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## AUTUMN TERM CLASSES START MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018

**Pre-term the office will be open from 10 am until 1 pm  
on 5th, 6th and 7th September**

**PLEASE NOTE that DUNMOW CLASSES will not recommence  
until SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, final class 8TH DECEMBER**

*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 bring you up to date with arrangements for the coming term. There have been some timetable changes and so we are enclosing a note of which classes you or your child(ren) are registered for. Please let us know if we have got it wrong (we are only human, after all) - email is probably best. Invoices will be raised on 1st September so any alterations before then would be much appreciated.*

*The autumn term is always a busy one and we hope you will embrace it and support us and your children throughout the term. We start off with Open Day, Choreography Competition and Prizegiving, just before the beginning of term. We are delighted to welcome multi award-winning Luxurious HB with their bun and plait workshops and, with a school show next July, this is sure to be useful. Later, we have fund raising in the form of the Tapathon (go to the website to register your interest) and Mufti-Week; Chelmsford Ballet Company are planning another "Let's Make A Ballet" Day, and we finish up with an exam session at the end of term.*

*Finally, we have spaces in a number of our classes, especially for the younger children so, if you know of anyone who might like to come along to give dance a try, please do put them in touch.*

*We look forward to seeing you all in September.*

*Elisabeth Swan  
Principal*



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## 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

Your class allocation notice, showing which classes we have you/your child(ren) registered for, 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 and notify us as soon as possible of any errors. The main timetable changes are as follows:

- Mondays**      The Senior Certificate 1 Ballet class has been discontinued and a new Standard 6 Ballet class is being offered from 8.00 pm until 9.00 pm, followed by 15 minutes pointe work.
- Thursdays**    Grade 3 Ballet and Grade 6 Modern have been moved forward by one hour (4.30 pm and 5.30 pm respectively), and Advanced 2 Tap is now at CYGAMS at 6.30 pm
- Fridays**        At the Farthing Centre the Grade 6 Tap and Intermediate Tap have been swapped - 5.30 pm and 8.15 pm respectively; Intermediate Modern now starts at 6.30 pm followed by Gold Jazz Award at 7.45 pm.
- Saturdays**     Widford Village Hall - Advanced 1 Modern has been scheduled at this venue, from 4.15 pm until 5.30 pm
- Saturdays**     Farthing Centre - New Class Times  
Due to the caretaker's hours we are no longer allowed to enter the venue before 9.00 am, nor work beyond 5.00 pm. We regret, therefore, that the Grade 5 Modern and Silver Jazz Award classes cannot be held on that day and we have moved the students to the weekday classes.
- 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 £3.90 each per week, and the same subjects at senior level are £4.32 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.

## Congratulations

To **Harriette Spriggs** who was one of team *Viva Geneva* who, in July, swam the length of Lake Geneva in 22hours 3mins and 44secs, setting a new record and, in the process, making Harriette the youngest to complete the swim which included swimming during the night for two hours. The swim, which was for charity, has so far raised £8,400

And to **Maddy Haines** who was successful at audition to gain a further year as a Cecchetti Scholar, receiving weekly ballet classes in London. Also to receive ballet classes in London, on a monthly basis as part of the Cecchetti Associate scheme, are **Olivia Booth, Beth Dearsley, Amber Chandler, Daisy Clark, Sarah Esho** and **Alice Fearn**. Well done to all!

## Well done, too

To everyone who took exams in July with 100% success, not least **Miss Ruth** who gained her Licentiate Tap qualification (LISTD) - an exceptional achievement. **Miss Jo** also passed the Unit 4 of the Diploma in Dance Education (DDE) teaching qualification in both Modern and Tap - we are surely privileged to have such talented teachers.

## Summer Holiday?

Summer Schools abound throughout July and August, and this year was no exception. **Miss Swan** was teaching at the Cecchetti Summer School for Teachers at Elmhurst School for Dance in Birmingham, and **Miss Ruth** attended a couple of days of the ISTD's Tap Dance Summer School at Chichester University. In Chelmsford, **Miss Swan** ran a Summer Intensive for teachers studying for their DDE in Cecchetti Ballet, to which **Miss Charlotte** attended, and several of our students attended the Cecchetti Summer School for Young Dancers at the Arts Educational School in Tring Park. We're all coming back to classes for a rest!

Scarlett O'Malley was one such student who attended the Tring Park course and she says: *"On Saturday 28th July, I was driven up to Tring Park School feeling a mixture of excitement and nerves. Once there, the helpers showed me to my room and made sure I was alright. After I had unpacked my belongings, I ate a picnic lunch with my family before saying goodbye. After the parents were gone, the students were lead into the studios and were told about the week ahead and the choreographic competition as well as listening to the music options for the competition. We then decided if we wanted to enter as groups/trios/duets or a solo, and began rehearsing*

*The next few days consisted of dancing, rehearsing and well-earned rest. We were put in dance groups according to ballet level and we had one ballet lesson a day for an hour and fifteen minutes. As well as the ballet lessons, we also had: jazz, classical Greek, contemporary, repertoire, contemporary ballet, lyrical jazz, character, creative dance, Pilates, Cossack, a classical ballet workout and a choreographic workshop to help with the competition. The teachers gave really good advice. We had four dance lessons a day each for an hour and fifteen then an hour and twenty minutes to rehearse for the competition. We had plenty of breaks between classes and the food was amazing. By bedtime we were all tired and ready for sleep. The highlights for me were performing a dance we learnt during classical Greek; the safari themed party on the Monday night, the ballet classes and the competition on Friday.*

*The staff were friendly and helpful, and it was easy to make friends. Cecchetti summer school was amazing and I would recommend it to anyone that has a passion for dance."*

Thank you, Scarlett - we're glad you enjoyed it.

## Dates for the Academic Year 2018 / 2019

### Autumn Term 2018

Office opens	Wednesday 5th September
Term commences	Monday 10th September
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 15th to Saturday 27th October inclusive (two weeks)
Term ends	Saturday 1st December

### Spring Term 2019

Office opens	Thursday 3rd January
Term commences	Monday 7th January
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd February (one week)
Term ends	Saturday 23rd March

### Summer Term 2019

Office opens	Wednesday 24th April
Term commences	Saturday 27th April
Half-term (no classes)	Monday 27th May to Saturday 1st June (one week)
Term ends	Friday 12th July

Please note that there will be classes on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

## Temporary Class Alterations

**Great Dunmow:** Classes will not be held at this venue on Saturday 15th September but will be held instead on Saturday 8th December.

## Forward Planning

Christmas Exams	3rd to 7th December 2018 (subject to confirmation by ISTD)
Easter Exams	25th to 29th March 2019 (subject to confirmation by ISTD)

## 80th Anniversary Show

<b>Stagger Dress Rehearsals</b>	Weekend of 13th & 14th July 2019
<b>Dress Rehearsals</b>	Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th July 2019 (selected classes only)
<b>Performances</b>	Thursday 18th, Friday 19th & Saturday 20th July 2019

Full details will, of course, be provided nearer the time and, although not everyone will be required for all the above times, we would appreciate you keeping these dates free - thank you.

**★★80th Anniversary Ball - Pontlands Park Hotel★★**  
**Saturday 18th May 2019 - SAVE THE DATE!**