

# Summer Term Newsletter 2013

Dear Parents and Friends,

The dance continues and what we thought would be a relatively quiet term has turned out to be as busy as ever. As we go to press over 130 items will be danced by many of our students from the Thursday coaching classes at the All England Regional Finals over half term. Miss Sue would like to commend all the dancers who have stepped in so willingly to replace injured colleagues. The show always goes on (!) and the pupils have all shown dedication and professionalism.

In August the following students will have the wonderful experience of dancing with the Bolshoi Ballet at The Royal Opera House. in London:- Jemima Burfield, Jade Cawthraw, Emily Dougans, Kate Hester, Olivia Jones, Erin King, Emma Lewis, Niamh Robinson, Sarah Trinder, Katie Valentine and Lucy Wood.

We extend a warm welcome to the staff to Miss Vicky Terrington who has taken over the teaching for the ISTD Modern and Tap examination syllabi. As I have been increasingly busy this term with examining for the Royal Academy of Dance in Belgium and Scotland we have been delighted to welcome Miss Clare Hemming as a guest teacher. Clare trained with us between the ages of 5 and 16 before going on to train at the Central School of Ballet. She passed her RAD Advanced 2 examination with Honours whilst still with us and won The All England Dancer of the Year Competition.

We were all very excited to hear that Laurretta Summerscales will be dancing the role of Odette/Odile in two performances with the English National Ballet at the Albert Hall in June. Laurretta did her ballet training with us from a young age until at 16 she left to continue her training at the English National Ballet School.

Congratulations to Beth Andrews on achieving her dream place at Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance and we wish her every success for the future.

Not only are academic examinations in full swing but we have two days of RAD examinations in our school on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July

## Royal Academy of Dance Results

Our results from last term were again outstanding.

Vocational

Intermediate: - Jessica Geary, Emily Mackinson both with Distinction

21 pupils took Grade examinations, 15 passing with Distinction and 6 with Merit

7 pupils took the Primary in Dance examination 3 being awarded Distinction and a gold medal and 4 Merit and a silver medal

The 90 club were: - Grade 2 Anastasia Hotchin 94

Grade 5 Rosalind Helsby and Francesca Horwood 90

## Grade 6 Emma Lewis 90

In addition 11 candidates took the new Grade 4 and 5 examinations which they have been trialling for the RAD and all candidates passed with Distinction.

The 90 club were, Grade 4 Aiste Stankeviciute 98, Jemima Burfield 97, Daisy Mortlock 95.

Grade 5 Emma Lewis 97, Olivia Jones 96, Amelia Silk 92, Hannah Mc Millan and Tara Millard 91, and Henrietta Owen 90

Congratulations to all our pupils on their results and particular congratulations to Erin King who obtained 100 in the new Grade 5 examination.

### Dates for your Diary

The 28<sup>th</sup> September is a very special day of performances at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre in Woking where we will be paying tribute to our beloved friend and tutu maker extraordinaire Wendy Thomas. We are hoping to raise £10,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support so please do come along and show your support. You will be able to see the artistry and flair that went into her costume design and making and some of the choreography she so brilliantly designed for. We are already assured of guest performances from former students who are now professional dancers and it promises to be a wonderful day.

Term dates Autumn 2013

Term starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Last class before half term Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Half term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November inclusive

Classes resume Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Term ends Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

RAD exams

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### FEES

Thank you to all of you who remembered the change in fees this term and to all of you who paid promptly.

Just to remind you the cost of the first class each pupil takes with us will be £75 and any additional classes will be £70. (Nursery Ballet will be £70 and Primary Tap and Modern £55, £105 if both are taken). These prices are for the term paid in advance of the start of term. There is a £10 per class late payment fee. As always in case of hardship please do contact us to discuss possibilities. Hope to see you on the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Miss Sue

