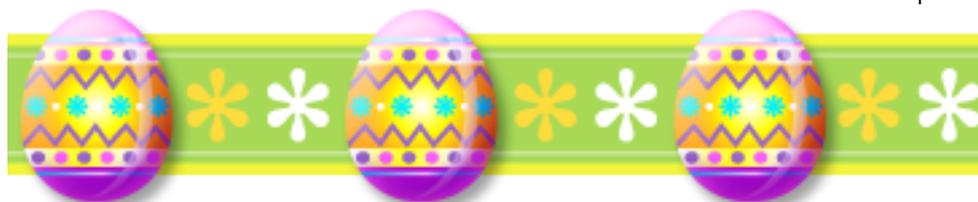


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*Dear Parent,*

*We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing Easter weekend and not eaten TOO many Easter eggs. If you've over-indulged on the chocolate front why not come along to some Pay-As-You-Go classes to work off those extra pounds.*

*Just a quick reminder that our term starts on FRIDAY 20TH APRIL. This is because the Olympic torch will be coming through Chelmsford on 6th and 7th July and we thought you might be joining in the number of activities that will be happening in Chelmsford on those dates. The term therefore finishes on Thursday 5th July although classes will be held on Monday 9th July. Please note that the office reopens on Tuesday 17th April.*

*CHELMER VILLAGE students should be reminded that, to make up for a late cancellation of classes on 15th March due to refurbishment at the hall, their first classes will be held on Thursday 19th April.*

*As usual, due to the movement of children following exams, some assumptions as to which classes to register them in have been made. Should we have got it wrong do please let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate them in a more convenient class.*

*The timetable remains mostly the same for this forthcoming term. However, some times have changed at the Farthing Centre on Mondays and we do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please let us know if any problems are insurmountable.*

*We hope you enjoy the rest of the holiday and look forward to seeing you later in the month.*

*Elisabeth Swan  
Principal*

## Congratulations to

**Miss Ruth** on passing her Advanced 2 Tap with flying colours;

**Miss Jess** on passing Unit 4 of the Diploma in Dance Education teaching qualification with a whopping 96%;

Ex-student, **Jessica Smart**, who is currently in full-time training at KS Dance Limited, Warrington, on achieving Distinction for Advanced 2 Cecchetti Ballet, Advanced 1 Modern Theatre and Advanced 1 Tap.

## Wedding Belle

Never mind the Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. **Miss Ruth is getting married!** She and long-time partner,

Richard, will be tying the knot at the Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 1st September. We are sure you will all want to

join us in sending them our love and very best wishes for a happy future together.

## Old Westonians' News

Former student, **Ashleigh Wadforth-Frost**, has been keeping herself busy since completing her training.

She has recorded a music video for MTV newcomer of the year, Connor Maynard, a music video for the popular band, Coldplay, performed with

Rhianna on the show, X-Factor and has been selected to dance in the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2012 Olympics! Ashleigh is currently the lead dancer and a vocalist in the show *Thriller Live* at the Lyric Theatre in the West End and, as her mum says, "is having the time of her life!".

Former teacher, **Michelle Harkes**, currently a qualified Zumba instructor, has also been chosen to take part in the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympics. Several thousand people of all ages auditioned and only a few hundred have been chosen. We congratulate Michelle on her success.

## Summer Term Classes

### ALLOCATION OF CLASSES

Children currently in the Under 5's classes who will be five during the autumn term will have been moved to a **Primary Ballet Class**. However, this is a more formally structured class and, should you feel that your child would benefit from remaining in the Under 5's class for a further term, please do not hesitate to contact the office. This would particularly apply to those children whose birthdays are in October or November.

### CAN YOU CHANGE?

Some of our classes are bursting at the seams, which can only be a good thing for the school, but not necessarily

the best situation for the students. In particular:

**Standard 2 ballet** on Fridays at Springfield Parish Centre. Alternatives are on Wednesdays at Moulsham Junior School, and Saturdays at Widford Village Hall

**Primary ballet** on Saturdays at Widford Village Hall. There are a number of alternatives but, on Saturdays, there is a Primary ballet class with Miss Penny at the Farthing Centre.

### USE IT OR LOSE IT!!

Conversely, there are a number of classes which are under-subscribed. Both **Hip-Hop/Jazz** classes on Tuesdays at Moulsham Junior School as

well as the **Musical Theatre** classes at CYGAMS HQ on Thursdays would benefit from more students. The additional cost of taking one of these classes is just £3.50 per week (slightly less for the Junior Musical Theatre). The first term of all new subjects taken is offered at half-price so why not give them a try?

### EARN £5

Remember that, if you introduce someone to the school, you earn a **£5 voucher** to put towards your term's fees, once their first invoice is settled. Why not encourage your children to bring a friend to class - just phone the office first so that we can register them for insurance purposes.

