Provisional Autumn Term Dates – please read carefully! These are dependent on the exam dates we are given

Monday 5th September - term starts for Exam Coaching

Monday 12th September - term starts for all classes

Sunday 23rd October - Friday 28th October - half term/no classes

Sunday 4th December - end of term/final day of classes

Sunday 20 November - Cake Sale and Tapathon 2022!

Following the continued success of **TAPATHON** events (both with regards fundraising and fun!) we will be taking part in this year's tap dancing event, brought to you by The Performers Project with support from BBC Children In Need. From Grade 1 upwards, the **TAPATHON** is a great opportunity for tap dancers to come together in an attempt to break a world record, while raising money for a good cause; all ages can come and enjoy the cake sale! *Keep an eye out for entry forms*!

Planning ahead Show 2024

We are excited to announce that our next show will take place on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March 2024 for G1 and above. Sunday rehearsals will be 28th Jan, 4th, 11th & 25th Feb & 3rd March, Tech rehearsal Thursday 7th and Dress rehearsal Friday 8th March.

NEW CLASSES

We are excited to be offering a FOUR WEEK FREE TRIAL of the following NEW classes in September:

Beginners Tap - Tuesdays at 5.15 - 5.45pm at St Georges' Sports Hall. This class will be suitable for any pupils c. 12-13 years and above; even adult beginners!

Body conditioning, Contemporary technique and Choreography class - Thursdays at 4pm (8 - 12yrs) and 4:45pm (+13yrs) at Park Hall with Mrs Kistruck - a great addition to anyone's dance training, increasing flexibility, strength and creativity. It will also be a great help to anyone taking GCSE Dance studies. This class will replace our current Contemporary class. Dancers already doing three or more classes with us can sign up to this for free! The four week free trial offer applies to everyone. **NEW Primary Tap/G1 Modern** - Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:15 at St Georges' Sports Hall. Ages 5 and 6 yrs.

Invoices and Fee Changes

Outstanding Summer Term invoices have been resent. Invoices for the Autumn Term fees will be emailed out in the Summer holidays. Please let us know immediately if there are any changes to your schedule (cancellations or changes). *If changes are made after you receive your invoice, administration charges may be apply*. If you do not receive your invoice by the start of term, please let us know. Fees are increasing slightly in September in response to rising costs in running the classes; please contact us in confidence if you would like to continue dancing or take on another class but financial considerations are proving prohibitive.

Changing Facilities at Venues

With the further relaxation of the Covid restrictions, we are delighted to confirm that waiting/changing spaces will once again be available for before and after class 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 Autumn 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.

Staff Changes

We are excited to welcome **Mrs Oreng** to our school to join our Ballet faculty next term; please head over to the website to get acquainted! We are also lucky to welcome **Miss Nicholls** back to her Tuesday classes after her maternity leave. We would like to thank **Miss Stevens** for her great classes and wish her well for the future, and let you know that **Miss McMillin** will be leaving for a performing contract in October – we wish her all the best and hope to be able to welcome her back in the future. Please see our website for more information on our teachers.

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



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