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AUTUMN TERM CLASSES START MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016

**Pre-term the office will be open from 10 am until 1 pm
on 7th, 8th and 9th September**

**PLEASE NOTE that GREAT DUNMOW classes start back,
pre-term, on 10th September**

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you are all enjoying a happy and restful summer break and are able to take advantage of the better weather. This newsletter is simply by way of keeping in touch with you over the summer and to invite you to our Open Day and Prizegiving—see inside for details.

I am also taking this opportunity to enclose a notice giving details of class(es) for which you and/or your child(ren) are registered. Please read the information carefully and do not hesitate to let us know if we have got it wrong!! Email is probably best at this stage.

Your invoice for the autumn term will be sent towards the end of August so notice of any alterations would be useful before then. Also, if you would like to register your child(ren) for more classes please remember that, if taken in addition to current classes, new subjects are offered at half-price for the first term.

We currently have spaces in a number of our classes and would be pleased if you could recommend us to friends and family. Should your introduction result in a new student remaining with us for a term you will be sent a £10 voucher which you can put towards your own fees. In the same way, if you are able to distribute leaflets in your area, please let us know as we will print these with your account reference so that you can be rewarded for any new students.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

*Elisabeth Swan
Principal*



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with your friends.
Recommendations very
welcome



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Thank You

to Miss Susan who has left us to take up a new teaching post in Canada. We are very sorry to lose her and wish her every success in her new life. Miss Susan has asked us to pass on “a special, huge thank you for all of the lovely flowers, gifts and cards presented to her at the end of last term. She had a great time opening them and reading all of the kind messages. Her living room has never looked so beautiful! She will miss all of her students very much.” We will miss her, too!

Congratulations

to Miss Ruth who has been awarded Licentiate status in Modern Theatre Dance by the ISTD. This goes together with the Licentiate qualification she already holds in Cecchetti Ballet—just Tap to go, Miss Ruth!

Do You Remember . . . ?

Verity Jones

Verity undertook her ballet training at Weston up to 2006 when at 18 she attended the London Studio Centre and graduated in 2009. Since then she has enjoyed a successful career as a musician/dancer/singer/performer. She has appeared in the UK and Toronto tours of Chess as the White Queen, when she was made Dance Captain by Craig Revel Horwood. This role also involved playing clarinet! Her other credits include dancer/musician in ‘Sweet Charity’ at The Mac, Belfast; dancer/actress in the UK tour of ‘Save The Last Dance For Me’ and has most recently finished a UK tour in ‘Dirty Dancing’ as a dancer/singer. Verity will shortly commence a role as a dancer/singer in the UK tour of ‘The Bodyguard’.

Ashleigh Wadforth-Frost

After graduating with a Diploma in Professional Dance from Bodyworks Cambridge, Ashleigh continued her dance studies at Broadway Dance Center, New York. During 2011 Ashleigh worked with Beyoncé on her ‘Run the World Girls’ video, was the assistant choreographer and dancer in Pixie Lott’s video ‘What Do You Take Me For’ and performed for La Toya Jackson at the ‘Michael Jackson Forever’ Tribute Concert at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff (October 2011). She continues to perform onstage, including as principal dancer and back up singer in the West End Musical ‘Thriller Live’; resident dancer for ‘Mariah Carey’ at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, dancer for ‘Jessie J’ at the Halo Awards, Miami; dancer for ‘Ariana Grande’ and ‘Nicki Minaj’ at Madison Square Gardens in NYC; and principal dancer for industrial show ‘Nike’ in Puerto Rico. Her TV appearances have included dancer on XFactor for ‘Rihanna’, ‘Little Mix’ and ‘Fleur East’. She has appeared on music videos for Justin Bieber - ‘Lolly’, Coldplay - ‘Charlie Brown’ and Jessie J - ‘Burnin Up’. Ashleigh recently danced at the MTV movie awards show in LA before returning to Las Vegas for the ‘Mariah Carey’ residency in June.

Autumn Term Timetable

There have been some revisions to the timetable for the forthcoming term. To be sure of your class times please go to the website: www.theweston.dance

Calling All Tappers

Be part of the nationwide Tapathon and help to break the world record for the number of people tapping the same short routine at the same time—Sunday 20th November, Widford Village Hall.



Sunday 4th September

Much is happening on this day—we hope you'll come and join us at the
Chelmsford County High School for Girls
Broomfield Road CM1 1RW

Open Day

11.00 am—2.15 pm & 4.30 pm—5.30 pm

Your chance to come and chat about classes, purchase uniform etc
NEW ENROLMENTS WELCOME

Choreography Competition & Prizegiving

2.45 pm to 4.30 pm

Choreography Competition

There is still time to enter our choreography competition with the deadline for entries extended to 27th August. Just go to the website for details of the rules and how to enter.

We are delighted that Mrs Wendy Watts, former Principal of this school, and her daughter, Tracy, will adjudicate the entries. Tracy trained with The Weston before joining Laine Theatre Arts for an intensive 3-year vocational training, and then dancing professionally for many years. Tracy returned to The Weston some years ago and is an energetic member of the adult ballet class.

Prizegiving

Has your dancing diva passed an examination in the last academic year (summer exam results still awaited)? If so, we hope he or she would like to receive their certificate at our annual prizegiving, and that you will want to come along to support them. Some of our Musical Theatre and Commercial Dance students will entertain us during the afternoon and, as well as the presentation of examination certificates, we will be giving out our own special awards and certificates of merit. To book, please complete the enclosed form or book online at bit.ly/WestonShop

Dates for the Academic Year 2016 / 2017

Autumn Term 2016

Office opens	Wednesday 7th September
Term commences	Monday 12th September
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 17th to Saturday 29th October inclusive (two weeks)
Term ends	Saturday 3rd December

Spring Term 2017

Office opens	Wednesday 4th January
Term commences	Monday 9th January
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 13th to Saturday 18th February (one week)
Term ends	Saturday 25th March

Summer Term 2017

Office opens	Wednesday 19th April
Term commences	<u>Saturday</u> 22nd April
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 29th May to Saturday 3rd June (one week)
Term ends	Monday 10th July

There will be no classes on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May or on Saturday 8th July

Temporary Class Alterations

Great Dunmow: Due to unavoidable circumstances no classes will be held at this venue on Saturday 26th November but will be held instead, pre-term, on Saturday 10th September

Widford Village Hall: Due to Miss Ruth's unavailability no classes will be held at this venue on Saturday 15th October but will be held instead, during half-term, on Saturday 22nd October.

Forward Planning

Christmas Exams	5th to 9th December 2016 (subject to confirmation by ISTD)
Easter Exams	27th to 31st March 2017 (subject to confirmation by ISTD)

Footnote

As this newsletter goes to print results of the summer term exams are still awaited. As soon as they are received from the ISTD they will be published on our website and notification will be made on Facebook. Be sure, therefore, to "friend" us on Facebook. Reports will be sent upon receipt.