

End of Term - Spring 2022

“Pandora's Other Box” Success!

It was so special to finally take to the stage after such a long time and our performers certainly did us proud. We hope that everyone involved enjoyed the experience and our heartfelt thanks go to all the performers and their families for their enthusiasm and support. A special thank you also to our volunteers who gave up so much time and expertise to make it all look great and run smoothly. As you know, any profits from and funds raised at our shows are donated to chosen charities; whilst we are awaiting a few final invoices we do know that the grand total being donated this year will be in the region of £6500! What an incredible achievement that we can all be so proud of.

Summer Term Dates – please read carefully!

Tuesday 19th April - term starts for Miss McMillin, Miss Stevens, and Miss Osborn's classes

Thursday 21st April - term starts for Miss O'Donovan and Mrs Kistruck's classes

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - half term/no classes

Friday 15th July - end of term/final day of classes

Exceptions:

Thursday 5th May - no classes with Miss O'Donovan at St Nicholas' Church Hall (Polling Day/replaced by 21st April)

Thursday 5th May - no classes with Mrs Kistruck at Park Hall (Polling Day/replaced by 21st April)

Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th July - no classes with Miss McMillin (replaced by 19th & 21st April)

Tuesday 5th July - no classes with Miss Stevens (replaced by 19th April)

Invoices

Outstanding **Spring Term** invoices have been resent. Invoices for the **Summer term** fees will be emailed out in the Easter holidays. Please check all the class days and times and let us know immediately if there are any errors. If you do not receive your invoice by the start of term, please let us know.

Venues

With the further relaxation of the Covid restrictions, we are delighted to confirm that waiting/changing spaces will once again be available at St Nicholas Church Hall (this must be in The Cunningham Room and NOT the foyer), Park Hall and Musicale (though this is now very limited so belongings must be brought into class and exit will still be via the fire exit), High Street Methodist Church (entry now via the first door, changing room up a few stairs to the right, exit via far door).

Timetable

We have needed to make some changes to our timetable for the summer term. Classes affected by these changes have already been contacted but please do check the attached timetable to make sure you know when your classes are next term.

NEW CLASSES

We are excited to be offering the following new classes next term:

Beginners/Pre Pointe - Tuesdays at 6.00- 6.30pm at St Georges with Miss Stevens – suitable for Ages 11 and up wanting to prepare for/start pointe work. Pointe shoes will not be needed to start with.

Beginners Tap - Tuesdays at 5.15 - 5.45pm at St Georges with Miss Stevens. This class will be suitable for any pupils c. 12-13 years and above; even adult beginners! It will effectively be a term's fast-track course to cover the basic elements of Tap before pupils are placed in an appropriate grade class for their age.

Adult Beginners Tap – if you can't make the time above and there are enough of you we can set this class up in St George's Drama studio on Wednesdays with Miss Osborn – get in touch!

Contemporary/Choreography - Thursdays at 4.30-6.00pm at Park Hall with Mrs Kistruck. This class will include Contemporary technique and will also look at different dance styles and choreography skills - so will also make a fantastic complement to GCSE Dance studies. This class will replace our current Contemporary Jazz class.

Staff Changes

As many of you already know, we are sadly saying goodbye to **Mrs Stern**. She has been a key part of the HDS team for probably more years than she cares to remember and many of you will have enjoyed classes with her. We will miss her very much and wish her every success and happiness for the future. We are also very sad to say that **Sarah Turnbull**, the unseen face of nearly all the emails sent by HDS, is retiring. After 8 years supporting HDS she has decided to hang up her notebook and keyboard. We are delighted that **Charly Ralph-Day** will be re-joining the admin team next term and that **Mrs Kistruck** will be joining us to teach Ballet and Contemporary classes. She has very kindly covered some classes for us over the last couple of weeks so some of you will have already met her. We are also excited to welcome **Miss Osborn** who will be teaching Tap and Modern. Please see our website for more information on our new teachers; both are very much looking forward to working with you all and we're confident that you will join us in welcoming them into the HDS family.

We hope you all enjoy a restful break and look forward to seeing you all for the summer term.

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