

## Summer 2023 Newsletter

We're nearly at the summer holidays and a huge congratulations must go to those of our students who have been sitting their GCSEs and A levels this term. We know how hard you've worked and we are so proud of your dedication and perseverance.

### Timetable

Please find our timetable for next term attached. Let us know if your children would like to try any extra classes or styles of dance. We would love to have them come along for a free taster session.

We have had to make a few changes to days and times so please check the timetable carefully. If you have any queries about class times, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Choreographic Competition

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April our Choreographic Competition took place. Students aged 5 – 18 took the opportunity to choreograph their own dances and perform them in front of family and friends. The standard of entries was extremely high, showing outstanding creativity and musicality. The adjudicator this year was our former student, Emily Yong. As a professional dancer, choreographer and teacher, Emily has a wealth of experience to share and gave valuable feedback to each competitor. The final results were as follows:

#### Junior Section

**Winner:** Riddhi Ghosh

**Runner up:** Grace Pearce-Higginson

**Runner up:** Mary-Anne Matthews

#### Senior Section

**Winner:** Katie & Millie Yule

**Runner up:** Rachel O'Riordan

**Runner up:** Molly Stone

Well done to everyone who took part.

### New classes

We have space in our timetable for a new class on Friday evenings and we wanted to see how much interest there would be in a couple of possibilities. Ideas we are considering are:

- Adult Ballet
- Body conditioning & limbering

The class would need to run from 6.15pm – 7.00pm on Fridays. Please let us know if you would be interested in either of the above options, or if you have any other suggestions for the class! We look forward to hearing from you.

## Student Successes

- Congratulations to three of our senior students who have successfully auditioned for competitive performing arts courses. Alarna Cranston has been given a place on the Foundation Acting (Musical Theatre) course at the prestigious Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts. Meanwhile, Keira De Quincey will be training at ESPA on their Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dance and Natalia Wandtke is going to the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire to do the Foundation course in Acting. We would also like to wish Zoë Russell and Rhianne Coldham the best of luck as they leave the school this year and hope to stay in touch. We will miss you!
- Well done to Iona Walker who took part in Westwood Musical Society's production of "Made in Dagenham" at the Cresset. She performed brilliantly!
- Congratulations to Iona and Elana Walker for successfully auditioning for the Cecchetti Ballet Associates. This scheme enables students to attend specialist classes in London 3 times a term to enhance their regular dance training. It is a competitive programme and we are delighted to announce that Elana has been offered a place in the Graduates class while Iona will be in Upper Graduates.
- Well done to all our students who took their ballet exams in December. The results are in and you all did brilliantly! Everyone passed with one of the top two grades, Merit and Distinction, and 59% were given Distinctions. Congratulations to you all.

## Dates for your diary

- ❖ Term will finish for most students on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. However, there will be some extra classes during the following 2 weeks due to bank holidays and teacher absence earlier in the term. Additional classes will take place on:
  - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Miss Poppy's classes and Miss Hird's classes
  - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Musical Theatre only
  - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Pointe Prep and Contemporary 2 only
  - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Grade 3 and Adult Tap
  - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Miss Poppy's classes and Miss Hird's classes
- ❖ Autumn term begins on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and a well-deserved break.