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## AUTUMN TERM STARTS MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

*Dear Parents and Students,*

*CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who was involved in the school show in July. It was a very successful production and you each played your part, whether you were choreographing, performing, helping backstage, making costumes or accessories, front of house or, indeed, in the audience, you all came together to produce a highly acclaimed presentation of which we can all be proud.*

*We have received some very positive feedback:*

*“Congratulations on a tremendous show! We attended the Saturday matinée and watched the entire show. Our daughter was in three scenes and we LOVED her dances with her classes. Both sets of grandparents watched with us and they were totally blown away by the level of quality in EVERY performer. You have all worked so hard and it showed!”*

*“The show was phenomenal!! The organisation that goes into it is simply staggering. I don’t know how you guys pull it all together but you always manage it. Well done to everyone.”*

*“We returned from watching our daughter and all of the school perform last night. Wow, they really did shine. It was a magnificent production and all of the hard work, both on stage and behind the scenes, was obvious. A professional production.”*

*These are just three of the many emails and letters which we have received - thank you for writing.*

*Elisabeth Swan  
Principal*

*PS Don’t forget to order your DVDs and production photos. Just log in to the Weston School website and follow the links. You will need your username and password which are printed on the top of your class allocation notice.*



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## Farewell

It was with great sadness that we said “Farewell” to **Mrs Isaacs** at the end of last term. Linda has taught for this school for nigh on twenty years and we are sad that she has decided to call it a day. She particularly asked that this decision be kept rather low-key, particularly after the sudden death of her husband towards the end of last term. Mrs Isaacs has been a great inspiration to so many of our students, and continues to be

so at a vocational college near her home. We wish her continued success with her teaching, and as an ISTD Cecchetti Classical Ballet examiner. A presentation was made to her on the final night of the school show.

### MISS PENNY

is taking over most of Mrs Isaacs’ classes at Springfield. Better known for teaching our Modern and Tap at the Farthing Hall on Saturdays,

Miss Penny is just as qualified to teach ballet and we are sure all the students will enjoy her classes.

### NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Miss Ruth on her promotion to the position of Deputy Principal. Miss Ruth has been with the school since the age of three and is a loyal and trusted member of our enthusiastic team. We wish her many more happy years with the school.

## Congratulations . . .

to a number of students who left us at the end of term to take up places in colleges and universities to continue their vocational training:

Jessica Bailey - London Young Dancers Academy;  
Jade Cattell - Creative Academy (Slough);  
Bart Lambert - Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA);  
Sophie Middlebrook - Chichester University (Performing Arts);  
Jasmine Wallis - Central School of Ballet.

We wish them the very best of luck and, so too, the many other students who have gone on to further education throughout the country.

### GOOD LUCK

too, to Dylan Price who has completed five years’ training at Elmhurst (Lower) School for Dance in Birmingham and now moves to London to complete his training at the English National Ballet School. We wish him every success - certainly one to watch.

### AUDITION SUCCESSES

Hannah Cotgrove and Michael

Preston have been offered a further year to study on the Cecchetti Scholarship Scheme; Madeleine Haines and Bethan Prile were successful at the audition for the Cecchetti Associates’ scheme; Madeline Haines, Genevieve Huss, Trinity Tatum and Eloise Wood were successful at the audition for dancing membership of the Chelmsford Ballet Company. Two students were also successful in their quest to be upgraded to Senior membership: Hannah Cotgrove and Amelia Wallis.

## The Magic Flute

A number of our young dancers did the school proud when they took part in Chelmsford City Opera’s production of *The Magic Flute* in July. Rehearsals followed our own school production and were intense over only a couple of weeks. The dancers rose to the demands put upon them and danced in two performances, one in Hutton and the other, an open-air performance in Hylands Park. Well done, then, to all the students. Many thanks to Miss Ruth for putting it all together, to Charlotte Lock and her mum for chaperoning the children at Hylands Park (all teachers being away on holiday by then!), but most of all to the dancers and their parents for being so supportive and enthusiastic.

## Performing Opportunities

### THE NUTCRACKER

is being presented by The Chelmsford Ballet Company next year, from 19th to 22nd March. The Company are inviting young female and male dancers, age 7 to 10 years, to audition as guest dancers for the part of Mice. The auditions will take place during the afternoon of Sunday 22nd September at CYGAMS HQ, Meteor Way, CM1 2RL. Application forms may be downloaded from the Company website at [www.thechelmsfordballetcompany.co.uk](http://www.thechelmsfordballetcompany.co.uk).

**CLOSING DATE: 8th SEPTEMBER.**

### LET'S MAKE A BALLET

is an exciting day of dance offered by The Chelmsford Ballet Company to students of Corporate Sponsor Schools, of which The Weston is one. This choreographic workshop, where a ballet is created in the space of a day, is taking place at Sandon School, Chelmsford on Sunday 20th October. Suitable for dancers age 7 to 14 years, the day culminates in two performances for parents. The cost for dancers is just £25. For an application form please email [pippasellwood@btinternet.com](mailto:pippasellwood@btinternet.com).

