NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2022

Dear Parents,

We are off to a great start to the Autumn term and are so pleased to see all the students working very diligently in class during this first half of the term.

EXAMS

In June we had two days of ISTD Tap and Modern Exams with students attaining wonderful results, 23 Distinctions and 6 Merits. Miss Charlotte and Miss Amanda were really pleased with these results from their first exam session.

At the end of July we had 2 days of RAD Ballet Exams and all ballet teachers were delighted with the outstanding results achieved by the students, 6 High Distinctions, 18 Distinctions and 7 High Merits

Congratulations to all the students. Hard work and dedication pays off and we are very proud of everyone who took their exam.

ALL ENGLAND DANCE FINALS

The end of the Summer Term brought the All England Dance Finals held at the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe. We were exceptionally proud of the way our students represented the School, their dedication, hard work and team spirit is a credit to our school. We particularly congratulate Natalie Henry for winning the Young Ballet Dancer of the Year Award, Millie Tones who was awarded a scholarship to the Urdang Summer School next year, Jiah Kwon who was awarded the Molly Lake Award for Musicality and Rose Butler who was awarded 2nd place in her Song and Dance solo.

CLASSICAL BALLET AND CONTEMPORARY WORKSHOPS

The Summer holidays also brought the exciting opportunity for our students to experience a Classical Ballet Workshop taught by Lucinda Strachan from English National Ballet and a Contemporary Workshop taught by Natalie Dodd, former student of SRSOB and Rambert School.

NORTHERN BALLET'S NUTCRACKER

This term brings an exciting opportunity for some of our students who have been chosen to perform with the Northern Ballet Company in their production of Nutcracker at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking from 10th - 12th November. It is such a privilege for our school and the students and we are sure that the special memories will stay with them forever. If any students and parents would like to come to watch this amazing production, please visit the atgtickets.com website for tickets.

BABY BALLET BUNNIES

Some of you may also be aware that Miss Jade has started some new classes for little ones, from 6 months up to 3 years old. Baby Ballet Bunnies are interactive classes for little children and their parents. The classes are held on a Thursday morning. If you have a little one and would like to try a free trial lesson please contact Pelita.



CONTEMPORARY

Looking ahead to next year, firstly we have some exciting news that Miss Lara has undertaken some Contemporary dance teacher training. Therefore we will be adding a Contemporary class into the timetable. This will be open to students aged 13 upwards. We will begin with one class initially and then as students progress potentially more classes will be added.

SCHOOL SHOW 2023

Secondly of course we are really looking forward to our Bi-Annual Show which will take place at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre, Woking from 13th - 15th April 2023. The main Show will be "Together We Dance" and the younger years Saturday matinée show "Step By Step". We would love as many students as possible to take part in the Show and entry is open to everyone. Please look out for the show forms which have been emailed out during half term.

In order for the show to run smoothly, we need as many registered chaperones as possible to help back stage. It's really enjoyable, there's a great team spirit and it's very rewarding. We would be very grateful if parents aren't already registered would consider undertaking the Surrey County Council chaperone training to become a registered chaperone. The application can be done online and there is a short training course (1 daytime or 2 evenings) which needs to be undertaken. Further details regarding this will be on the forms.

Lastly we look forward to another term of wonderful dancing and would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your continued support.

Best wishes

Miss Cathy, Miss Jade and Miss Lara

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