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## AUTUMN TERM STARTS MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

### *Great Dunmow students—please refer to back page*

*Dear Parents and Students,*

*Welcome back to a new term! I hope you have enjoyed a happy and restful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the coming months. Please do take a moment to read through this newsletter and keep it handy as it contains a wealth of information .*

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## PRIZEGIVING

**Sunday 7th September 2014 at 3.00 pm**

**King Edward VI Grammar School  
Broomfield Road, Chelmsford**

*You are invited to join us for an afternoon of entertainment and congratulations as we present examination certificates and special awards. We hope that students who have passed exams during the last academic year will choose to attend to collect their certificate and that you will come along to support them. Performances will be given by our Musical Theatre and Street Dance/Jazz classes and you will have the opportunity to talk to the teachers.*

*A booking form is enclosed and I would be most grateful if you could complete this and return it by Wednesday 3rd September, just so that we know who will be coming.*

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*The autumn term is always a busy term for the school and I hope you will give your support to all our events. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your queries and feedback—we are only too happy to help.*

*Elisabeth Swan  
Principal*



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## Gold Medal Honour

Most of you will probably not know just how in demand is Miss Swan outside of her busy role as Principal of The Weston School. As a highly respected International and Senior Monitoring Examiner she has, for the past eighteen years, served on the Cecchetti Faculty Committee of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, the last nine of these as

Chairman. In addition, she is a Trustee of the ISTD's Administrative Council, joint Vice Chairman of the Theatre Faculties Board, a Trustee of the ISTD Benevolent Fund, co-ordinator of the three Cecchetti Summer Schools, and financial administrator of the Cecchetti Centre, London. She is now stepping down from her Chairmanship of the Faculty

Committee and, to acknowledge her vast achievements over many years, she was awarded the Enrico Cecchetti Gold Medal in July. The presentation took place at the Society's flagship event at Rambert Dance Studios and Miss Swan was given a standing ovation. We add our congratulations to those of her Cecchetti colleagues throughout the world.

## Congratulations . . .

To Charlotte Barlow who has left us to train at the Italia Conti Arts Centre. We wish her every success in her chosen career.

**AUDITION SUCCESSES**  
Hannah Cotgrove has been offered a further year to study on the Cecchetti Scholarship Scheme; Madeline Haines, Charlotte Harnett, Ellie

Houghton, and Molly Middlebrook were all successful at the audition for the Cecchetti Associates' scheme. Well done to you all.

## Performing Opportunities

### CHELMSFORD CITY OPERA

We were delighted to take part, once again, in Chelmsford City Opera's summer production in the Pavilion at Hylands House. Thirteen young dancers performed four dances to much acclaim and we thank them all for working so hard in rehearsals, and to their parents for their support. Thank you, too, to Miss Ruth and Miss Swan for getting it all together, and to Miss Annette Clarke of the National Folk Dance Centre for choreographing the Flamenco dance.

### PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

A number of our senior dancers have been invited to take part in The Essex Group's production of Phantom of the Opera which is being presented at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon, from 15th to 18th October. Rehearsals are well under way and we hope you will go along to support our girls. Tickets, at £19.50, may be obtained from the Box Office: 01268 465465 or on-line at [www.towngatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.towngatetheatre.co.uk).

## Always Wanted to Tap?

Then why not help to break the world tapping record in the

### 2014 TAPATHON

Come and join us at CYGAMS HQ on Sunday 21st September for a fun family afternoon.

Register and give it a try. Please see the enclosed leaflet.

## Communications

### NEW WEBSITE— coming soon

Look out for our new website which will be launched on 1st September. Bringing it up to date you will be able to view it on your computer, tablet and phone. This will be a good time to “Like” us on Facebook, too!

### MOBILE PHONE

Our preferred method of contacting you with urgent messages is via your mobile phone. Please be sure to keep us updated with any new number so that you can be sure not to miss out.

### FACEBOOK

Did you know you can find us on Facebook? Please search for The Weston School and then “Like” us so that you can keep up with our news. Please share our page with your friends and family.

## 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 add classes, change classes or, sadly, leave the school, that you contact us by email or on our PHONE-IN MORNING so that fees charged are correct. Invoices will be raised for existing students on 1st September and, for new students, during the second week of term.

### PHONE-IN MORNING

Miss Swan will be available to take your phone calls on

### SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

**between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm**

You are welcome to phone to discuss any matter relating to the school including class changes, trial lessons, introducing new students, prizegiving, etc.

**01245 287638**

The office will next be open at 10.00 am, Wednesday 3rd September

## Financial Matters

### INVOICES

Your invoice for the autumn term will be sent to you immediately following the Phone-In Morning, on 1st 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.

### STATEMENTS

If you have received a statement (blue sheet) this shows the amount which is still outstanding on your account. We would be pleased if you could settle this prior to the end of August in order that your child(ren) may be registered for the autumn term.

## Did You Know . . .

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 £3.48 per week, and a one hour, senior level, core subject class, £3.84 per week. For Musical Theatre and Hip-Hop/Jazz this reduces even further to £1.74 and £1.92 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.*

## Dates for the Academic Year 2014-2015

### Autumn term 2014

Office opens	Wednesday 3rd September
Term commences	Monday 8th September
Half term (no classes)	Monday 20th October to Saturday 1st November inclusive
Term ends	Saturday 29th November

### Spring term 2015

Office opens	Wednesday 7th January
Term commences	Monday 12th January
Half term (no classes)	Monday 16th February to Saturday 21st February inclusive
Term ends	Saturday 28th March

### Summer term 2014

Office opens	Wednesday 15th April
Term commences	<u>Saturday</u> 18th April ** <i>please see notes below</i>
Half term (no classes)	Monday 25th May to Saturday 30th May inclusive
Term ends	<u>Monday</u> 6th July

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no classes on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2014  
There will be no class on Saturday 4th July**

## School Show 2015

Our biennial show will take place at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre from 7th to 11th July 2015. Those of you who have performed before will know that only the Senior School dance in all performances, with the Junior School dancing in either one, two or three performances. However, until dates are confirmed we would be grateful if you could keep these dates free, together with Sunday 28th June, Saturday 4th July and Sunday 5th July. Again, by no means will everyone will be needed for all of these and further information will be sent to you during the Spring term.

## Timetable Changes

Please be advised that there are a number of timetable changes this term, due to the movement of children through the school, together with the provision of additional levels of classes. We always try to keep these to a minimum and, where possible, contact parents in advance to check on convenience. Please, therefore, read your Class Allocation Notice carefully, together with the enclosed timetable. Should we have placed your child(ren) in the wrong class, or the timing of the class is no longer convenient, please do get in touch.

## Temporary Class Alterations

**GREAT DUNMOW PRIMARY SCHOOL:** There will be no classes at this venue on Saturday 13th September but will be held during half-term instead, on Saturday 25th October.

**CYGAMS HQ:** There will be no classes at this venue on Wednesday 17th September but will be held during the half-term instead, on Wednesday 22nd October.