



Newsletter September 2017

Dates

Start of new term Sat 2nd September

One off closures Sat 9th & Mon 11th September

Please see website for terms dates

Welcome back

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and are full of energy for another exciting fun packed year at the academy.

Congratulations to all summer school students who worked so hard to keep their standard high in preparation for upcoming exams.

Latest news

- Check out our new website! User friendly, fresh and exciting; please use regularly to keep yourself updated on dates – term, exam and shows. Site designed by Lemur Software Ltd.
- Good luck to Yasmin Kay and Kirsty Foreman who are taking their Intermediate ballet exam on November 5th at the Southampton exam centre.
- Good luck also to Sophie Roxar, Holly Saycell and Yasmin Kay who are performing with the English Youth Ballet at King's theatre Southsea in October.
- Ballet exams are provisionally scheduled for February 2018 with mocks at the end of January 2018 at Liphook Infant School pending confirmation from the ISTD.
- Show 2018 provisional dates 12th – 13th and 19th – 20th May 2018 at Bohunt TBC.
- Congratulations to Hayden Davey for his successful audition for the Royal Ballet School associates.2017-2018.

Ballet exams

The hard graft is on to reach the high standards needed for ballet exams. Only children with regular attendance and of an appropriate standard will be considered. However, if your child is not quite ready they do not need to take the exam and can move up a grade with their peers in due course.

With a few exceptions, it is those students who attend twice a week and who have been training in the grade for over a year (Grade 2+) who are being considered for exams in 2018. Exam fees are due after half term and an exam pack full of all the information you need to know will be distributed. Extra exam lessons will be available in the October half term - dates TBC.

It is **not** compulsory for students to take exams. They provide UCAS points which go towards college and University entry in the future and are a recognised qualification. However, we must remember that every child is different and even if exams are not for them, ballet training is very beneficial and all students are invited to perform in our summer spectacular.



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Ballet exam revision

I have produced leaflets to help children in Grade 2 and above remember the positions of the arms and feet. These are at no cost to parents; however, please do encourage your child to study them regularly as 50% of the exam is free work and the children are expected to know all positions thoroughly.

Private lesson availability

From November there will be a private ballet lesson slot available on Tuesdays at Bohunt School 4:00 – 4:30pm. If you are interested please let me know asap. This can be shared with another child from the same grade, or attended individually alternate weeks if the demand is there.

Registration

All students are required to re-register for the new academic year. Forms can be found on our new website. Just click on the registration area on the home page; download, print and complete the form and hand to Anne or Rebecca. This ensures that we have your up to date contact details and all student health conditions/allergies. Even students who have been with the academy for many years need to complete this process. Thank you for your patience and time.

Lessons

Please note that if your child discontinues a lesson the notice period required is 6 weeks, otherwise full payment is due.

If your child attends a private lesson please note the notice period is 2 months; as cancelling a private lesson effects the whole academy timetable.

Appearance

This is a very important part of your child's training. Please ensure that hair is in a bun for ballet and a neat pony tail for other dance styles and correct uniform is worn at all times. Dance school T-shirts are available through Anne's shop and ensure that your child looks smart on the way to lessons.

Collection

Please remember prompt drop off and collection from lessons is required at the academy. Please text Rebecca if you are delayed or will be absent for any reason and please supervise all siblings whilst on site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contact

Please email or text Rebecca with any queries or questions you may have. She will reply to you as soon as is possible; good communication is respected at the academy.