

Summer Term Newsletter 2011

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back after a busy Easter holiday. As always I was up to my eyes in plies teaching the new Vocational work at the Royal Academy of Dance Headquarters and giving Master Classes at the Dulwich Easter Course. Congratulations to Imogen Alvares who won the scholarship to next year's course.

Examination results

Vocational

Royal Academy of Dance

Advanced 2: Lara Lucano , Merit

Advanced 1: Lauren Hurst, Katie Rogers with Distinction; Kerri Brown, Sophie Morgan with Merit

Intermediate: Nadia Slater, Katie Valentine with Distinction; Olivia Barrett, Keira Bird, Eleanor Driscoll, Emma Hallam, Kelly-Ann Platt, Hope Roberts with Merit

Intermediate Foundation: Bethany Wood, Niamh Robinson with Distinction; Lydia Ayton-Smith, Breezy Haywood with Merit

Grade Examinations

37 students took Grade examinations, 35 passing with Distinction and 2 with Merit. 7 students took the Primary in Dance examination, all passing with Distinction and achieving a gold medal and 6 students achieved the Class Award in Pre-Primary in Dance.

The 90 club were: Primary: Amy Campbell 96, Madeleine Long-Leather 96, Madeleine Livingstone 96 Olivia Ansell 95, Emma Foote 94 , Grade 8 : Kerri Brown 94, Keira Bird 93, Skye Hester 90, Grade 6: Emma Hunter 93

In addition we had an amazing set of results from the examinations of the new syllabus we trialled in February at RAD Headquarters. All 34 candidates achieved Distinction, the 90 club being - Grade 1; Aiste Stankeviciute , Annabel Pickering , Summer Gregory-Taylor 95, Amelia Silk 94, Jemima Burfield 93; Grade 2: Annabel Pickering 94, Erin King 92; Grade 3: Lucy Wood 98, Niamh Robinson 95, Emily Dougans 91

It is worth remembering at this point that children develop at various stages and are only entered for exams when they have reached their potential. Coaching for examinations is mandatory and not to replace those lessons missed through illness or family holidays. Generally 45 to 60 hours of tuition are needed in order to maintain our high standard.

ISTD Tap and Modern

14 students passed with Distinction, 6 with Merit and 3 with a Pass.

The 90 club were: Advanced 1 Modern: Lara Lucano 92, Lauren Hurst 90
Intermediate Modern: Imogen Alvares 90

Congratulations to all our students on their results.

The following students are privileged to have been selected to dance with the Mariinsky Ballet at the Royal Opera House in La Bayadere in August; Imogen Alvares, Kerri Brown, Breezy Haywood, Emma Hunter, Olivia Leitch, Rebecca Mabin and Katie Valentine.

In March we were asked to perform at the Children's Trust Ball at the Banqueting Hall in Whitehall. Imogen Alvares, Kerri Brown, Beth Connellan, Jessica Cook, Camilla Foulger, Lauren Hurst, Reade Kiefer, Olivia Leitch, Sophie Lewis, Lara Lucano, Sophie Morgan, Annabel Pickering, Kelly-Ann Platt, Emma Riggs, Katie Rogers, Katie Valentine and Georgina Woodward all contributed to the success of the evening which raised over £30,000. The organisers were delighted with the response to our performance.

We have again been invited to dance at the Byfleet Parish Day on Saturday 16th July.

In conclusion I had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty The Queen at a reception at Buckingham Palace in May in recognition of my work with young people in the performing arts. Thanks to you all for allowing me to train your lovely children and to pass on to them my passion for classical ballet. Thank you.

Dates: Autumn Term Commences	Monday 12 th September
Half Term	24 th October- 29 th October inclusive
And also an extra week holiday	21 st -26 th November inclusive
End of Term	Saturday December 3 rd .

There is an additional holiday in November to avoid a very long break and to give all a quiet week in preparation for Christmas.

Show April 15th – April 21st 2012. As from September forms for those wishing to take part will be on the school web site, www.srballet.com .

Epworth Choir Christmas Concert 12th December.

Miss Sue