



TERM DATES (all inclusive) This term ends officially on Saturday 7th December. (Extra Thursday 12th Dec)
SPRING TERM starts on Monday 6th January 2020.
HALF TERM Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd February.
TERM ENDS Saturday 28th March.

EXAMS. Well done to all those who took tap exams this term! We have more exams booked for February – all those involved will be notified either during the Xmas holidays or at the start of term. We shall be having more exams just after the Easter holidays, depending on when the ISTD can send me examiners, so please let us know your availability.

SUFFOLK FESTIVAL. Well done to the students who took part in the Suffolk Music Festival in October. The ballet group came first and the modern group came third in their sections. Thank you everyone and especially Miss Bethany for all your hard work. This is the first festival we have entered in nearly 20 years and is something we would now like to continue. Please let me know if your son/daughter is interested in taking part.

FEES. These are due to be paid by the end of the 4th week of term (Sunday 2nd February) NOT half term or they will be subject to a 10% surcharge. Any fees that remain unpaid at the end of term will also incur a late payment fee. 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 (11th & 18th January). 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 in writing if you wish to leave classes or the whole terms fees will be due. All fee information is on the school website.

UNIFORM. Please may I remind everyone that they should come to class correctly dressed and that includes hair! The navy leotard that is uniform for grade 4 & 5 ballet is designed to be worn without a bra. This has a built-in shelf bra lining which should offer sufficient support. Bras are not worn in exams and should not be worn in class either. If your daughter really feels that a bra is needed, it should be strapless with a low back strap that cannot be seen. Bra straps obscure the lines of the body which then distracts the eye. Please add hairpins and hairnets to your Christmas lists! Also, all older students should wear deodorant.

ALPHA PHYSIOTHERAPY. Ex-student Lyndsey Reynolds and her husband Jimmy have recently opened their new physiotherapy practice within Martlesham Leisure where they treat both children and adults. Lyndsey has a special interest in children's and dance physiotherapy and has very kindly offered to come and give a talk to parents and students about children's bodies and injuries next term. We have a provisional date of Wednesday February 12th at 7.15pm. Please let me know if you would like to attend. I will need to know numbers. This is definitely something that students should attend. If you would like to contact Alpha Physiotherapy in the meantime, you can visit their website www.alpha-physio.co.uk or call 01473 561060.

PARKING. As you will be aware, Copleston has changed its parking policy and we are no longer allowed to park in the netball court area. Also, the Copleston Road entrance will now be locked at all times so all traffic will enter via Foxhall road. If you have any concerns, please email me or contact Copleston School directly.

PUPIL CONTACT DETAILS. Please can you inform me of any change of details so that I can keep my records up to date. Also, please check that you have returned the photograph consent forms.

WEATHER PROBLEMS. In the event of bad weather conditions, classes may have to be cancelled. If this is the case it will be on local radio, the school website and Facebook. If Copleston feel the driveways are too icy, they will close the whole site.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT. The Co-op Juniors will be performing their Christmas Spectacular at Snape Maltings from 6th to 15th December. Many pupils will be taking part, so do go and enjoy what is always a wonderful show. We also have some pupils taking part in Cinderella at the Regent Theatre, Ipswich, 14th to 31st Decemberyet more entertainment for you to enjoy.

CONTACT INFO. laura@shiptondance.co.uk 01473 858808 or 07796 006771.

This just leaves me to wish you all **A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Miss Laura.