



Knights Academy of Dance

Spring Term 2018

Newsletter No. 2

WELCOME

Welcome back to Dancing after your Christmas break!

We have a busy term ahead and although term 3 is only a short 5 week stint, we will make up for it in term 4 with 6 weeks bringing us up to the Easter break!

DATES

Please see listed below some dates for the rest of this year, all of the dates are listed on my website, but for your ease you can see the important ones below:

Tuesday 9th January - Start of Term 3

Please note there will be **NO CLASSES** on 25th, 26th and 27th January

Saturday 10th February - End of Term 3

Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th February - Tap Exams

Tuesday 20th February - Start of Term 4

Thursday 29th April - End of Term 4

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th April - Easter Camp

Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th April - Ballet Exams

Tuesday 17th April - Start of Term 5

Saturday 26th May - End of Term 5

Tuesday 5th June - Start of Term 6

Saturday 14th July - End of Term 6

Saturday 7th July - Summer Show Dress Rehearsal

Saturday 14th July - Summer Show Dress Rehearsal

Sunday 15th July - Summer Show

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st August - Boot Camp

SUMMER SHOW

The annual summer show this year will be "The Wizard of Oz" and will take place on Sunday 15th July at THE ORCHARD THEATRE in Dartford.

There will be an audition process for the main acting parts in the show, more details to follow during term 3, but I really hope that as many of my 138 students as possible are able to take part.





SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

I am thrilled to let you all know that I awarded four 50% scholarships this year to the following girls:

Frankie Bray

Congratulations to you Frankie - you were chosen because of your natural talent, fantastic bubbly personality, your kindness to others and to really give you the confidence boost you need! Please keep working hard, practice at home and do not give up when the choreography is hard!

Annabelle Greet

Well Done Annabelle - you consistently turn up to class looking immaculate, work hard, well-mannered and a pleasure to teach. You are an all rounded dancer, actress, singer and performer. You have an immense amount of potential and I can't wait to push you further!

Willow Rolfe

Congratulations Willow - you have a natural ability to dance and have amazing extension and elevation in your technical steps. Please trust us this year, find your confidence, work hard and you could be a truly amazing dancer!

Kathryn Read

Well Done Kathryn - what a pleasure you are to teach. You may be little, but you certainly do not let that hold you back. You are going to be an amazing dancer when you are older and I cannot wait to see you perform more and grow up into the dancer I know you can be!

SINGING LESSONS

Miss Nicola is running highly successful singing lessons every Saturday from 12 noon - 1pm. These lessons can be taken either in groups of up to 8 for £10.00 each, as a solo lesson for £50 or a duet for £25. Nicola targets her lessons accordingly, dependent on group level of ability and on what children want to achieve from their singing lessons.

If you would like to sign your son/daughter up to these lessons please email me requesting how many lessons they would like and what they would like to achieve.

STREET & CONTEMPORARY EXAM RESULTS

Some of my students took their Street dance and/or contemporary exams in November and I was so impressed with their hard work and dedication to achieve the following results:

All of the Minis passed their exam and all of the Pre-Juniors and Juniors passed with Honours or Highly Commended.

Results varied from 87% - 99%!

Honours - 33

Highly Commended - 9

Minis - 4/4 Passed!



STAFF - HI & BYE

Now that my "little" dance school is becoming more of a "not so little" dance school I have had to delegate some of the admin work to my staff and take on a new member of staff:

Natalie Hammond now organises all of the private lesson timetables and exams. She will of course continue to be my senior teacher, teaching tap, contemporary, street, advanced ballet and musical theatre.

Claire Coldwell is now my business manager, working continuously behind the scenes with me ensuring that my business keeps growing & developing so that I can concentrate on teaching dance.

Amy Mastbraker continues to teach drama for me on a Saturday, she is also writing our summer show and will be adding to the hours she works on a Saturday in providing private drama lessons for those children with acting parts in the show.

Nicola Archibald is thoroughly enjoying teaching singing on a Saturday and is hoping to increase her private singing lesson timetable as the demand grows.

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My ballet teacher, Miss Lucinda, left us at the end of last term to concentrate on teaching ballet to older children, so I will be back teaching ballet lessons.

NEW STUDENTS

If you know anyone who would like to join any of my classes at Knights Academy, then please remember that you get 10% off your termly fees if you recommend a friend.

I will no longer be offering free trials to children, but will ask that they sign up for 3 lessons for a subsidised fee of £15.

On my website now is an online registration form for anyone who would like to join a class or a waiting list. From September 2018 I intend to only take new children twice a year.

Please see the timetable on the last page of this newsletter for this term's classes.



UNIFORM

Can I please remind you that all children need to wear correct Knights Academy uniform to ALL lessons and that girls hair must ALWAYS be tied back in either a bun or plaits.

You can now order new uniform via my website on the "Timetable" page or by following this link:

<http://tka.mydancestore.co.uk/>

If you would like any personalised uniform then please allow for 3 weeks turnaround from my supplier.



COMPETITION TEAM 2018

Our new Competition Team were selected at the end of December with the following dancers signed up, ready and raring to go for another Competition Season. Our season runs from March to November so please keep an eye on my Facebook page and website to watch our progress over the coming year.

Alyssa Maddison Smith
Amelie Wood
Annabelle Greet
Annie Coldwell
Darcy Wood
Eloise Baker
Emily Stebbeds
Frankie Bray
Gabrielle Brown
Hallie Snelgrave
Hollie Stebbeds
Jack Arkwright
Jasmine Wright
Kathryn Read
Kiana Wright
Leah Lewis
Lilly Hendrick
Maisy Day
Millie Newbigging
Mollie Arkwright
Mollie-Jean Vaughan
Olivia Boyle
Orla Cox
Reece Lilley
Sophia Atkins
Sophie Webb
Tayla Lilley
William Coldwell
Willow Rolfe

FINALLY

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2018, thanks to all parents, grandparents, friends and families for your support of your child's love of dance.

Miss Stacey xx



Venue	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Mick Jagger Centre Dance Studio</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:10pm Pre-Primary Ballet 5:10pm - 5:50pm Primary Ballet 5:50pm - 6:30pm Grade 1 Ballet 6:30pm - 7:15pm Grade 2 Ballet</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm Private Lessons 5:30pm - 6:30pm Acro (Advance) 6:30pm - 8:00pm Junior Performing Team</p>	<p>4:45pm - 5:30pm Mini Contemporary 5:30pm - 6:30pm Jazz Technique 6:30pm - 7:30pm Pre Junior Contemporary 7:30pm - 8:30pm Junior Contemporary</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm Grade 3 Ballet 5:30pm - 6:30pm Grade 4 Ballet 6:30pm - 7:30pm Private Lesson</p>	<p>1:15pm - 3:15pm Musical Theatre (All Ages)</p> 
<p>The Mick Jagger Centre Drama Studio/ Theatre</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:10pm Primary Tap 5:10pm - 5:50pm Pre-Primary Tap 5:50pm - 6:30pm Grade 2 Tap 6:30pm - 7:15pm Grade 1 Tap 7:15pm - 8:15pm Grade 3 Tap</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm Private Lessons 6:30pm - 8:00pm Junior Competition Team</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm Pre Junior Street 5:30pm - 6:30pm Mini Street 6:30pm - 7:30pm Junior Street</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:30pm Grade 4 Tap 5:30pm - 6:30pm Private Lesson</p>	<p>9:00am - 10:00am Competition Team 10:00am - 11:00am Street Crew 11:00am - 12:00pm Advanced Ballet 12:00pm - 1:00pm Mini Team 12:00pm - 1:00pm Private Singing</p>