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## SPRING TERM CLASSES START MONDAY 7TH JANUARY

**Pre-term the office will be open from 10 am until 1 pm  
on 3rd and 4th January**

*Dear Parents and Students,*

*I hope you have enjoyed a happy and fulfilled Christmas and are not adversely feeling the effects of too much food and drink. If you are, why not come along to one of our many adult classes (tap, ballet and jazz) to work off the additional pounds in a fun and social way.*

*2019 is going to be a mammoth year for the School as it celebrates its 80th Anniversary. I hope you will be able to join us at our Anniversary Ball at Pontlands Park on 18th May (see enclosed leaflet). Should you be in touch with any ex-students please pass on the message that we would love to see them there, too. After that, in July, we have our biennial school show at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre and hope that EVERYONE will want to join in.*

*I know that the teaching faculty are all raring to get back into term, especially as we build up to the school show. They have asked that I pass on their (and my) sincere thanks for all the lovely cards and presents you so generously gave at the end of last term.*

*Thank you, too, for your continued loyalty and support. I send you my very best wishes for a happy, healthy and rewarding 2019.*

*With kind regards,*

*Elisabeth Swan  
Principal*



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## Last Term

As always, the Autumn Term was a particularly busy one, commencing with our Open Day (with sparkly input from *Luxurious HB*), Choreography Competition and Prizegiving, as well as Cecchetti Ballet competitions. We were delighted to welcome Helen Yewbrey to adjudicate and to present our awards. Huge congratulations to Helen who was recently successful in passing the Diploma in Dance Education (DDE) examination, making her fully qualified with the ISTD.

## Choreography Competition

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Choreography Competition. We had a bumper entry this year with fourteen dances being presented. Your hard work over the summer holiday was much appreciated and the dances were well received by the audience. The winning entry was provided by **Danielle Sirett** with “Don’t Stop Me Now”. Well done, Danielle!

## Prizegiving

We are always pleased to acknowledge the hard work and commitment the students make during the year. We were delighted to present the examination certificates and, in addition, to give some awards of our own, as follows:

Joan Weston Award for Ballet— **Amy Hesketh**  
 Christina Ballard Modern Cup - **Abigail James**  
 Tracy Corp Tap Dance Award - **Holly Bowen-Long**  
 Des Claydon Award for Achievement (Adult  
 Ballet)- **Kirsty Beckett**  
 Claire Austin Award for Achievement (Adult Tap) -  
**Nicola Park**  
 Sarah Carroll Performance Award - **Ava Logan**  
 Nicola Jones Award—**Ocean-Mae Revill**

Corinna Bourke Award - **Jessica Beales**  
 Doug & Betty Wheatley Memorial Award -  
**Gabriel Smith**  
 Watts Award - **Alice Fearn**  
 Rosina Baker Award - **Hannah Cope**  
 Wanbon Award - **Maddy Haines**  
 Diamond Award - **Hannah Beales**  
 Catherine Swan Memorial Award - **Charlize Spriggs**

Certificates of Merit were awarded to **Jasmine Anderson, Darcey Capon, Bryony Clark, Elizabeth Dinning, Orla Farrell, Victoria Galkenciuete, Isobel Maddison, Scarlett Nicholls, Rebecca Pegg, Ebonie Tatum and Sienna Tucker**.

Photo at <https://www.theweston.dance/members/events/prizegiving.php>

## Mufti Week

We all had great fun during mufti-week, raising £260 for BBC’s Children In Need. Pudsey Bears, for the best or most original costume, went to **Lauren Bailey** (spider), **Alice Blake** (pirate), **Victoria Galkenciuete** (Moana), **Annalise Leonard** (unicorn), **Georgina Prile** (Princess) and **Heidi Smith** (St Trinian’s). THANK YOU to everyone for taking part.

## Tapathon

This year’s Tapathon took place on Sunday 18th November and our thanks go to Widford Village Hall trustees for allowing us free use of this venue. Twenty-two tappers had great fun trying to break the world record (sadly, 102 short). Thank you to Miss Ruth for all her hard work and to Sharon Orme for the yummy cakes. Hold 17th November 2019 for the next attempt.