## Pre-Term Pack

### WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

you should find:

“Welcome” letter, if this is your first term with the school

Timetable

Class Allocation Notice\*\*

\*\*It would help us immensely if, should you wish to change classes / leave the school / add classes, that you contact us by email or at our Open Day so that the fees charged are correct. Invoices for new students will be raised during the second week of term.

### PUBLICITY LEAFLET

You will also have a publicity leaflet in your pack, publicising our Open Day on 1st September. Perhaps you are able to pass this on to someone who you think may be interested in our classes. Please enter your account reference in the space beneath “Please quote promotional code:” then, if someone joins the school as a result of your recommendation, you will receive a £5 voucher towards your next term’s fees (*terms and conditions apply*). If you are able to give out more leaflets, please let us know.

## Financial Matters

### INVOICES

Your invoice for the autumn term will be sent to you immediately following Open Day, on 2nd September. Your timely settlement of this bill will be greatly appreciated. Should you have any queries once you have received the invoice please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### SHOW COSTUME REFUNDS

if you have overpaid your costume fee you will either have already been sent a credit note or have a credit note in your pack. Please deduct the value of this credit note from your term’s invoice before paying the balance.

### STATEMENTS

If you have received a statement (blue sheet) this shows the amount you either owe or are in credit. Please be aware that, where there is an outstanding amount owing from a previous term, we are unable to register the student(s) for the coming term. Should your statement show a credit balance (the amount preceded by a minus (-) sign) please deduct this from your invoice.

## Ways to Pay

### CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS

We accept most major debit/credit cards. Payment may be made by either completing the card payment information on your remittance advice, or by telephone to the office during opening hours.

### CASH or CHEQUE

We would be pleased to receive payment by either cash or cheque. However, if it is a large amount, please only give cash to Miss Swan or Mrs Orme as it is unfair to give the teachers this

responsibility.

Please be aware that an administrative charge, currently of £10, is made if a cheque is returned unpaid.

### MONTHLY STANDING ORDER

A Standing Order mandate will be sent with your invoice. If you wish to pay each month please complete the form and return it directly to your bank. You should return the remittance advice only to the school office so that we know that you will be paying in this way. We require payments to

start in October and the final payment must be made by the end of June 2014. Should you set this up through your on-line banking please be sure that your Account Ref is the reference shown on your payments.

### LATE PAYMENTS

With the exception of examination fees, all invoices should be settled within 21 days of issue. An administration charge, currently £10, is made for late payments.

## New Classes

A number of new classes have been introduced into the timetable this term:

**Primary Ballet**—4.15 pm on Tuesdays at CYGAMS HQ with Miss Swan

The Monday Primary ballet class is oversubscribed and therefore anyone who would be willing to change are urged to do so—please contact the office (minimum number required)

**Grade 4 Tap**—4.45 pm on Fridays at the Farthing Hall with Miss Ruth

Anyone wishing to change to this class should contact the office (minimum number required)

**Advanced 2 Modern**—8.30 pm on Fridays at the Farthing Hall with Miss Ruth

Please contact the office if you wish to join this class

**Hip-Hop/Jazz**—7.00 pm and 8.00 pm at the Springfield Parish Centre with Miss Jess

Anyone wishing to change from their existing class or wanting to join the Springfield classes should please contact the school office.

## Did You Know

that taking more classes does NOT double your fee?

For the first term, an additional one hour, junior level, core subject class (ballet, modern or tap) will cost just an extra £3.36 per week, and a one hour, senior level, core subject class, £3.72 per week. For Musical Theatre and Hip-Hop/Jazz this reduces even further to £1.68 and £1.86 for junior and senior respectively.

*Prices refer to all new classes which are taken in addition to existing classes. Offer for the first term only.*

### **SPECIAL OFFER**

#### **Primary Modern & Primary Tap Classes**

FIRST FIVE WEEKS FREE to existing students taking these subjects for the first time this Autumn term

Enrol before 9th September to take advantage of this offer

*(valid 9th September to 12th October)*

## Timetable Changes

Due to the number of students who have moved up a level in their various disciplines it has been necessary to have a hard look at the timetable. A number of changes have been put in place, as follows:

### CENTRAL CHELMSFORD VENUES

Mondays	Senior Standard 7 Ballet	New title (Senior Certificate 1), time and length
	Grade 1 Tap	Discontinued on Mondays
	Grade 2 Modern	New time
	Grade 2 Tap	New time
	Grade 6 Modern	New time and venue
	Grade 6 Tap	New time and venue
Tuesdays	Grade 5 Ballet	Discontinued on Tuesdays
	Senior Plus Musical Theatre	Moved from Thursdays
	Senior Hip-Hop/Jazz	New time
Wednesdays	Inter Foundation Ballet	Replaced with Senior Certificate 1
Thursdays	Primary Tap	New time
	Grade 1 Modern	Discontinued on Thursdays but will be reinstated if enough interest is shown
	Advanced 1 Tap	New length
	Junior Musical Theatre	New time
	Junior Hip-Hop/Jazz	New time
	Senior Plus Musical Theatre	Moved to Tuesdays
Fridays	Advanced 2 Tap	New time and length

### SPRINGFIELD PARISH CENTRE

Please note that we are no longer using the large Bowers Hall, but will be holding classes in the new Boleyn Room and the Springfield Room. Please check the timetable as times have changed slightly. Please remember that Springfield Parish Centre is a public building. Children should not be undressed in sight of the general public, or of the CCTV cameras. Please be so kind as to use the ample space in the toilets, if your child cannot arrive ready for class.

