

# MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING

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## SUMMER TERM 2012 NEWSLETTER

**SUMMER TERM DATES:** 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
- 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**Half Term:** 4<sup>TH</sup>

**AUTUMN TERM DATES:** 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT - 25<sup>TH</sup> NOV

**Half Term:** 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - 4<sup>th</sup> Nov

Dear Parents and Pupils

Hope you are all well and enjoying the glorious Spring weather!!

Last term Pippa Knuckey performed in Swan Lake with The English Youth Ballet at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford. The English Youth Ballet produce full length ballets using students aged 8 upwards and professional dancers. They are planning to come to the Marlowe next August and will be auditioning in early Spring. More on that closer to the time.

Ella Barnes has been bestowed with the honour of carrying the Olympic Torch! She was nominated by her school teacher for having such a positive approach to her work and classmates, this is evident in her dance classes as well. Ella will be running through Canterbury with the torch on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Well done Pippa and Ella.

**Show** The show will be November at the Brake Hall, Ashford School. **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November** will be the dress rehearsal day and the following weekend; **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** will be the performance days. The show is a huge undertaking, we need to know as soon as possible in writing (email will suffice) if you are unable to take part as we will be starting show dances sometime this term. We will try to keep cost/hire of costumes to £15. Show permission slips and costume invoices will be sent out in due time. I reiterate what I said in our last newsletter; it is very important that pupils are committed, attend all their lessons and be prepared to come to extra lessons/rehearsals in order to gain the confidence needed to shine! We reserve the right to withdraw anyone from the show if we do not feel they are fully committed.

**Exams** Modern and tap exams will be either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> July subject to confirmation from the ISTD. We are still waiting on last terms ballet exam results.

**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 also remember to 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 or 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. Tap shoe hire is £5 for second hand pair of shoes or £10 for brand new.

**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 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF TERM

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

CHARTHAM HATCH  
MODERN/TAP

£38 per term  
£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

**PLEASE NOTE THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTAL  
FROM MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

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
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 - 5.50	Liz	
		Grade 2 Ballet	5.50 - 6.30	Liz	
		Grade 4	6.30 - 7.10	Liz	
		Inter F /Grade 5	7.10 - 8.00	Liz	
		Wye	Primary Tap	3.45 - 4.15	Hannah
	Primary Modern		4.15 - 4.45	Hannah	
	Beginners Tap		4.45 - 5.15	Hannah	
	Friday	Wye	Primary Ballet	3.30 - 4.00	Liz
Grade 1 Ballet			4.00 - 4.45	Liz	
Grade 2 Ballet			4.45 - 5.30	Liz	
Grade 3 Ballet			5.30 - 6.00	Liz	
Grade 4/5 Ballet			6.00 - 7.00	Liz	
Saturday	Chartham Hatch	Grade 3 / 4 Ballet	9.30 - 10.15	Liz	
		Grade 2 Ballet	10.15 - 11.00	Liz	
		Primary/Grade1 Tap	11.00 - 11.30	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	11.30 - 12.00	Liz	
		Pre Primary Ballet	12.00 - 12.30	Liz	
		Grade 5/6 Ballet	12.30 - 1.30	Liz	

Regards Liz Moriarty, Annie Farrant -Davis and Hannah Baker