

Susan Robinson School of Ballet

Summer 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to the new Summer Term. All the teachers are so pleased to be finally welcoming the students back to the Halls!

COVID SAFETY

All our classes will be conducted in line with government guidelines to ensure the safety of every student, parent and teacher. We would just remind you all that no parents are allowed into the Halls unless they are the nominated Chaperone for the particular class. Any adults and children over the age of 11 should wear a face mask when coming into the premises and when walking through any communal areas. We have purchased temperature guns and these will be used to check any adults including teachers entering the premises. Please also be aware that the students should come ready to dance with something easy to remove on top of their dance clothes as no changing will be allowed at the Halls. If children need to wait between classes at the Halls with a Chaperone, please send them with snacks and drinks that are not messy as we need to ensure that the premises are kept clean and tidy at all times.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

We have set up a small uniform shop, which will be run by our wardrobe mistress Edwina Farrow. She will carry a stock of shoes, tights, socks, leotards, skirts, hair nets & pins. Please note that this school shop is separate to 4dance, who will still stock our uniform as well as other dance supplies as Edwina will not be able to stock all items. Please note that only one parent at a time will be allowed in to buy from the shop and they will need to have their temperature checked with the temperature gun before entering.

Eddie intends to be at the Methodist Hall at least once a week and you can contact her on 07714-536323 or by email weecandoitto@yahoo.co.uk to place an order.

NEW CLASSES

The new PBT classes have really taken off on Zoom and it will be great to be able to have them all in the Halls plus we have added a Junior class as well! There are 3 classes on Mondays:-

Juniors: 4.45 - 5.35pm (4 places left)
Inters/Seniors: 5.35 - 6.30pm (2 places left)
Inters/Seniors: 6.30 - 7.25pm (currently full)

If you would like your child to try out the Junior or Inter/Senior PBT class please email Pelita on sroballet.adm@gmail.com

We have introduced a new Beginner's Tap Class on Thursdays from 6.15 - 7.00pm in Byfleet. This class is for all those 'late starters' and will allow students to learn the basics and gain a general knowledge of the tap style with the aim of the student eventually being able to join a tap grade suitable for their age group.

There is now an additional Grade 5 ballet class on Mondays from 7.25 - 8.25pm. Grade 5 is one of the more challenging grades and it is really beneficial for the students to take two classes per week in this grade to help them become familiar with the syllabus more quickly. The RAD guided learning hours for this grade is a total of 75 hours with an additional 20 hours of tuition before taking the exam! We highly recommend taking two classes per week if possible. If you would like your child to take the additional Monday class please contact Pelita.

EXTERNAL WORKSHOPS / EASTER or SUMMER SCHOOLS / CLASSES

We would just like to politely remind all parents that whilst we would not withhold permission unnecessarily, we request out of courtesy that we are informed of any outside workshops/classes/courses that you would like your child to undertake. Please email Pelita sroballet.adm@gmail.com

SCHOOL SHOW - KALEIDOSCOPE DECEMBER 2021

We are very much hoping that our long anticipated School Show will eventually be able to be held in December. We have booked the Rhoda McGaw Theatre in Woking from 12th - 18th December with rehearsals in the theatre on 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th and performances on 16th, 17th and 18th December. Once we have confirmation that everything can go ahead as planned Debbie Souter, our Show Co-ordinator will be in touch. If you have any show queries please email Debbie on dobeyhere1@aol.com

FILMED BALLET EXAMS

We were very lucky to be able to have a day of filmed ballet exams on Thursday 15th April. We entered a small set of exam candidates and await the results with anticipation! We would like to thank Kate Ferris for agreeing to do the filming and Miss Jade C for playing the music all day. Hopefully these will be the last exams that will have to be filmed!

WORKSHOPS

During the past few months, we managed to secure some guest teachers for three zoom workshops - Commercial with Crystal Leah, Contemporary with Natalie Dodd and Lyrical Jazz with Yuki Abe. They were a great success and really beneficial for our students to experience different dance styles/teachers. It is definitely something we hope to continue with but hopefully next time the workshops will be in person!

TERM DATES

Term starts : Monday 19th April 2021
Half Term : Monday 31st May - Saturday 5th June inclusive
Term ends : Monday 5th July 2021

Ballet Exams : 15th, 16th and 17th July 2021 (provisional)
Tap/Modern/Jazz Exams: 4th, 11th and 18th July

Finally, the Principals of the school would like to thank you all for your loyal support during the past few difficult months. We look forward with excitement to a great new term and a wonderful future ahead for our school!