

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2017

The past term has again been very busy for our teachers and students and we also have many exciting times ahead.

Recent Royal Academy of Dance Exams results – 68 Candidates, 47 Distinction and 21 Merit, 6 Primary in Dance -Distinction and Gold Medal.

The 90 Club were –

Erin King 96, Hannah McMillan 93, Sarah Trinder 93, Olivia Jones 93 - Grade 8

Evie Burrowes 98, Aiste Stankeviciute 95 - Grade 7,

Zoe Donaldson 92 – Grade 6

Olivia Lewis 90 – Grade 5

Annalise Wainwright-Jones 94 – Grade 1

ISTD Modern/Tap exam results 23 Candidates 15 Distinction, 8 Merit

Peter Henderson 90, Alexandra Mann 90 – Primary Modern

We thank Miss Vicky/Miss Caroline for these excellent results proving that we are a school offering all dance genres.

Congratulations everyone, Bravo!

We are delighted to announce that 4 of our students, Erin King, Sarah Trinder, Anastasia Hotchin and Aiste Stankeviciute have been selected to perform with the Mariinsky Ballet at Covent Garden in the summer. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to perform with this famous company!

Another of our students Sarah Trinder was the winner of the Molly Lake Award with Erin King also chosen as a finalist. The final was judged by Mr. James Barton a soloist with Birmingham Royal Ballet. The students from our school were competing against pupils from vocational schools and we would like to congratulate our students who took part as the judges especially commented on their musicality.

It is also with great pride that Sarah Trinder has also been chosen as ambassador for Russian Pointe and it was in conjunction with this brand that some of our senior students were invited to dance at the Move It event in London in March.

At Richmond Festival of Dance we were delighted when Evie Burrowes was announced as winner of the Young Dancer of the Year competition. She receives a trophy, £100 prize money, a prize sponsored by 4 Dance in Walton on Thames and will receive her trophy from the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames at the Festival Showcase in May.

It has been a busy time at various All England dance festivals with our students being awarded numerous medals and cups but always Miss Sue says it's not about the medal but it is the performance experience which is so valuable. All England semi-final Fareham 27th May – 4th June and Finals at London Hackney Empire 28 July – 6 August.

Miss Sue has been extremely busy as usual and is at present examining at the Royal Academy of Dance headquarters. On Sunday 12th March she judged at the London region's prestigious awards day. It was a particular pleasure to judge the Sallie Lewis award -her daughter Sarah was a pupil at this school before entering the Royal Ballet School and going onto dance with Ballet Europa.

As always we keep in touch with past students and are proud to see Hannah Bateman currently appearing in one of the main roles in her husband Kenneth Tindall's ballet Casanova for Northern Ballet.

Our heartfelt congratulations go to another ex-pupil Becky Mabin currently a student with English National Ballet who has been awarded a contract to dance with the Czech National Ballet.

Dates for Your Diary

End of Spring Term – Saturday 25th March 2017

RAD Exams – 31st March/1st April

Summer Term begins – Saturday 22nd April

Half Term – Saturday 27th May – Saturday 3rd June inclusive

End of Summer Term – Monday 10th July

RAD Exams – 14th and 15th July

Autumn Term begins – 11th September 2017

Half Term – Monday 23rd October – Saturday 4th November inclusive

End of Autumn Term – Saturday 2nd December

Provisional Date for RAD Exams – 14th, 15th and 16th December 2017

Lastly I would like to thank everyone who has supported and continues to support the school.

Miss Sue