



TERM DATES (all inclusive)

This term ends officially on Friday 4th April.

SUMMER TERM starts on Tuesday 22nd April.

HALF TERM Monday 26th May to Sunday 1st June.

TERM ENDS Monday 7th July.

EXAMS. We have already had four days of exams this term and have more Modern and Tap exams on Sunday 18th May. The pupils involved have already been notified. There will be more exams in July so please let us know your availability. I would like to repeat what was in the Summer Newsletter, that we enter pupils for exams when we feel that they are ready, NOT on the length of time that they have spent in that particular class. Once pupils have been entered for an exam, they will be required to attend extra lessons. This is an important part of the exam preparation. The ISTD is an approved awarding body and the exams are accredited by Ofqual. The higher levels are equivalent to GCSE and A Level and carry UCAS points, hence the standard required is high. It is important that pupils attend classes regularly, so if your son or daughter miss any classes, they are always welcome to make it up on another day. If you are unsure about which class, please ask.

FEES. These are due to be paid by the end of the 4th week of term (Sunday 18th May) or they will be subject to a 10% surcharge. If paying CASH, please attend in person. Sue Harris will be in attendance at the Dance Studio on the 1st and 2nd Saturday of term from 10.45 to 12.45pm (26th April and 3rd May). Cheques can also be received at the same time. Please contact Sue if you have any queries, would like to pay in instalments or would like the bank details to pay online. (Email: nasus29harris@btinternet.com). Please may I remind you that 2 months' notice must be given if you wish to leave classes or the whole terms fees will be due. All fee information is on the school website.

ADULT BALLET CLASSES. Many parents have been enquiring about Adult Ballet Classes, so we have decided to introduce a class on a Monday at 7.15-8.15pm. If you are interested please email me so I can see if we have enough people to start the class after Easter. This will be for those who have had some dance experience but if we have enough interest we would start a beginners' ballet class too.

PUPIL NEWS. Lucy Abbott and Vanessa Mottram recently performed in Swan Lake with the English Youth Ballet at the Theatre Royal in Norwich.

UNIFORM. Please may I remind everyone that they should come to class correctly dressed and that includes hair! Black leotards are NOT uniform until either Grade 6 or Inter-Foundation and they should be a simple strappy "classical" style. If you are unsure which styles are acceptable, please ask. Also, Jazz Pants are required for Grade 3 Tap upwards.

SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT. We are in the process of having NEW sweatshirts designed. I will let you know when they are available.

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This just leaves me to wish you all a **VERY HAPPY EASTER.**