

## **MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING**

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### **SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2013**

**SUMMER TERM COMMENCES 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**AUTUMN TERM COMMENCES 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**HALF TERM 25<sup>TH</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

**(No lessons on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May or Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June)**

Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back and hope you all had a very enjoyable Easter break. We have a very busy term ahead of us with many pupils preparing for their exams. Please encourage your child to practice at home as this will give them more confidence and therefore enjoy their exam all the more.

**Exam Dates** Ballet Exams - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May in Ashford Hall

Ballet Exams - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Modern/Tap Exams - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July (subject to confirmation) Both in Ashford. Your teacher will inform you if you are to take an exam.

**Polling Day and Bank Holidays** Please note that we are unable to run classes on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** in Ashford or Wye due to Polling day. If your child is taking their ballet exam in May then there will be an alternative class for them to attend. **Bank Holiday** is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Wye lessons on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** I have just been informed by the hall manager that classes on this day will be cancelled as there will be building work carried out throughout the day. Many apologies for any inconvenience and we will organise another day for classes to be made up. Any modern and tap pupils from Wye who wish to take exams are asked to attend classes at our Ashford branch.

**Fees** An increase of 20 pence per lesson will be implemented from this term. A list of fees are printed on the reverse of this letter. In order to keep overheads to a minimum, I have put below the school's bank account details to enable online banking etc. Remember to clearly state the **pupil's** name. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

HSBC Business Account : Margaret Giles School of Dancing

Sort Code 40-21-35

Account Number 70058769

Don't forget invoices are not issued (in order to keep costs down). I would greatly appreciate **prompt TERMLY payment** (between 1<sup>st</sup> and by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of term). If you are paying for the term's fees in cash please put the money in an envelope with your child's name on it. Please write pupil's name on the back of cheques.

**English Youth Ballet** Last term several pupils auditioned for the English Youth Ballet. Those successful in gaining a place with the EYB will be performing Swan Lake at the Marlowe Theatre in August. Congratulations to Isobel Steadwood, Caiti Carpenter, Hannah Peirson and Pippa Knuckey.

**Photos and Dvd** Please let the school know if you are unhappy about your child's image being used on our school website.

**Newsletters** Sign up on the school website to receive the termly newsletters and notices.

**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 wrap-over cardigan 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 pupils by a teacher is often necessary. This would always be clinical and helpful and would never humiliate a 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	£37 per term_
ASHFORD CLASSES	£42 per term
WYE CLASSES	£42 per term
CHARTHAM HATCH CLASSES	£42 per term
COMBINED MOD/TAP CLASSES	£60 per term

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

If paying cash, please put money in a named envelope. Please write pupils name on back of cheque. Cheques payable to The Margaret Giles School of Dancing.

Kind regards, Liz, Annie and Hannah

<b>Day</b>	<b>Location</b>			<b>Teacher</b>	
Monday	Ashford	Grade 1 Modern	4.00 - 4.25	Annie	
		Primary Tap	4.25 - 4.45	Annie	
		Grade 2 Modern	4.45 - 5.15	Annie	
		Grade 2 Tap	5.15 - 5.45	Annie	
		Grade 3 Modern	5.45 - 6.15	Annie	
		Grade 3 Tap	6.15 - 6.45	Annie	
		Grade 4 Modern	6.45 - 7.30	Annie	
		Grade 5 Modern	7.30 - 8.15	Annie	
		Teens Street	8.15 - 9.00	Annie	
Tuesday	Ashford	Grade 2 Ballet	4.45 - 5.30	Liz	
		Grade 3 / 4 Ballet	5.30 - .6.30	Liz	
		Inters and Adv 1 Ballet	6.30 - 7.30	Liz	
Wednesday	Ashford	Junior Street	4.30 - 5.00	Annie	
		Grade 5 Tap	5.00 - 5.30	Annie	
		Grade 6 Modern	5.30 - 6.00	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 Ballet	6.30 - 7.10	Liz	
		Grade 5/6 Ballet	7.10 - 8.15	Liz	
	Wye	Pre School Ballet	3.30 - 4.00	Hannah	
		Primary Tap	4.00 - 4.30	Hannah	
		Primary Modern	4.30 - 5.00	Hannah	
		Grade 1 Tap	5.00 - 5.30	Hannah	
		Grade 2 Tap	5.30 - 6.10	Hannah	
Friday	Wye	Pre Primary Ballet	3.30 - 4.00	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	4.00 - 4.30	Liz	
		Grade 1 Ballet	4.30 - 5.00	Liz	
		Grade 1 Ballet	5.00 - 5.30	Liz	
		Grade 2 Ballet	5.30 - 6.10	Liz	
		Grades 3/ 4 Ballet	6.10 - 6.50	Liz	
		Grades 5/6 Ballet	6.50 - 7.30	Liz	
Saturday	Chartham Hatch	Grade 3 / 4 Ballet	9.30 - 10.15	Liz	
		Grade 2 Ballet	10.15 - 11.00	Liz	
		Primary/Grade 1 Tap	11.00 - 11.40	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	11.40 - 12.10	Liz	
		Pre Primary Ballet	12.10 - 12.40	Liz	
		Grade 5/6 Ballet	12.40 - 1.30	Liz	