

Resume Monday 23rd February

Term ends Monday 23rd March.

Provisional exam dates Friday 27th March, Saturday 28th March

Dance proms Royal Albert Hall Sunday 2nd November

Epworth Choir Christmas Concert Saturday December 13th at 2 pm HG Wells Centre Woking

Byfleet Players pantomime 17th -20th December.

On a personal note I should like to thank everyone for their warm wishes for my forthcoming nuptials to Cedric Jones, we greatly appreciate your kind thoughts.

Mrs Sue