

MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING

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TERM DATES: 9TH JANUARY - 24TH MARCH

Half Term: 13TH - 19TH FEB

Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all. Hope you had a enjoyable Christmas. We have a busy year ahead with ballet exams on 29th/30th March at Chartham Hatch, modern/tap exams planned for June and our show planned for end of November at the Brake Hall, Ashford School, dates to be confirmed. Please take note, with so much in the pipe line it is very important that pupils are committed, attend all their lessons and may need to come to extra lessons/rehearsals in order to gain the confidence needed to shine!

Ballet Last term I started introducing a different ballet syllabi for some of the younger grades which has been specifically designed by the ISTD to bring out the best in the once a week pupil. This syllabi particularly suits children who find exams stressful as pupils may be entered in small groups and I conduct the class whilst the examiner observes. The exams are graded and pupils will receive a report and certificate. Some Primary pupils have already taken this exam and found it an exciting and very positive experience. The children seem to be really enjoying the new work but they may need to stay in the same class for longer whilst they learn it.

Ashford Hall After a considerably amount of complaining from me, the Ashford Parish Council have agreed to take professional advice about the floor. When I am confident the floor is fit for purpose I am hoping to install mirrors. Fingers crossed. I have also brought to their attention again the poor state of the boys toilets. Please can pupils make sure they do not leave ANY rubbish lying around in the hall entrance.

Children Beginners Tap in Wye The new Wye tappers are really enjoying their classes with Hannah. If anyone is interested in joining we have tap shoes for hire. The classes are half an hour long with a younger group starting at 3.45 and then an older group starting a little later at 4.45. Don't forget if you do two or more lessons each week you are eligible for a 10% discount.

Absent or Discontinuing Classes We remind parents to inform us if your child is absent from class for more than two weeks. I would also like to point out that we do not insist on a terms notice or a terms fees in lieu of notice as many other schools do, but we do expect to be informed well in advance of the beginning of term if your child will no longer be continuing with classes. There are waiting lists for some classes, but it is also very disconcerting for teachers when they have planned work for the term ahead.

Uniform PLEASE have hair tied up and have the correct uniform for class. If you are about to buy a new leotard please make sure you have the correct colour (see below). Please name your child's crossover and shoes.

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

Uniform for classes:

Ballet: pre-school, 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 of shorts, black or white socks, black ballet shoes.

Grades 2 and 3 - 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 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.**

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

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 of 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

SUMMER TERM DATES: 30TH APRIL - 14TH JULY 2012

Half term: 4th June - 10th June

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 - 5.40	Liz	
		Grade 2 Ballet	5.40 - 6.30	Liz	
		Grade 4	6.30 - 7.10	Liz	
		Inter F and Inter	7.10 - 8.00	Liz	
	Wye	Primary Tap	3.45 - 4.15	Hannah	
		Beginners Tap	4.45 - 5.15	Hannah	
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, Annie Farrant-Davis and Hannah Baker