## Cecchetti Children’s, Mabel Ryan and Vacani Awards

Congratulations to **Maddy Haines** who was awarded the runner-up prize in the Senior Vacani Award competition held at Sadler’s Wells Theatre at the beginning of December. Well done, too, to all the other students who took part in the various competitions. There is no space to list you all but suffice to say you did yourselves, and the School, proud—thank you.

## Welcome Miss Jessica at Beaulieu

We are delighted to be up and running on Thursdays at the new Beaulieu Community Centre and classes are being run under the experienced eye of ex-student, and fully-qualified teacher, Jessica Smart. As well as ballet for little ones (up to Standard 1), we have Commercial Jazz for 8 to 12 year-olds, Contemporary Dance for students age 13 plus (ideal for those studying GCSE Dance or wishing to enhance their ballet training), and Jazz for Adults on a Pay-As-You-Go basis.

### Beaulieu Timetable:

4.15pm - 4.45 pm	Ballet with your Bear
4.45 pm - 5.30 pm	Primary Ballet
5.30 pm - 6.15 pm	Standard 1 Ballet
6.15 pm - 7.15 pm	Commercial Jazz
7.15 pm - 8.15 pm	Contemporary Dance
8.15 pm - 9.15 pm	Adult Jazz

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## Timetable Changes

We try to keep timetable changes to a minimum during the academic year but we do have just a few this term, all at CYGAMS HQ:

Mondays	Advanced 1 Ballet	now combined with Adv 2 and time changed to 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm
	Intermediate Ballet	Time and length changed to 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Tuesdays	Pre-Vocational Ballet	Time and length changed to 4.45 pm - 6.00 pm
	Vocational Ballet	Time and length changed to 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Fridays	Grade 3 Ballet	New class, from 4.15 pm - 5.15 pm

The Vocational Pointe Work class and Junior Vocational Class have been suspended for the time being.

## Celebrating 80 Years

### School Show

We are delighted to be presenting our biennial School Show at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre from 18th to 20th July 2019. If you have been involved in previous shows you will know that not all children dance in every performance but please keep these dates free, together with the weekend of 13th and 14th July, plus 16th and 17th July, when we will be rehearsing. The dances are set during normal class times in the summer term so there is very little additional commitment.

### CAN YOU HELP AT THE THEATRE?

In order to comply with child protection legislation we are required to provide a finite number of licensed chaperons at each performance. With the number of children taking part, this can be quite considerable and we could do with your help. If you think you could assist with looking after the children backstage, including helping with hair and/or make-up, and would be willing to do so at a minimum of four rehearsals/performances, please do get in touch. The licensing process takes several weeks and so your early response would be very much appreciated. Sharon Orme looks after this side of the event and so, should you need further information before making a commitment, please contact her at office@theweston.dance. Thank you!

80th Anniversary Ball  
on Saturday 18th May 2019  
at Pontlands Park Hotel

Join family and friends for a sumptuous 3-course dinner plus music and dancing with

The Four D's

Booking now available at  
[bit.ly/WestonBall](http://bit.ly/WestonBall)

## Dates for the Academic Year 2019

### 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

There WILL be classes on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

## Uniform Sales

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:

Chelmer Village Hall	Thursday 10th January	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Springfield Parish Centre	Friday 11th January	4.15 pm—6.15 pm
Widford Village Hall	Saturday 12th January	9.30 am—11.30 am
Great Dunmow Primary School	Saturday 19th January	9.15 am—11.15 am

Uniform may also be ordered and paid for on-line at [bit.ly/WestonShop](http://bit.ly/WestonShop)

Not sure if your uniform has changed? Please check under the Uniform tab on our website.

## Lost Property

We have been looking after a rather charming child's hooded jacket over the Christmas break and feel sure someone must be missing it. It was left at our Dunmow branch and we would like to reunite it with its owner. Please give us a call if it's yours.

## At The Civic - Box Office 01245 606505

There are a number of interesting shows coming in to the Chelmsford Civic Theatre in the next few months ([www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres)). Here are just a couple:

**An evening with Sir Geoff Hurst**, Wednesday 13th March. A little random, you may think, but Geoff Hurst is an ex-pupil of Kings Road Junior School (as is Miss Swan) so some of you may be interested; **Ballet Central** returns on Friday 3rd May with an exceptional repertoire including work by Kenneth MacMillan and Frederick Ashton - both exponents of Cecchetti Classical Ballet.