

## **NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2021**

Firstly, we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year, we would also like to thank parents and students for their patience and understanding in what have been difficult and unprecedented times for everyone. We hope that with positive news of COVID vaccinations being rolled out, 2021 will eventually bring some longed-for normality and happier times for us all.

One highlight of the last term was the grant we received from Heathrow Community Trust which enabled us to buy 6 sets of ballet barres. The new barres will greatly benefit the students' training and are portable so that they can be moved to different studios or theatre if needed. We are extremely grateful to Debbie Souter for initiating this grant and to Heathrow Community Trust for their wonderful donation.

A result of the COVID lockdowns was our 2020 Show being cancelled, we were heartbroken that it couldn't take place in April but we are currently negotiating with the Rhoda McGaw Theatre to reschedule in 2021, once this is confirmed we will be in touch with all the details.

### **Exam News**

In August our graduate students Emma Coates and Clara Ngo were able to take their Advanced 2 exam. Due to COVID the exam was filmed under normal exam conditions with Miss Gretchen who did a wonderful job of "acting examiner" for the day. The filmed examination was sent off to the RAD and we are delighted to announce that both girls achieved a wonderful result of Distinction 85 marks. Emma has now begun her training at English National Ballet School and Clara is now training at Central Ballet School, we wish these 2 dedicated students the very best for the future and watch their progress with great excitement.

Miss Nicky was able to hold ISTD Tap/Modern/Jazz exams on 13<sup>th</sup> December and we also managed to have a reduced RAD ballet exam session on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> December just before we entered Tier 4 restrictions, and we will update you all with the results as soon as they are published. We will endeavour to have a normal examination session at the end of the Spring Term 2021 and we will let you know the proposed dates as soon as they are available.

### **Spring Term 2021**

Please note our term dates as follows...

**Term begins : Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**Half Term: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February inclusive**

**Term ends : Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Unfortunately, as we write this newsletter it looks likely that we will be returning to lessons on Zoom for the start of the term but we will keep you updated on this and we will be eager to get back to normal class teaching as soon as we are allowed. We would ask you to read through and familiarise yourselves with the COVID rules on our website in preparation for when we are able to return to the studio.

Please remember that any enquiries and questions should be directed via Pelita on [sroballet.adm@gmail.com](mailto:sroballet.adm@gmail.com) or 07397-170899

Thank you for support, understanding and loyalty during this past difficult year.  
Miss Cathy, Miss Jade and Miss Lara