

MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING

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TERM DATES: 12TH SEPTEMBER - 26TH NOVEMBER.
30th October

Half Term: 24th -

Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back. I hope you have had a really great summer and feel recharged for the next term.

Exams. A large number of pupils took ballet, modern and tap exams last term with 100% success. In the ballet results we had 9 passes 12 merits and 5 distinctions, our examiner was very pleasant but certainly no push-over, well done to all of you. Modern and tap results: we had 4 passes 15 merits and 6 distinctions. Congratulations to all those pupils.

Future ballet exams I have postponed our next set of exams until the spring. This will give pupils sufficient time to prepare for what are becoming increasingly difficult exams to pass on one lesson a week. **Modern exams** will also be in the spring. We will give you dates when we have confirmation from the ISTD.

Children Beginners Tap in Wye I would like to offer a tap class in Wye on Thursdays. The class would be with a new teacher to our school called Hannah Baker. Hannah has had some time off from dancing to have a family but is keen to get her tap shoes back on. If anyone is interested please could you let me know (email/text etc). The classes would start after half term and would be for half an hour. I have some tap shoes that can be hired for £5.

Noise levels in Ashford hall I honestly do not mind when parents are having a quiet chat but the level of noise at the back of the hall in Ashford during some classes is getting very high. The acoustics in that hall are not good at the best of times but when there is a constant buzz of activity and loud conversation at the back it can be very distracting for the pupils and teacher. Once your child's class has finished please exit the hall as quickly as possible so we can continue the next class without delay and distraction. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Hair PLEASE PLEASE HAVE HAIR TIED UP FOR ALL CLASSES. It is very important that pupils get into the habit of wearing hair up and off the face.

Addresses and Contact Numbers. Please ask for an address card if you have not already filled one out.

Uniform for classes:

Ballet: Baby class, primary and grade 1- Plum leotard and circular skirt, pink socks or pink tights. Pink leather or canvas ballet shoes with elastics. Wrap-over cardigans for colder months. Hair up and off the face. **Boys -** White T shirt, black tights or shorts, black or white socks, black ballet shoes.

Grades 2 and 3 - Plum or Sky Blue leotard with matching belt, pink tights pink leather or canvas ballet shoes. Wrap-over cardigans for colder months. Hair up, preferably in a bun, and off the face. **Boys -** white T-shirt black tights or cycling shorts, white or black socks and black or white ballet shoes. (for exams white socks must be worn with white elastics on shoes).

Grade 4 upwards - Black or coloured sleeveless or camisole-top leotard, pink tights, pink leather or canvas ballet shoes, pink point shoes (as advised by teacher). Hair up, preferably in a bun, and off the face.

Modern: Black or coloured leotard, footless tights, bare feet. **Tap:** Black or coloured leotard, tights or black jazz pants, black socks and black tap shoes. Hair up and off the face for all classes please.

School Rules: No child is allowed to run around in the hall before class. Please be sure that you sit down quietly at the back of the hall until your teacher calls you.

CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES. As I.S.T.D teachers of dance, we have been advised to issue the following statement in our newsletters to parents: - **Due to the nature of dance training, physical touch of the pupil by a teacher is often necessary.**

This would always be clinical and helpful and would never humiliate any pupil.

Absent or discontinuing classes. We remind parents to inform us if your child is absent from class for more than two weeks or will not be continuing. A phone call or email will suffice.

FEES. INVOICES ARE NOT ISSUED. FEES DUE BETWEEN 1ST AND 3RD WEEK OF TERM

PLEASE.

See overleaf

HALF HOUR CLASS AT ANY VENUE	£35 per term
ASHFORD	£40 per term
WYE	£38 per term
CHARTHAM HATCH	£38 per term

MODERN/TAP

£50 per term

Two or more lessons a week for the **same pupil** - 10% discount

If paying cash, I would be grateful if the money could be in a named envelope. Please write pupils name on back of cheque.

Cheques payable to The Margaret Giles School of Dancing

Day	Location			Teacher
Monday	Ashford	Primary Tap	3.50 - 4.15	Annie
		Grade 1 Modern	4.15 - 4.45	Annie
		Grade 1 Tap	4.45 - 5.15	Annie
		Grade 2 Modern	5.15 - 5.45	Annie
		Grade 2 Tap	5.45 - 6.15	Annie
		Grade 3 Modern	6.15 - 6.45	Annie
		Grade 3 Tap	6.45 - 7.15	Annie
		Grade 5 Modern	7.15 - 8.00	Annie
		Teens Street	8.00 - 9.00	Annie
Tuesday	Ashford	Grade 2 Ballet	4.45 - 5.30	Liz
		Grade 3 Ballet	5.30 - 6.30	Liz
		Inter Foundation and Inter Ballet	6.30 - 7.25	Liz
Wednesday	Ashford	Junior Street	4.30 - 5.15	Annie
		Grade 4 Tap	5.15 - 5.45	Annie
		Grade 6 Modern	5.45 - 6.30	Annie
Thursday	Ashford	Pre School Ballet	4.00 - 4.30	Liz
		Primary Ballet	4.30 - 5.10	Liz
		Grade 1 Ballet	5.10 - 5.45	Liz
		Grade 2 Ballet	5.45 - 6.30	Liz
		Grade 4	6.30 - 7.10	Liz
		Inter F and Inter	7.10 - 8.00	Liz
Friday	Wye	Primary Ballet 1	3.30 - 4.00	Liz
		Primary Ballet 2	4.00 - 4.30	Liz
		Grade 1 Ballet	4.30 - 5.10	Liz
		Grade 2 Ballet	5.10 - 5.50	Liz
		Grade 3 Ballet	5.50 - 6.30	Liz
		Grade 4/5 Ballet	6.30 - 7.30	Liz
Saturday	Chartham Hatch	Grade 3 Ballet	9.30 - 10.15	Liz
		Grade 4/5 Ballet	10.15 - 11.15	Liz
		Primary Ballet	11.15 - 11.45	Liz
		Grade 1 Ballet	11.45 - 12.30	Liz
		Primary Tap	12.30 - 1.00	Liz
		Grade 2 Ballet	1.00 - 1.40	Liz

Regards Liz Moriarty and Annie Farrant -Davis