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AUTUMN TERM CLASSES START MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017

**Pre-term the office will be open from 10 am until 1 pm
on 27th August, 6th, 7th and 8th September**

**PLEASE NOTE that GREAT DUNMOW classes do not
start back until 23rd 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, to welcome all the new students due to start with us in September, to remind you about our Open Day and Prizegiving and to bring you up to date with arrangements for the coming term. Please study the new timetable and your class allocation notice thoroughly and let us know as soon as possible if we have you or your child registered for the wrong class - email is probably best.

However, before all of this, I must say a big THANK YOU to everyone for embracing the school show so wholeheartedly and for helping to make it the great success it was. So many people were involved in the production it would be impossible to thank them here individually. However, the biggest thank you must surely go to the students who were truly stars, each and every one, from the littlest Mouse to the most senior Hornet, and everyone in between. I hope they enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to moving on to the next level for the show in 2019.

We have received many messages of congratulation which have been much appreciated - a testament to the fact that all the extra hours of work and organisation was all worthwhile! Also appreciated were the many gifts of flowers, chocolates, candles - the list is endless. The teachers and I thank you for your generosity.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

*Elisabeth Swan
Principal*



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



Goodbye and Good Luck

To the many senior students who have left us this year to take up places in Further Education. Some of these lovely young people have been with us from the age of three and we thank you, and your parents, for your loyalty over all this time. Do please keep in touch and let us know how you're doing in your chosen careers. We will miss you.

Autumn Term Timetable & Class Allocation Notice

A copy of the Autumn Term Timetable is enclosed with this newsletter, together with a Class Finder which will show you the times of alternative classes, should you wish to change or take up an additional discipline. Please read this carefully, together with your Class Allocation Notice, which gives details of the class(es) in which you or your child are registered. The main timetable changes are as follows:

- Mondays** The Grade 4 Tap class has been discontinued and replaced with Grade 5 Tap. A new Grade 4 Tap class has been introduced with Miss Jo at the Farthing Hall on Saturday afternoons.
- Wednesdays** Please note that the Grade 5 Modern, Silver Jazz Award and Grade 5 Tap classes on this day at the Farthing Centre are over subscribed and it would be advantageous, for anyone who can, to change to Monday (Grade 5 Tap) or Saturday afternoon (Grade 5 Modern and Silver Jazz).
- Fridays** There is no longer a Grade 1 Modern class at the Farthing Centre on Fridays. However, an Intermediate Tap class has now been included on this day.
- Saturdays** **FARTHING HALL - NEW CLASS TIMES**
In order to accommodate the new Grade 4 Tap, Grade 5 Modern and Silver Jazz Award classes on this day it has been necessary to cancel the Junior Musical Theatre class and to start the first class of the day at 8.45 am. Apologies for the early start, which is due to a restriction on available hiring hours, but it is hoped that this will be no more inconvenient than a school day.
- Saturdays** **GREAT DUNMOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Class times have also been changed at this branch in order that the Musical Theatre and Commercial Dance dovetail with the students' Ballet classes. Be sure to check your times.

HAVE WE GOT IT WRONG? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH AND PUT US RIGHT!

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR AUTUMN TERM INVOICE WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN SEPTEMBER

Free Taster Classes

Would you like to try a new subject? Well, it doesn't cost as much as you might think. An additional 60 minutes junior musical theatre or commercial dance class is only £3.84 each per week, and the same subjects at senior level are £4.20 each per week. Moreover, any additional subject is offered for the first term at half price (provided it is taken in addition to existing classes) with the first lesson free of charge. Go on - you know you want to. Check times in the Class Finder and let us know.



Sunday 3rd 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 to 2.15 pm & 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm

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

Choreography Competition & Prizegiving

2.45 pm to 4.30 pm

Choreography Competition

There is just still time to enter our choreography competition with the deadline for entries extended to 26th August. Just go to the website for details of the rules and how to enter.

We are delighted that Jessica Smart, former student of this school, will adjudicate the entries. Jessica trained with The Weston before joining KS Dance for an intensive 3-year vocational training, and then cruising the world, dancing professionally for several years. She gained her teaching qualifications while at KS Dance and returns to us from time to time to provide teaching cover for Miss Swan.

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 Jazz and senior Ballet 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 2017 / 2018

Autumn Term 2017

Office opens	Wednesday 6th September
Term commences	Monday 11th September
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 16th to Saturday 28th October inclusive (two weeks)
Term ends	Saturday 2nd December

Spring Term 2018

Office opens	Wednesday 4th January
Term commences	Monday 8th January
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 12th to Saturday 17th February (one week)
Term ends	Saturday 24th March

Summer Term 2018

Office opens	Wednesday 18th April
Term commences	Monday 23rd April
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 28th May to Saturday 2nd June (one week)
Term ends	Monday 9th July

There will be no classes on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

Temporary Class Alterations

Great Dunmow: Classes will not be held at this venue on Saturday 16th September but will be held instead on Saturday 21st October

Springfield Parish Centre: Classes will not be held at this venue on Friday 29th September but will be held instead on Friday 20th October.

Forward Planning

Christmas Exams	4th to 8th December 2017 (subject to confirmation by ISTD)
Easter Exams	26th to 29th March 2018 (subject to confirmation by ISTD)

Footnote - Show Memorabilia

Don't forget to order your show photos and DVDs. Go to www.theweston.dance and follow the links to order online.