

MG DANCE

The Margaret Giles School of Dancing

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AUTUMN TERM 2014

Term dates: 8th September – 30th November

Half Term: Saturday 25th October – Friday 31st October

Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back to a new term, I hope you all had a good break despite the terrible August weather. We have a really busy time ahead, 3 exam sessions this term and then all eyes on show work (dates to be confirmed). Last term we had another 100% success rate ballet exam session with all pupils receiving either Merit or Distinction. I would particularly like to congratulate Caiti Carpenter and Hannah Pierson who both passed their grade 6 ballet with distinction and high merit respectively. After auditioning, Hannah is to become a ISTD Ceccetti Associate and Caiti has accepted a place on the Central School of Ballet Saturday Course.. Caiti and past pupil Pippa Knuckey, who is starting at Trinity Laban this term, had a lot of fun when they danced in a production of Giselle with English Youth Ballet at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley. Pippa who has danced with the company for several years now was promoted to a lead role and both girls did themselves proud.

New Teacher We warmly welcome Katrina to our school. Katrina will be taking over from Hannah in Wye and has been teaching the grade 6 modern class in Ashford. Katrina is from Aberdeen and trained at the Deborah Capon College where she gained her ISTD Dance Diploma in Education in 3 genres; ballet, tap and modern. Katrina has spent the summer teaching in Spain, I hope she can re-acclimatize quickly!

MG Dance For marketing purposes, ease of cheque writing and because our website is so called, the school name will be shortened to MG Dance. The Margaret Giles School of Dancing is still our official title and either name on cheques or online will be accepted by the school.

Fees All the halls put up their fees some time ago and the school can no longer absorb these extra costs. Therefore it is necessary to put the fees up slightly this term. This an 11 week term instead of our normal 10 and the fees have been adjusted accordingly. Remember that in order to keep costs down we do not hand out invoices instead all details of fees are printed on this newsletter. Please check the length of time of your child's lesson as rates vary depending on length of class. If you have a cheque returned to you by your bank, please add £4 to your fees as this is how much the bank charges me each time this happens. All fees are due between the 1st and 4th week of term.

Exams As mentioned above we have 3 exams sessions this term. You will be informed by your teacher if you are ready to move into the next grade. It is normal to need a little extra coaching in the run up to the exam, especially if your exam is in a different venue. I really do appreciate that it can be difficult to get your child to extra lessons but it can really make a difference to your child's confidence. These lessons will be charged at between £3 and £6 depending on length of class etc and is payable on the day. Exams are not compulsory but with good preparation should actually be a lot of fun and lead to a great sense of achievement. **Ballet Exams: 9th and 23rd November. Mod/Tap Exams: 16th November**

Blue Leotards The sky blue leotard is slowly being phased out and for the time being girls will continue to wear the Plum. Please don't worry if you have just bought a blue, this colour is still an official ISTD colour and perfectly acceptable in class and exams. Uniform is listed below but if you are uncertain which colour you should get next then please come and speak to me. Black leotards should be sleeveless or with *simple* camisole straps.

Timetable There are some slight changes to the timetable so check your class time. Please remember that all Wye Friday classes have been moved back by half an hour to accommodate the new reception age class at 3.30pm.

Missed Classes I am very happy for pupils who miss a class to make up with a lesson in a different venue if there is an equivalent class. Please text/email first if you wish to do this just to check everything is running as normal.

Crossover Cardigan Please check it is labeled.

Absent or Discontinuing Classes I would like to point out that though 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 to be informed well in advance of the beginning of a term if your child will no longer be continuing with us. It is especially disconcerting for teachers to lose a pupil at short notice, plus some classes have waiting lists and spaces can be allocated to others. If you are away from class for two weeks or longer please could you contact your teacher.

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 - Plum 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.**

INVOICES ARE NOT ISSUED
FEEES FOR 11 WEEKS DUE BETWEEN 1ST AND 4th WEEK OF TERM

ANY HALF HOUR CLASS	£42 for the term
40 MINUTES PLUS CLASS	£48 for the term
1 HOUR MODERN/TAP CLASS	£68 for the 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 state the **pupil's name**. If paying by cash I would be grateful if the money could be in a **named envelope**. Please write pupil's name on back of cheque. Cheques payable to MG Dance.

Liz Moriarty

Autumn Term 2014

Day	Location			Teacher	
Monday	Ashford	Grade 2 Modern	4.00 - 4.30	Liz	
		Grade 1 Tap	4.30 - 5.00	Liz	
		Grade 3 Modern	5.00 - 5.30	Liz	
		Grade 3 Tap	5.30 - 6.00	Liz	
		Grade 4 Modern	6.00 - 6.45	Liz	
		Grade 4 Tap	6.45 - 7.10	Liz	
		Grade 6 /Inter Ballet	7.10 - 8.00	Liz	
		Teens Street	8.00 - 8.45		
Tuesday	Ashford	Level 3 Ballet	4.40 - 5.20	Liz	
		Grade 4 Ballet	5.20 - 6.00	Liz	
		Grade 5 Ballet Exam Class	6.00 - 7.00	Liz	
		Grade 6 Modern	7.00 - 8.00	Katrina	
Wednesday	Ashford	Junior Street	4.30 - 5.15	Sophie	
Thursday	Ashford	Pre School Ballet	3.50 - 4.20	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	4.20 - 4.50	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet	4.50 - 5.20	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet Exam	5.20 - 6.00	Liz	
		Level 2 Ballet	6.00 - 6.40	Liz	
		Level 3 Ballet	6.40 - 7.30	Liz	
		Seniors	7.30 - 8.30	Liz	
	Wye	Pre-School Ballet	3.30 - 4.30	Katrina	
		Primary Tap	4.00 - 4.30	Katrina	
		Grade 1 Tap	4.30 - 5.00	Katrina	
Friday	Wye	Pre Primary Ballet	3.30 - 4.00	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	4.00 - 4.30	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet	4.30 - 5.00	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet Exam	5.00 - 5.30	Liz	
		Level 2 Ballet	5.30 - 6.00	Liz	
		Level 2 Ballet Exam	6.00 - 6.30	Liz	
		Level 3 Ballet	6.30 - 7.15	Liz	
		Grade 5 Ballet	7.15 - 8.00	Liz	
Saturday	Chartham Hatch	Grade 3/4 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 5/6 Ballet	12.40 - 1.30	Liz	