



Hitchin School of Dance Summer Term Newsletter 2022

"In the Spotlight" – April 2022

A huge congratulations to everyone who danced "In the Spotlight" back in April. All three shows were fantastic and I couldn't have been prouder of the students. I have loved watching the DVD and seen all of their hard work really pay off – well done!

A big thank you again to everyone who helped leading up to the show and backstage. From costume changes to styling hair, running the bar to selling tickets...the list goes on. The students were a joy backstage and really showed the love they have for not only dance, but for each other. I am very lucky.

(I am already starting to think about the next one!)

Leavers

We have some of our senior dancers leaving us this summer to go onto new and exciting things. They have all been dancing with us from a very young age and they will be sorely missed by the students and teachers. Thank you for your commitment and your enthusiasm for dance. Come back and dance with us soon!

Timetable

You will have received a print out of the new timetable with your child's class days and times on. This will come into place from September. I am very excited to be able to add in some more syllabus and free classes to the timetable and offer more variety of genres to the students.

Trial Classes

We always offer a free trial class for any of our lessons. Please let me know if your child would like to trial a class in September.

New classes

Strength & Stretch (9+) MONDAYS 5:00-5:30

Junior Lyrical/Jazz (age 9-11) MONDAYS 5:30-6:00

Student Ballet (age 11+) TUESDAYS 4:45-5:30

Mini Tap (age 4-5) WEDNESDAYS 4:45-5:15

Street Classes – FRIDAYS

Mini Street (age 4-5) 4:15-4:45

Junior Street (age 6-8) 4:45-5:15

Inter Street (age 9-11) 5:15-5:55

Senior Street (age 12+) 5:55-6:35

Uniform & shoes

A full list of uniform can be found on the website. All uniform can be purchased from Dance and Fancy Dress of Hitchin. Please only get your shoes from here – amazon and Sainsburys can't fit them for you!

Exams

Exams are a great for students to work towards and they give a sense of achievement after working hard in their classes. We follow the ISTD syllabus in our ballet, tap and modern classes. There is a certain level and technique required to achieve a pass mark in these exams. ISTD mark students as follows:

Pass 40-59

Reflects a satisfactory to fairly good standard of achievement overall

Merit 60-79

Reflects a good to very good standard of achievement overall

Distinction 80-100

Reflects a high to extremely high standard of achievement overall

I am looking at booking an ISTD exam session in the spring term. Not all students have to take an exam and some students may not be quite ready to take an exam. We will only enter students who display the required level needed and will gain the best mark they can. Some students may need an extra half a term or term before being entered. We will be looking at who could potentially do an exam in the new term. 100% attendance is so important if your child wishes to be considered for an exam. Students will still need achieve a certain level to be able to move up into the next class if they don't want to take an exam.

Dates for your diary

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 12th September 2022 – Saturday 17th December 2022
HALF TERM: Monday 24th October – Saturday 29th October 2022

SPRING TERM

Monday 9th January 2023 – Saturday 1st April 2023
HALF TERM: Monday 13th February 2023 – Saturday 18th February 2023

SUMMER TERM

Monday 17th April 2023 – Saturday 15th July 2023
HALF TERM: Monday 29th May 2023 – Saturday 3rd June 2023

NO CLASSES Monday 1st May 2023 due to the Bank Holiday

*Thank you for another brilliant term at HSD. Miss Alison and I would like to say thank you for our end of term gifts and cards .
I hope you and your families have a lovely, relaxing summer..*

Love, Miss Gabbi x

Important Information:

School E-mail: HitchinSchoolofDance@hotmail.com

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

Socials: Facebook – Hitchin School of Dance

Group for parents and students on Facebook: Hitchin School of Dance for Parents & Students (Private)

Instagram - @HitchinSchoolofDance

Bank Details:

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