



Hitchin School of Dance
Summer Term Newsletter 2024

Summer term

We have been very busy this term in our ISTD modern, tap and ballet classes as we are starting to learn syllabus work in preparation for exams in the next academic year, and our street, lyrical and jazz classes have been looking at some fantastic new routines. We have also had lots of students improve their splits, heights of jumps and strength and technique in their strength and stretch classes. Well done everyone – another busy term!

PLATINUM

It was such a busy time after the show that I didn't get a chance to produce an 'end of term' newsletter in April but wanted to say again how proud I was of the students and thank you to everyone who was involved in "Platinum". I think it was our best show yet and the students were fabulous on and off stage.

SAVE THE DATE:

[Our 2026 show dates are Saturday 21st Sunday 22nd March 2026](#)

Teachers

We have welcomed Miss Lucy to the teaching team this term teaching our Monday classes. The students have thoroughly enjoyed her classes and have shown a great improvement in their stretch and strength classes as well as learning some great jazz and lyrical routines. Our little ballerinas have enjoyed bubbles and props and are loving their introduction to ballet. Miss Lucy is wonderful addition to our team.

September Fees

Due to increases out of my control, there will be a change in our fees structure from September.

This will come into place from the September term:

30 minute classes - £5.50
40/45 minute classes - £6.00
60 minute classes - £6.50
75 minute classes - £7.00

10% sibling discount
10% discount on three genres or more per student

Adult Classes £6.50

All trial classes - FREE

If you would like to talk about your termly invoice, please don't hesitate to contact me through our e-mail address

- Invoices will be sent out a week prior to the start of each term and will be due within two weeks of issue.
 - If payment is late, a late fee of 10% will be added and any discounts will not be applied.
- We have a strict six weeks termination of lessons policy. You must give six weeks notice, via e-mail, if a student does not want to continue classes otherwise a six weeks invoice will be issued. **[THIS ALSO APPLIES FOR RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER.](#)**
 - All of our payment T&C's are on our website.

Exams

From September we will be focusing on exam syllabus in our modern, tap and ballet classes (Primary and above). Whilst we encourage students to take exams, they aren't compulsory. The ISTD require a certain level in each grade for a student to pass an exam which includes knowledge of syllabus, posture, performance, technique, accuracy, and timing amongst many other elements.

Some students may not be quite ready to take an exam when we hold an exam session. We will only enter students into exams if we feel they are confident and will get the best mark they can. We have many years of experience entering students for exams so please trust our judgment if we decide a student shan't be taking an exam in the session. Students can still move into the next grade if they do not take the exam, this will be discussed with their teacher.

Cost of Exams

The fees for exams are set by the ISTD. Students will need extra rehearsals if they are entered for exams. This will come as an additional charge to their normal classes.

Online portal

For safety, I must have an emergency contact for each student

Please check that all of your child's information is filled out and up to date on our online portal i.e. emergency contact number, medical notes, photo consent, D.O.B. There is a link under "more" then "links" on our website.

Sign in here: <https://app.classmanager.com/portal/hitchin-school-of-dance/login>

You may need to 'forget password' to log in if you haven't signed in previously

September timetable

You can see the full September 2024 timetable at the end of the newsletter and on our website.

Grade 2 modern (Mondays at 5:00pm) will now be a 40 minute class – all other Monday classes after this class, please check times

Inter Modern/Adv Jazz and Inter/Adv Tap will now be on a Wednesday

Grade 4 Tap and Grade 5 modern will now be on a Thursday at Lucas Lane Sports Club

NEW Mini modern/jazz class on a Thursday at Lucas Lane Sports Club

NEW Primary ballet class on a Wednesday

NEW Adult jazz/west end class on a Tuesday at Tilehouse Street Baptist Church

Mini Classes are for students aged 3-4.5/5. Students move up from Mini to their next class at the beginning of the term or half term when they are turning 5.

An e-mail will be sent when your child is ready to move into the next class – this applies to all classes.

Trialling Classes

If you or your child would like to trial a class in September, now is the time to book! We limit our class numbers so spaces do go quickly. Trials are free but must be booked in advance.

The summer term always comes with us having to say goodbye to some of our senior students.

I would like to wish all of our seniors the very best of luck wherever they are heading off to next. They have been a very special part of Hitchin School of Dance.

Many of them have been with me since I started teaching and I want to thank them for their support of the school, their commitment, their love for dancing and for making each lesson so much fun to each week.