### GREAT DUNMOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

In order to include another level of Musical Theatre the timetable has been adjusted to accommodate the very busy students at this branch. Please check new class times

## Temporary Class Alteration

**SPRINGFIELD PARISH CENTRE:** Apart from the Hip-Hop/Jazz Taster classes there will be no classes at this venue on Friday 13th September. Classes will be held during half-term instead, on Friday 25th October.

## New Uniform

We are putting the finishing touches to a new uniform for our **Ballet** students and for our **Musical Theatre and Hip-Hop/Jazz** students. Details coming soon!

## ADULT CLASSES

### NEW ADULT BEGINNERS' TAP COURSE

Starts Tuesday 10th September  
8.15 pm—9.00 pm at The Farthing Hall  
**FIRST LESSON FREE!!**

### ADULT TAP

for the more advanced  
Also on Tuesdays—9.00 pm at The Farthing Hall

### ADULT BALLET

at two levels—experience required  
Tuesdays, 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm at CYGAMS HQ

**All classes are “Pay-As-You-Go”**

*Pay by the class or purchase a book of ten tickets (credit/debit cards accepted)*

## NEW FOR SPRINGFIELD

### HIP-HOP/JAZZ CLASSES

Fridays at Springfield Parish Centre  
(Boleyn Room)

7.00 pm—8.00 pm Age 7 to 12 years  
8.00 pm—9.00 pm Age 13 years and above

### FREE TASTER CLASSES

Friday 13th September  
New and existing students most welcome!

## OPEN DAY

**Sunday 1st September 2013**

**3.00 pm—6.00 pm**

**CYGAMS HQ, Meteor Way (off Waterhouse Lane)  
Chelmsford, CM1 2RL**

Discuss Classes      Order Show Photos  
Order Show DVDs      Purchase Uniform

## NEW ENROLMENTS WELCOME

Would be most welcome so please encourage your friends to come and see us

*A referral incentive (a credit of £5) is offerered to registered students who refer a new student family upon settlement of the new family's first invoice*

## Dates for the Academic Year 2013-2014

### Autumn term 2013

Office opens	Wednesday 4th September
Term commences	Monday 9th September
Half term (no classes)	Monday 21st October to Saturday 2nd November inclusive
Term ends	Saturday 30th November

### Spring term 2014

Office opens	Thursday 2nd January
Term commences	Monday 6th January
Half term (no classes)	Monday 10th February to Saturday 22nd February inclusive
Term ends	Saturday 29th March

### Summer term 2014

Office opens	Wednesday 23rd April
Term commences	Monday 28th April
Half term (no classes)	Monday 26th May to Saturday 31st May
Term ends	Monday 14th July 2014

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no classes on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2014**

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## Uniform Sales

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

Widford Village Hall	Saturday 14th September	10.15 am—12.15 pm
Chelmer Village Hall	Thursday 19th September	4.00 pm—5.15 pm
Springfield Parish Centre	Friday 20th September	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Great Dunmow Primary School	Saturday 21st September	9.15 am—12.15 pm

Uniform may also be ordered and paid for on-line at [www.westonschools.co.uk](http://www.westonschools.co.uk)

## Uniform Enquiries and 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, complete it and send it to the office with your payment. Where possible, goods will be sent to the student's first class after the weekend.

# Run/walk/jog/ for Life

## Thursday 24th October

HEY CANCER!  
I BET YOU'RE AFRAID  
OF THE DARK

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**Race for Life**  
Cancer, we're coming to get you

CHELMSFORD 24.10.13  
The Twilight 5K  
Run, Walk, Sponsor, Enter [raceforlife.org](http://raceforlife.org)

**CANCER!**

YOU MAY THINK YOU'RE BIG AND TOUGH.  
BUT WE KNOW A SECRET.  
YOU'RE SCARED OF THE DARK.  
WELL WE'RE NOT SCARED OF THE DARK  
AND WE'RE NOT SCARED OF YOU, CANCER.  
ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY 24TH  
OCTOBER, IN CHELMSFORD CENTRAL PARK,  
WE'RE GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE'RE  
MADE OF.  
OVER 5K WE'LL RUN, WALK AND JOG  
ALL UP IN YOUR SCAREDY CAT FACE.  
CANCER,  
CHELMSFORD IS COMING TO GET YOU.

**Race for Life**  
Cancer, we're coming to get you

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Run, Walk, Dance, Enter [raceforlife.org](http://raceforlife.org)

### STOP PRESS

Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Nurses

Organised by Chelmsford Young Gen

Monday 9th September, CYGAMS HQ

£2.50—tea, coffee, home made cakes, relax in good company

All welcome!!