

MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING

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AUTUMN TERM 2013

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Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back to a new academic year. Hope you all had a great summer holiday and feel well rested. We are really looking forward to seeing you all again.

Well done to our pupils who performed in Swan Lake at the Marlowe. You danced beautifully and I hope you found it a really positive experience. Congratulations also to the 38 pupils who took their exam at the end of last term with all gaining Merit or Distinction. The Class Exams are proving popular with the children, for those that do not know, pupils go into the exam in small groups of 3, 4 or 5, I go in with them and conduct the class as the examiner observes. The only drawback is that I am not able to be with the pupils whilst they are getting dressed for their exam, and I am going to need Botox as I spend all day grinning at pupils to try and make them smile! All in all I would say the experience is a really enjoyable one. I shall be handing out the exam reports at the beginning of term but am still awaiting the certificates.

Other news; Annie's senior Street group competed in The Nation's Best Dance Crew and came 5th out of 20 groups from all over the country. Well done to you all.

Wye classes on Thursday 19th September Unfortunately we are unable to have the hall on this day as it is being used for a Canterbury Diocese training event. I'm really sorry for this inconvenience. Therefore the Thursday Wye classes are for 10 weeks this term and fees will either be £37 for half hour class or £60 for one hour modern/tap class.

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 term's fees in lieu of notice as many other schools do. We do expect, however, to be informed well in advance of the beginning of the term if your child will no longer be continuing with classes. There are waiting lists for some classes but also it is 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. Make sure you remove watches and jewellery. 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/level 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/level 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/level 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.**

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

HALF HOUR CLASS AT ANY VENUE £40.70 per term

OTHERWISE

ASHFORD CLASSES	£46.20 per term
WYE CLASSES	£46.20 per term
CHARTHAM HATCH CLASSES	£46.20 per term
1 HOUR MOD/TAP CLASS	£66.00 per term

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

For those wishing to pay online;

HSBC Business Account: Margaret Giles School of Dancing
Sort Code 40-21-35
Account Number 70058769

Please remember to clearly state the **pupil's name**.

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

TERM DATES

Monday 9th September – 30th November

Chartham Hatch last lesson on 7th December

HALF TERM Saturday 26TH October – Sunday 3rd November

AUTUMN TERM 2013 TIMETABLE

Day	Location			Teacher	
Monday	Ashford	Grade 1 Modern/Primary Tap	4.00 - 5.00	Annie	
		Grade 2 Modern	5.00 - 5.30	Annie	
		Grade 2 Tap	5.30 - 6.00	Annie	
		Grade 3 Modern	6.00 - 6.30	Annie	
		Grade 3 Tap	6.30 - 7.00	Annie	
		Grade 4 Modern	7.00 - 7.45	Annie	
		Teens Street	7.45 - 8.45	Annie	
Tuesday	Ashford	Level 3 Ballet	4.40 - 5.20	Liz	
		Grade 4 Ballet	5.20 - 6.00	Liz	
		Grade 5 Ballet	6.00 - 6.45	Liz	
		Grade 6 Ballet	6.45 - 7.30	Liz	
Wednesday	Ashford	Junior Street	4.30 - 5.00	Annie	
		Grade 5 Tap Grade 6 Modern	5.00 - 6.00	Annie	
Thursday	Ashford	Pre School Ballet	4.00 - 4.30	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	4.30 - 5.10	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet	5.10 - 5.50	Liz	
		Level 2 Ballet	5.50 - 6.30	Liz	
		Level 3 Ballet	6.30 - 7.10	Liz	
		Grade 5/6 Ballet	7.10 - 8.00	Liz	
		Pointe Work	8.00 - 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	
		Level 1 Ballet (new)	4.30 - 5.00	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet (old)	5.00 - 5.30	Liz	
		Level 2 Ballet	5.30 - 6.00	Liz	
		Gr/Level 3 Ballet	6.00 - 6.40	Liz	
		Grade 5 Ballet	6.40 - 7.30	Liz	
Saturday	Chartham Hatch	Grade 3/4 Ballet	9.30 - 10.15	Liz	
		Gr/Level 3 Ballet	10.15 - 11.00	Liz	
		Tap	11.00 - 11.40	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet	11.40 - 12.10	Liz	
		Pre Primary Ballet	12.10 - 12.40	Liz	
		Grade 2 Ballet	12.40 - 1.30	Liz	

Regards Liz Moriarty, Annie Farrant -Davis and Hannah Baker