They have been a real pleasure to have as students and we will really miss them.

Dates for your diary

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 9th January 2024 – Friday 13th December (12 weeks)
HALF TERM: Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024

SPRING TERM

Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025 (12 weeks)
HALF TERM: Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025

SUMMER TERM

Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 18th July 2025 (12 weeks)
HALF TERM: Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025

No classes are held on bank holidays

Dates may be subject to change with six weeks notice

SHOWS: 21st & 22nd March 2026

Information on timetable, term dates, class fees, T&C's can always be found on our website: HitchinSchoolofDance.co.uk

Thank you all for another fantastic term at HSD.

*Myself, Miss Alison, Miss Ylana and Miss Lucy wish you a very happy, relaxing and sunny (!) summer break.
We very much are looking forward to having everyone back dancing in September*

Love, Mrs Gabbi x

Important Information:

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN E-MAIL ADDRESS

School E-mail: Info@HitchinSchoolofDance.com

School Number: 07801261249

Website: HitchinSchoolofDance.co.uk

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

Instagram - [@HitchinSchoolofDance_](https://www.instagram.com/HitchinSchoolofDance_)

Facebook – [Hitchin School of Dance](https://www.facebook.com/HitchinSchoolofDance)

Bank Details:

New bank details for September will be sent out

SEPTEMBER TIMETABLE 2024

MONDAYS

TILEHOUSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (with Mrs Gabbi)

4:00-4:30pm Grade 1 Modern
4:30-5:00pm Primary Tap
5:00-5:40pm Grade 2 Modern
5:40-6:10pm Grade 1 Tap
6:10-6:50pm Grade 3 Modern
6:50-7:30pm Grade 4 Modern
7:30-8:10pm Grade 3 Tap

TILEHOUSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (with Miss Lucy)

4:00-4:30pm Mini Ballet (M)
4:30-5:00pm Pre-Primary Ballet (M)
5:00-5:30pm JNR Lyrical/Jazz
5:30-6:00pm Strength & Stretch
6:00-6:30pm INTER Jazz
6:30-7:00pm INTER Lyrical/Contemporary
7:00-8:00pm Adult Inter Tap - for those dancers who have tapped before and have some experience

TUESDAYS

TILEHOUSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (with Miss Ylana)

4:00-4:30pm Mini Street
4:30-5:00pm JNR Street
5:00-5:40pm INTER/SNR Street
5:40-6:10pm SNR Lyrical/Contemporary
NEW 6:15-7:00pm Adult Jazz/West End Class – a class to learn dances to show tunes and west end classics
7:00-8:00pm Adult Pre-Inter Tap - a class to refresh and revisit your tap steps

LUCAS LANE SPORTS CLUB (with Miss Alison)

4:15-5:15pm Grade 4 Ballet
5:15-5:30pm Pointe
5:30-6:45pm Grade 5 Ballet & Pointe
6:45-7:45pm Grade 6 Ballet & Pointe
7:45-8:45pm Adult Pre-Intermediate Ballet - a class to refresh and revisit your ballet "Back to ballet"

WEDNESDAYS

TILEHOUSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (with Mrs Gabbi)

4:00-4:30pm Pre-Primary Ballet (W)
4:40-5:10pm Mini Tap
NEW 5:15-5:45pm Primary Ballet (1)
5:45-6:30pm Inter Modern/ADV Jazz (was Thursday 5:45pm class)
6:30-7:00pm Inter Tap (was Thursday 6:30pm class)
7:00-7:30pm Private Lesson

TILEHOUSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (with Miss Alison)

4:00-4:30pm Mini Ballet (W)
4:30-5:00pm Primary Ballet (2)
5:00-5:45pm Grade 1 Ballet
5:45-6:45pm Grade 2 Ballet
6:45-7:45pm Grade 3 Ballet
7:45-8:45pm Adult Inter Ballet - for those dancers with experience in ballet

THURSDAYS

LUCAS LANE SPORTS CLUB (with Mrs Gabbi)

NEW 4:00-4:30pm Mini Modern/Jazz (ages 4-5)
4:30-5:15pm Grade 5 Modern (was Wednesday at 6:00pm)
5:15-6:00pm Grade 4 Tap (was Wednesday at 5:15pm)
6:00-6:45pm Grade 6/Inter Tap (was Thursday 4:15pm class)
6:45-7:30pm Grade 6 Modern (was Thursday 5:45pm class)
7:30-8:30pm Adult Inter/Adv Tap - for those dancers with experience in tap