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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 do hope the summer has been kind to you and that you have been able to enjoy the lovely weather which arrived at the end of August. No doubt you are all busy getting ready to return to school and I hope that you will settle well into your new year. Good luck to those moving from Primary to Secondary school—always a bit daunting, but exciting at the same time. How did all the GCSE and A Levels go? Do get in touch and let us know how you got on and where you're moving on to this coming term.

The autumn term is always a full one, with lots to do including charity events, workshops, as well as our imminent open day, choreography competition and prizegiving. I do hope you will all support the school in its endeavours and I look forward to seeing you throughout the term.

Exams for invited students will take place at the end of term as usual and I know everyone will work hard to achieve a good result. However, in order to do this, your regular attendance at classes is paramount. Remember that, should you unavoidably miss a class, you can make it up at an alternative—just give the office a call.

I would like to make an appeal on behalf of our Musical Theatre teachers, too. As MUT students work as a group towards an end of term presentation it really is important for them to attend all their lessons, and the final lesson in particular.

Have a great term!

*Elisabeth Swan
Principal*



Please "Like us" on
Facebook and "Share"
with your friends.
Recommendations very
welcome



Welcome

To the many new students who are joining us this term. We hope you will enjoy your classes and make lots of new friends. We in the office are always keen to receive feedback so if there's anything you would like to tell us please give us a call. Don't forget that we offer incentives for new introductions so, if you can recommend us to your friends and family, we will show our appreciation (*terms & conditions apply*).

To Miss Lorretta who, having undertaken her early training at The Weston School, joins the teaching faculty at our Springfield Branch this term. From The Weston Miss Lorretta went on to Colchester Institute where she achieved her Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) and has since gained considerable teaching experience. We know you will make her feel welcome.

Congratulations

To **Joanna Burchell, Charlotte Harnett** and **Bethan Prile** who, following their audition earlier in the year, have been accepted onto the Cecchetti Associates Scheme for talented young dancers. We hope they enjoy their monthly classes in Twickenham;

and to **Maddy Haines** who has secured a further year on the Cecchetti Scholarship Scheme for talented dancers. This intense course provides weekly classes in London, given by some of the country's top Cecchetti ballet teachers. Well done all of you.

Did You Rock This Summer?

Certainly, a number of our students did—and they brought some friends! Our **Summer of Pop and Rock** was held at the beginning of the summer holiday and a small, but select, group of youngsters danced and sang their way through four lively days. Thank you to **Miss Jo** and **Miss Marie** for all their time, enthusiasm and great organisation.

In This Pack

- ◆ **Unless** you are an adult student, or are new to the school this term, this pack will include your invoice - timely settlement would be greatly appreciated
- ◆ **Class** allocation notice - please let us know if we've got anything wrong
- ◆ **Standing** order mandate form, for those of you who would like to spread your payments over three instalments per term (*terms & conditions apply*)
- ◆ **You** may also have a statement (blue sheet) which will show if you owe anything from last term, or are in credit (which will appear as a minus amount). Please take this into account when settling your invoice.

Please be reminded that

- ◆ **The School office** will be open from 10 am until 1 pm on weekdays, commencing Wednesday 7th September
- ◆ **Classes** at Great Dunmow start on Saturday 10th September
- ◆ **All other** classes start back week commencing Monday 12th September

Coming Up

Open Day

Sunday 4th September

11.00 am—2.00 pm

Chelmsford County High School for Girls
Broomfield Road, CM1 1RW

- ◇ Opportunity to discuss classes
- ◇ Uniform sales
- ◇ Light refreshments available
- ◇ New enrolments welcome—if you know of someone who is thinking of sending their child to class please encourage them to come along to register. Don't forget—you might be in line to receive a £10 introduction fee.

Parking available on site

Prizegiving

Sunday 4th September

2.45 pm

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Did your child take an examination during the past academic year? Why not come along to acknowledge his or her efforts as he or she receives the well-earned certificate.

- ◇ Choreography Competition
- ◇ Performances from Commercial Dance and Musical Theatre students
- ◇ Presentation of examination certificates and the school's own certificates of merit and awards.

Tickets are still available on-line at bit.ly/WestonShop — follow the links.

During the Term

Mufti-week - week commencing 10th October. In aid of **Children In Need**, students are invited to forego their normal dance uniform and dress up (or down) for the contribution of just £1. Those whom the teachers consider are in the best costumes are rewarded with a Pudsey Bear. We hope everyone will join in the fun and raise lots of money for this good cause.

Let's Make A Ballet - Sunday 16th October, Sandon School, Molrams Lane, Chelmsford, CM2 7AQ. This one-day choreographic workshop, suitable for students age 7 to 14 years, is provided courtesy of The Chelmsford Ballet Company and is offered at the special price of just £30 per participant. It's a great day, culminating in a performance for parents and friends of a complete ballet. Go to the School website and follow the links for a booking form—priority booking until 15th September.

Tapathon - Sunday 20th November, Widford Village Hall, Widford Road, Chelmsford, CM2 8SY. This is a Nationwide Tap Dancing event, in aid of **Children In Need**, in a bid to break the world record for the greatest number of people Tapping the same routine at the same time. This is such fun and we hope that ALL our tap students will take part. As well as rehearsing during our adult tap classes the simple routine will be taught on Tapathon Day so there's no excuse not to take part!! Register your interest on the School website.

Looking Ahead

Yes, you've guessed it! **School Show 2017** • week commencing 10th July • rehearsal weekends 1st & 2nd, and 8th & 9th July. **NOT EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED ON ALL OF THESE DATES BUT PLEASE KEEP THEM FREE** and await further information.

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.

Uniform Sales

As well as selling at **Open Day**, Mrs Orme will be visiting the branches on the dates and times as listed below. She will carry a full stock of uniform - why not pop in?

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

Great Dunmow Primary School	Saturday 10th September	9.30 am—11.30 am
Chelmer Village Hall	Thursday 15th September	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Springfield Parish Centre	Friday 16th September	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Widford Village Hall	Saturday 17th September	9.30 am—11.30 am

Uniform may also be ordered and paid for on-line at bit.ly/WestonShop