



Hitchin School of Dance Spring Term Newsletter 2021

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This Term

Once again, Zoom has been our 'normal' over this last term. Everyone has done so well in signing on and carrying on dancing with both Miss Alison and I, so thank you! We are hoping to return to face to face classes week commencing Monday 19th April. We will still be observing all of our Covid procedures to keep everyone as safe as possible but I can't wait to not be dancing in my dining room (I think my family are too!)

Exams

My original plan was to hold exams in April/May but like most things, Covid has changed that! We have worked very hard on our set work in Ballet, Tap & Modern and I am still looking into holding a face to face exam session in all three genres in the summer term.

Exams are a great opportunity to show how students have progressed and can instil a great sense of achievement.

ISTD are highly regarded exams and require a lot of hard work, so we will only enter students if we feel that they are at the required level.

In our first week back, Miss Alison and I will be looking at the set work needed for the exams, and will make a decision about who would be ready. I would strongly encourage any student to take an exam, if we consider them ready.

I have put up tap syllabus videos on our Google drive and will put on some modern syllabus videos too, so please encourage students to have a look at these and practise during the Easter holidays.



Summer Term & Fees

All being well, we will be returning to classes week commencing **Monday 19th April 2021**

Half term: Monday 31st May to Saturday 5th June 2021

Term finishes: Saturday 10th July 2021 (11 weeks)

NO CLASSES Monday 3rd May due to a Bank Holiday

I will be back to invoicing for a full term for the summer term. Invoices will be sent out in the second week of term. Fees will be due by Monday 17th May. A 10% penalty charge will be added if fees are paid later than this date.

This last year has been difficult. If you would like to organise a payment plan, please don't hesitate to e-mail me and we can sort something out.

Zoom Ballet Competition

All the points for Miss Alison's Ballet competition have been added up and we can now confirm the five winners from across the grades.

Congratulations to:

Eva P
Imogen R
Izzy L
Rosie M
Emma R

Prizes will be awarded during the first class after Easter.
Well done!

New Classes

I am excited that we are adding some new classes to our timetable.

Strength & Stretch: Similar to body conditioning, a class to strengthen the muscles we need as dancers. Focussing in particular on the core and leg muscles, as well as safely stretching muscles to improve flexibility. This class is a great addition to all dance disciplines.

Jazz Technique: This class will improve strength, flexibility and conditioning of technique included in turns, leaps and kicks.

Theatre Jazz: A fun class where you will learn and perfect dances you would see on the stage and screen!

Lyrical/Contemporary: This is an expressive form of dance. Lyrical & Contemporary uses fluid, continuous movements using elements of other styles of dance such as ballet, modern and jazz.

I have attached the timetable or you can view it on our Website.

These new classes are all £4.50 each. If a student takes 4 or more classes in total across the whole timetable, the 4th and any additional classes from the new class list will be reduced to £4.00 each. Sibling discount will continue to be applied across all classes.

The new **Monday** classes will be held at **Tilehouse Street Baptist Church** in the downstairs main hall.

The new **Thursday** classes will be held at **Lucas Lane Sports Club**.

Spaces will be limited so please contact me if you would like to sign up! These classes will be starting at the beginning of next term, week commencing Monday 19th April.

Monday 19th April and Thursday 22nd April will be free trial days for all new classes, however you must let me know if you would like to attend.

Small Timetable Change

With us working on syllabus work, I need to slightly change our timetable for ballet classes. Grade 6 and Intermediate will be separate classes and will now include their pointe work in their own class. Primary ballet is a lovely big class (with a waiting list!) so I am having to split it into two with Grade 1 Ballet now being 45 minutes. I will e-mail all students this will affect. Please let me know if there are any problems and I will do my best to accommodate as much as I can.

Times and prices are as follows:

Tuesdays

Grade 5 Ballet 4:15pm-5:15pm

Intermediate Ballet 5:15pm-6:30pm

Grade 6 Ballet 6:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesdays:

Primary Ballet (1) 4:45pm-5:15pm

Primary Ballet (2) 5:15pm-5:45pm

Grade 1 Ballet 5:45pm-6:30pm

30 Minutes class = £4.50

45 Minute class = £5.50

60 Minute class = £6.00

75 Minute class = £7.00

Uniform

Please check that uniform and shoes fit before returning in April!

There is a full list of our uniform on the website. You can buy all of our uniform from Dance & Fancy Dress of Hitchin. They do online orders but will be re-opening April 12th. Please get tap and ballet shoes from here as they are trained to fit them properly (Sainsburys and Amazon aren't!)

I have a small stock of Hoodies, T-Shirts and Sweatshirts. If you would like one, let me know!

For our new classes, any leotard, crop top, leggings, hot pants, combination is allowed.



Again, a really big THANK YOU for all of your support and understanding over the last year.

I can't wait to see all of the students dancing together again.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Happy Easter.

Love, Miss Gabbi x

Important Information:

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All information about uniform, timetable, term dates etc can be found on the website

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