



Hitchin School of Dance Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

Welcome to the first Hitchin School of Dance newsletter

This Term

We have had a very different Autumn term this year to say the least! From our original twelve weeks on Zoom in April, to returning to face to face classes in September, and then a further four weeks on Zoom, it certainly has kept us on our dancing toes! I would like to congratulate those students for full attendance across all of their classes in the last four weeks on Zoom.

The Show and Exams

As you all know we had to postpone our planned March 2021 show. It will be rearranged for when we are able to safely perform. Instead, we will be working towards our ISTD exams in Ballet, Tap and Modern. Exams aren't compulsory but I would encourage all students to work towards them as they need to be at exam level to move up to the next grade. The standard needed for exams is set by the ISTD and we will only enter students if we feel they will pass with their best possible mark. The final decision on whether an exam will be taken will be decided by their teacher. Full attendance is **very** important if an exam is wanting to be taken and if a certain amount of classes are missed, this may result in a student not being entered. I am looking to hold exam sessions April/May time.

Dancing over Christmas

We have covered a lot of the syllabus work this term which is fantastic! I will be sending out videos of the Tap & Modern graded exercises for students to practise over the Christmas holidays. With some students having to self-isolate during term time, and not everyone attending the Zoom classes, this will be a great opportunity for students to 'catch up' or re-cap any exercises they aren't sure on.

Our New Venue

I would like to thank Lucas Lane Sports Club for being our new home. It wasn't an easy decision to move from Tilehouse Street, a place where the school had been based for a very long time! But, with restrictions to class sizes and social distancing, we wouldn't have been able to run classes safely there. That being said, both myself and Blueharts have had very positive feedback from the move and I think it is a great venue for our school to grow.

Hitchin Christmas Tree Trail

Hitchin School of Dance is taking part in Hitchin's Christmas Tree Trail from Friday 11th December to Sunday 13th December. We will be placing a tree in the window of Dance and Fancy Dress of Hitchin so please go along and have a look. I would love to see you in front of our window so please tag us in a photo on Facebook or Instagram
@HitchinSchoolofDance #HitchinSchoolofDance



Uniform

Please check that all students are attending classes in the correct uniform and their hair is neatly tied up. You can find a list on the website and all uniform can be purchased from Dance and Fancy Dress of Hitchin.

I have had lots of orders for our school hoodies, t-shirts and sweatshirts and these can be worn in class. If you missed out on ordering this time, I do have some extra stock.

Thank you to Miss Alison

A big thank you to Alison for her teaching and hard work this term. We are very lucky to have her at Hitchin School of Dance.

Miss Alison has let me know that everyone has been working extremely hard in their Ballet lessons and has made her feel very welcome at Hitchin School of Dance.

Spring Term & Fees

All being well, we will be returning to classes week commencing

Monday 4th January 2021

Half term: Monday 15th February to Saturday 20th February 2021

Term finishes: Saturday 27th March

I will be back to invoicing for a full term for the Spring term. Fees are due in by the 3rd week of term (Friday 22nd January 2021). A 10% penalty charge will be added if fees are paid later than this date.

New Classes

I would love to add some new classes to the timetable at some point in the New Year. I would like to offer strength & stretch classes, which will focus on strengthening and stretching the muscles we use for dance. A jazz technique class where students can work on their turns, leaps and kicks. A contemporary/jazz class, this lesson will focus on learning routines and exploring different choreography and possibly street classes. I would love to know your feedback and if there would be any interest in these lessons or any demand for any other classes, so please let me know via e-mail or on the school number.

**And finally, a big THANK YOU for all of your support and understanding over the last few months.
Let's hope 2021 is a bit more normal!**

I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love, Miss Gabbi x

Important Information:

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