

Newsletter – Changes in September

Autumn 2017 – Term dates – Invoicing – School Trip - Tapathon

TERM DATES

NEXT TERM starts Friday 5 January, ends Thursday 29 March.

HALF TERM will be Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February inclusive.

THIS TERM finishes Friday 24 November **EXCEPT**

MRS COX'S Tuesday classes will finish 28 November.

Watching week will be Monday 20 to Friday 24 November inclusive **EXCEPT Senior Ballet** which will have watching on 28 November.

INVOICES Will be sent out towards the end of the holidays. **BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS ARE CHANGING** so *please read invoice carefully for new payment details*. Please check your junk folder or *get in touch* at the start of term if you feel that you have not received an invoice for the term. Please note our email address info@harpendendance.com and ensure that it is on your contacts list. Invoices will come from harpendendance@thinksmartmail.com. PLEASE NOTE that to help us to plan our timetable most effectively, half a term's notice is required for cancellations. Failure to give adequate notice will result in a fee being charged.

TIMETABLE Classes changing times/days/duration should have received an email already – please check the attached timetable carefully to see if your class is affected (look for the bold print) and let us know if you have any queries. We know you all have complicated schedules and so do not make timetable changes or class cancellations lightly. We thank you for your patience and appreciate your support. **NEW CLASSES** next term are **Pre-Primary Ballet** on Wednesdays for 4-5 year olds 3:45-4:30pm and **Non syllabus Pointe class** on Wednesdays 6:30 – 7pm.

SCHOOL TRIP – 42ND STREET

We are excited to be able to offer 30 seats in the Grand Circle for the bargain price of **£19.50** on **Thursday 3 May**. Normal ticket price is £55.00 for same day, same performance time, same seats. We will not be organising transport as we feel that the best way to get to Theatre Royal Drury Lane by 7:30pm on a weekday is independent travel by train. All children must therefore be accompanied by an adult. Please email Miss O'Donovan asap with any questions or to reserve your tickets! First come first served!

KEEPING UP TO DATE Please join our facebook page *Harpenden Dance School (formerly LSSD)* to get reminders, updates, news and inspirational pics and video clips! Our website is also a great source of information – find us at www.harpendendance.com

LOST PROPERTY All unclaimed lost property will be donated to the uniform sale or charity shops after 31 December.

SHOW 2019! To be sure you don't miss the next one pop 10 – 17th March 2019 in the diary!

UNIFORM PLEA –If anyone would like to run the second hand uniform service please get in contact to find out the benefits! In the meantime please direct any donations/enquiries to Miss O'Donovan

CONGRATULATIONS to all HDS pupils who achieved in their GCSEs and A Levels last term as well our hard working exam candidates who achieved a 100% pass rate with 75% achieving Merit and 39% achieving 70% and above. We are also very proud of our Advanced 1 Tap candidates who all got Merits and Distinctions and Tom Pigram for achieving a Merit in his Advanced 1 Ballet exam.

EXAM LETTERS for next term's exams will be emailed out shortly – if you think this applies to you please ensure you respond before 24 November.

TAPATHON 2017 is taking place on **Sunday 19 November** to raise money for Children in Need. If anyone would like to watch us perform the Tapathon as part of a nationwide attempt to break the record for the greatest number of people performing the same tap routine at multiple venues, simultaneously (the current Record stands at 7,596 persons) at St George's Drama Studio at 1pm please arrive in good time to take advantage of the refreshments!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and good health and happiness for New Year.

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