



Hitchin School of Dance Summer Newsletter 2025

This Term

We have had a very busy term this term at HSD with over 100 students being entered for ISTD exams in Ballet, Tap & Modern (some students in all three!)

We had some fantastic results from our Tap and Modern session back in May and we are waiting for our Ballet results to come through which could take a few weeks over the summer. Once we received them, we shall organise letting students know before we return in September.

We feel we have fully settled into our new home and we hope the students have enjoyed dancing in their own studios with mirrors and barres. I have been overwhelmed with the love and support we've had for the new studios. It has been lovely to see how much the students respect the space so thank you to everyone who has come through our (new) front door.

The studios are for the students so if they ever want to come and practice and use the spaces, they are welcome to book in a time slot.

New Classes in Sept

Mondays 5:00-5:30pm JNR Lyrical/Jazz (ages 8-10) A class to work on turns, kicks and leaps and a routine each week in either a Jazz or Lyrical style.

Wednesdays 4:30-5:00pm Mini Tap (ages 4-6) A new tap class for your youngest students.

Wednesdays 7:00-7:45pm Adult Ballet – Open Level A mixed ability class (3 years of ballet experience needed)

If you or your child would like to trial a new class after the Summer please let me know! We limit our class numbers so spaces do go quickly, and we do have classes with waiting lists. Trials for our evening classes are free but must be booked in advance.

We will be starting show work in September so is a great opportunity for students to try new classes and be in another show dance!

Daytime Classes

We have had a fun 6 weeks of our new daytime adult classes which we have launched on Mondays. Booking is made through the website. Everyone is welcome and please spread the word!

9:30-10:15 Dance Fitness

10:15-11:00 Parent (& baby) Ballet (bring baby along in a sling, pram, or mat on the floor so you get a chance to dance!)

11:00-12:00 Adult Ballet & Stretch

12:00-12:45 50+ Ballet

SUMMER SESSIONS

We are holding our summer dance sessions on **Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th July**. Booking is made through our website. We have classes for ages 4-6, 7-10, 11-13, 14+ and an adult tap class. Current students and non-students are all welcome, all abilities. We would love to see you!

Online portal

For safety, I must have an emergency contact for each student and any new or existing medical notes recorded on the online portal

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.

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

You can also access it on our website under "more" then "links".

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

Dates for your diary

Term dates 2025/2026

Autumn/Winter Term 2025

Monday 8th September – Friday 12th December 2025 (12 weeks)

Half term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January - Friday 27th March 2026 (13 weeks)

Half Term: Monday 16th February – Friday 27th February 2026

SHOW DATES:

Technical Run: Saturday 14th March 2026

Show week: W/C Monday 16th March 2026

Shows: Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April – Friday 17th July 2026 (13 weeks)

Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

NO classes on Bank Holidays

2025/2026 Term dates are subject to change with a 6 week notice period

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

May I remind anyone who is stopping classes that we have a strict **months notice period**. This applies throughout the whole year.
This is highlighted in our T&C's.

Last notice for September is Friday 1st August 2025 otherwise you will be invoiced.

Show 2026

Our show is booked for the weekend of **21st & 22nd March 2026** at St Chris' School theatre in Letchworth. If you haven't done a show with us before, we perform three full scale dance shows, with production, directing, costumes, lights (confetti!) backstage areas and photo shoots. It's not compulsory but it is a fantastic opportunity for students to perform on stage to a live audience.

Our technical run will be Saturday 14th March and our 'show week' will be w/c 16th March where we will hold out photo shoot and extra rehearsals.

Information about the show, dates and timings will be sent out in the first couple of weeks of term.

September Timetable

Please find below our September 2025 timetable. There have been some small alterations to the timings of some classes so please double check timings. You can see which classes your child/children are in on the online portal.

All ISTD classes are moving into the next grade.

New payment system

You will have received an e-mail about changes to our payment system at HSD. We will now be invoicing monthly for classes rather than one bigger invoice at the beginning of each term. You will have 11 equal payments (Sept-July) which will spread out the cost, making it more budget friendly and simpler. Payments will be on the 1st of each month. Half term holidays and bank holidays will already be included.

Please have a look at the information sent out for how to add card details and payments to the online portal.

Thank you for your support and understanding of this change.

Saying Goodbye

A big GOOD LUCK to our senior students who have finished their time at HSD. They have been dancing with us since they were very little and have taken lots of exam with us and been involved in many shows.

We wish them lots of love and luck as they head off on their next adventure. Thank you for bringing your love of dance to HSD.

As always, thank you for your love and support of Hitchin School of Dance.

Our aim is to have a positive and safe environment for anyone to come and dance in.

We are continuously proud of the students who come through our doors and are looking forward to seeing what they achieve in the new term.

We wish you all a fabulous summer break – looking forward to lots more exciting things to come for HSD!

Love, Mrs Gabbi

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Important Information:

School E-mail: Info@HitchinSchoolofDance.com

School Number (whatsapp): 07801261249

Website: HitchinSchoolofDance.co.uk

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

Instagram - @HitchinSchoolofDance_

Facebook – Hitchin School of Dance

Bank Details:

Hitchin School of Dance (via Gabrielle Tuck) Monzo Business

Sort Code: 04-00-03

Account Number: 56939155

SEPTEMBER TIMETABLE 2025

MONDAYS

Studio 1 with Miss Leah

4:00-4:30pm Mini Ballet (M)
4:30-5:00pm Pre-Primary Ballet (M)
5:00-5:30pm JNR Lyrical/Jazz (ages 8-10) **NEW CLASS**
5:30-6:00 INTER Lyrical/Jazz (age 11-13)
6:00-6:30pm Strength & Stretch
6:30-7:15pm SNR Jazz/Lyrical (14+)
7:15-8:00pm Adult **ADV** Tap - for those dancers who have experience tapping

STUIDO 2 with Mrs Gabbi

4:00-4:30pm Grade 1 Tap
4:30-5:10pm Grade 2 Modern
5:10-5:50pm Grade 3 Modern
5:50-6:30pm Grade 2 Tap
6:30-7:10pm Grade 4 Modern/Bronze Jazz
7:15-7:55pm Grade 5 Modern
7:55-8:35pm Grade 4 Tap

TUESDAYS

Studio 1 with Miss Alison

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

Studio 2 with Miss Ylana

4:00-4:30pm Mini Street
4:30-5:00pm JNR Street
5:00-5:30pm INTER/SNR Street
5:30-6:10pm SNR Lyrical/Contemporary
6:15-7:00pm Adult Pre-Inter Tap - a class to refresh and revisit your tap steps
7:00-7:45pm Adult Jazz/West End Class – a class to learn dances to show tunes and west end classics

WEDNESDAYS

Studio 1 with Miss Alison

4:00-4:30pm Mini Ballet (W)
4:30-5:00pm Primary Ballet (1)
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 some experience in ballet

Studio 2 with Mrs Gabbi

4:00-4:30pm Pre-Primary Ballet (W)
4:30-5:00pm Mini Tap (ages 3-5) **NEW**
5:00-5:30pm Primary Tap
5:30-6:00pm Primary Ballet (2)
7:00-7:45pm Adult Ballet (At least 3 years of ballet experience, all abilities welcome) **NEW**

THURSDAYS

Studio 1 with Mrs Gabbi

4:00-4:30pm Mini Modern
4:30-5:15pm Grade 6 Modern
5:15-6:00pm Grade 5 Tap
6:00-6:45pm Inter Tap
6:45-7:30pm Inter Modern
7:30-8:30pm Adult Inter Tap - for those dancers with some experience in tap