

Autumn Term Newsletter 2012

Dear Parents and Friends,

This term is again promising to be an extremely busy one for our teachers and students and we have many exciting times ahead as well as a lot of hard work. Festival work has started with pupils representing us very well at the Tudor Rose Festival, many having already qualified for the Regional Finals of the All England Dance Competition. We look forward to participating in the Kingston upon Thames, Woking and Richmond upon Thames Festivals in the coming months.

Royal Academy of Dance Examination results

Grade examinations: - 25 pupils took examinations 20 passing with distinction and 5 with merit. The 90 club are Sarah Trinder Grade 4 with 95; Erin King and Amelia Silk Grade 4 with 94; Alice Pople Grade 1 with 93

Primary in Dance: - 16 candidates 14 with distinction and a gold medal and 2 with merit and a silver medal. The 90 club are Emilia Dowling 95 and Yasmin Dinenage 90.

Vocational examinations:- Advanced 1; Imogen Alvares, Olivia Leitch and Katie Valentine all with distinction. Intermediate; Lara Driscoll, Niamh Robinson and Bethany Wood with distinction, Lydia Ayton- Smith with merit. Intermediate Foundation; Cameron Helsby, Kate Hester and Emma Lewis with distinction, Rosie Dinsdale with merit.

Bravo to all our students for their results.

Congratulations also to all our students who took public examinations in the Summer with some excellent results.

A delightful evening was held at Weybridge Bowling Club on the 29th September to celebrate the lives of two of our parents who sadly died at a young age. The Dee Dee Roberts Award was presented by Mr Roberts to Lauren Hurst and the Mark Leitch Classical Music Award was presented by his daughter Olivia to Kerri Brown. My thanks to all who made the evening such a success.

Miss Sunderland from the Royal Academy of Dance came the next day to select pupils to demonstrate the character work for the new Grades 1-3 which will be filmed in December at Elmhurst School. Zoe Donaldson, Alice Pople, Christina Spanellis and Toby Wood were chosen for Grade 1, Jemima Burfield, Alex Lewis, Amelia Silk and Aiste Stankeviciute for grade 2 and Olivia Jones, Erin King, Sarah Trinder and Robert Wood for Grade 3.

Miss Wallis, Miss Berry and Miss Hunt, the creative panel for the Royal Academy of Dance's new Grade 4 and 5 work, are visiting in November to select students for the filming of this for the DVD. Our school is involved in trialling the new Grades 4 and 5.

On Sunday November 4th we will again take part in the Dance Proms at the Royal Albert Hall. Imogen Alvares, Lydia Ayton- Smith, Amy Charlton, Emily Dougans, Kate Hester, Lauren Hurst, Olivia Leitch, Emma Lewis, Rebecca Mabin, Talay Namintraporn, Niamh Robinson, Nadia Slater and Katie Valentine will travel to London to represent our school.

Dates for your Diary

Term ends Saturday 1st December

RAD examinations 20th, 21st and 22nd December

Spring Term

Term starts Monday 7th January

Half-term Monday 18th February to Saturday 23rd February (classes resume Monday 25th February)

Term ends Saturday 23rd March

RAD examinations Thursday 28th March

Epworth Christmas Carol Concert Monday 10th December, Christ Church , Woking. All welcome.

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School web site www.srballet.com is a useful source of information

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