## Auditions Galore!

A number of auditions are to be held over the coming months:

### CECCHETTI JUNIOR AND SENIOR ASSOCIATES

Cecchetti Classical Ballet holds classes for talented dancers, aged between 8 and 16 years, three times per term on Sundays at the Rambert School in Twickenham, Middlesex. Entry for these classes is by audition only, with a minimum level for the most junior class of Grade or Standard 2 ballet, gained with a good pass (75% or above). This is a great opportunity for dancers to widen their horizons as, in addition to ballet, a number of other allied subjects are taught, such as contemporary, jazz, national dance, mime, character etc. Please register your interest by telephoning the Weston office. The audition is on **Sunday 10th June**.

### CHELMSFORD BALLET COMPANY

This excellent Company draws its dancers from dancing schools from all over the area and offers regular classes as well as the opportunity to perform in an annual

production at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre. The Weston School is a Corporate Member of the Company, with our Principal, Elisabeth Swan, a former Artistic Director, one of its Vice-Presidents. We are delighted that so many of our students are members and gain valuable performing experience in such a professional atmosphere.

Auditions for dancing membership are to be held in Chelmsford on **Sunday 17th June**. To be eligible for the junior company students must hold their Grade 2 ballet certificate and be a minimum of 10 years of age. From the age of 13 years students may audition to become a general/senior dancer and, although there is no minimum level, it is suggested that they should be working at a minimum of Grade 6. All auditionees have to be recommended by their ballet teacher so, if you are interested, please contact the Weston office for an application form.

### DICK WHITTINGTON

This family pantomime adventure is to be presented at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre in December and January. The producers are looking for outstandingly talented dancers, both girls and boys, to join the company as part of the juvenile dance chorus, working with a full professional cast under the guidance of internationally acclaimed choreographer, Richard Peakman.

The audition will take place on **Sunday 17th June** at the Civic Theatre, Fairfield Road, Chelmsford. Girls and boys, between the ages of 12 and 19 years on 1st December 2012, are welcome to audition. They must have extremely strong dance ability and, while singing and drama experience is desirable, it is by no means essential. For full information and audition form please log on to [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres). If you do apply, please let us know how you get on.

## Dance For A Week

Have you ever dreamed of dancing for a whole week? There are a number of residential summer schools available (see over for details of two) but, if you don't fancy staying away from home, we have a home-grown

alternative! Miss Jess will be running a **one-week dance course** in Chelmsford during the **summer half-term holiday**. Specifically for students age 9 to 12 years the course will run daily from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm. As well as daily

ballet classes, you can try your hand (or foot) at hip-hop/jazz and musical theatre and it really doesn't matter if you haven't studied any of these before - it's a good opportunity to give it a go! For a registration form please contact the Weston office.

# Cecchetti Summer Schools, Tring Park School, Hertfordshire

The **Summer School for Young Dancers** accepts students from the age of 10 years who hold a minimum of Grade/Standard 3, up to those age 16 holding anything from Grade 6 onwards. As well as daily ballet classes there are classes in other subjects such as jazz, contemporary, classical Greek, musical theatre, to name just a few. The teaching faculty is drawn from experts in their field, many of whom have danced professionally. Choreographic workshops take place on a daily basis and the course culminates in a choreographic competition at the end of the week.

The **Summer School for Vocational Students** accepts students from the age of 16 years (although younger students may be accepted upon recommendation of their teacher) who are working at Intermediate level and above. The course includes daily ballet classes, repertoire, pointe work, pas de deux, Pilates, Spanish etc. Students age 18 years and over are housed off-campus, whilst younger students will be roomed on-site. This summer school offers a wonderful opportunity to those who think they may wish to train for a professional career in dance to see if it's truly what they will enjoy.

Both summer schools run from 28th July until 3rd August.  
For full details and application forms please contact the Weston office

## DATES FOR THE SUMMER & AUTUMN TERMS 2012

### Summer Term 2012

Office reopens Tuesday 17th April

Chelmer Village classes commence Thursday 19th April

Summer Term commences Friday 20th April

Half Term (1 week) from Monday 4th until Saturday 9th June inclusive

Summer Term ends Thursday 5th July

There will be no classes on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May but they will be held instead on Monday 9th July

### Autumn Term 2012

Office reopens Wednesday 5th September

Autumn Term commences Monday 10th September

Half Term (2 weeks) from Monday 22nd October until Saturday 3rd November inclusive

Autumn Term ends Saturday 1st December

## UNIFORM SALES

The sale of Ballet, Modern and Tap uniform will take place as follows:

Farthing Centre - Saturday 28th April - 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Chelmer Village - Thursday 3rd May - 4.15 pm to 6.15 pm

Springfield - Friday 4th May - 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Great Dunmow - Saturday 5th May - 9.45 am to 12.00 pm

## UNIFORM ON-LINE

Uniform is now available to order and pay for on-line at [www.westonschools.co.uk/shop](http://www.westonschools.co.uk/shop)

## UNIFORM ENQUIRIES & SUPPLY

The School holds a considerable amount of uniform in stock. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled sale sessions, and do not wish to order on-line, please obtain an order form from your class teacher and either post or send in via the class. The items will be sent to your child's class.