ACADEMY OF DANCE

NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2021



DEAR PUPILS & PARENTS

I am so excited to announce that plans are now underway for our return to the studio in 2021 – we can't wait to get back to dancing together after a uniquely challenging year. Please read the information in this newsletter carefully as I will be explaining our COVID-safe procedures and some important changes that parents and pupils need to be aware of.

As always we want to say a warm welcome to any new pupils and parents who have recently joined the school. I do hope you have all the relevant information about joining the school; however if you need any further information please get in touch.

Communication

A reminder that I must have up-to-date contact details for all pupils so that I can add you to my distribution list. Please let me know if any details have changed to ensure you do not miss any important communications.

Our website also includes the latest information and updates – the parent's dashboard, which contains all online class links, also contains useful info including uniform and fees. The password for this section of the site is *lovetodance*

RETURNING TO THE STUDIO

In line with the government's roadmap to easing restrictions across England, and the council's plans to reopen Pinewood, we are delighted to be reopening the studio for the summer term on **Monday 26th April.** Pinewood have not confirmed that we can access the studio any sooner than this so any classes or workshops in the studio prior to Monday the 26th over the Easter holidays remain tbc. We can't wait to see all the pupils back in class with their friends.

COVID-safe procedures

Please note that returning to the studio assumes your continued agreement to our "Returning to the Studio Guidelines" which all pupils/parents consented to after the previous two lockdowns. To refresh your memory, we ask that you view these guidelines here:

https://jacad.co.uk/parents/returning-to-the-studio/

Please note ALL NEW PUPILS/PARENTS must read and consent via the form at the above link before being allowed to return to class.

As a quick reminder, our COVID-safe measures include:

- Temperature checks on arrival
- Socially distanced drop off/pick up at separate entrances/exits
- Hand sanitisation procedures
- Social distancing during class
- Caps on class sizes
- Cleaning/sanitising studios between classes
- Deep cleaning studios at the start/end of the day

We once again ask for parental co-operation, particularly during drop off and pick up, to maintain safe social distancing and keep us informed of any students who are isolating due to coronavirus contact, symptoms, or a positive test.

Mask-wearing

The government has released updated information on face coverings for children in Year Seven and above in an educational setting. Mask wearing is recommended in this age group where social distancing is difficult and where transmission may be high. We would therefore like to request that, wherever possible, pupils wear a face covering to and from class at a minimum. We strongly encourage keeping these masks on during class to help reduce the risk of transmission. Younger pupils are also encouraged to wear a mask in class if they feel comfortable doing so. All teachers will be wearing masks and/or visors when teaching. Bloch and other similar brands have released masks designed specifically for dancers, which we recommend as the most appropriate option for wearing in a dance class setting.

Covid Contingency Plans

In October 2020 we introduced a COVID Contingency plan to our guidelines and returning to the studio also assumes consent of this policy. You can view it here: https://jacad.co.uk/jacad-covid-19-contingency-plans/

I ask everyone to note in particular that, should government guidelines change again at any point and we can no longer conduct classes in the studio, we will once again revert – as per the policy – to online classes. These contingency plans also include our plans in the event of any pupils or teachers having to self-isolate. A reminder to please inform JACAD immediately if pupils or any family members are isolating/have tested positive/are exhibiting symptoms so that we can continue to keep our JACAD community safe.

We very much hope that, as Boris Johnson has suggested, this lockdown will be the last, and once restrictions are lifted we will not have to return to online lessons again. Nonetheless, we remain prepared for anything and thank all parents and pupils for their continued support and flexibility.

Timetable changes

Our studio timetable is currently under review to ensure that when classes return in the summer we make the best use of studio space. With social distancing caps on class sizes we need to ensure we can accommodate pupils in their new levels and we anticipate there may be some minor timetable changes to facilitate this. We will endeavour to keep all changes to a minimum. Last time we returned to the studio a few classes operated on rotation between Zoom and the studio due to class size. This system may have to be implemented again so please stay tuned.

Uniform changes

I am excited to let you know that we are currently looking into an updated uniform for Modern & Tap classes. I hope to introduce these new styles as soon as the summer term (depending on availability) so please look out for further announcements on this! For those pupils who have recently purchased a modern or tap uniform, there will be a crossover period to make sure you can get enough wear out of the current style before switching over.

Annual Awards

We are planning our Annual Awards ceremony & outdoor picnic for July 4th so please add this date to your diary. The government roadmap suggests all limits on social contact will be lifted in June so we very much hope to be able to celebrate the pupils' achievements together.

Invoices

Invoices are currently being prepared and will follow before the start of the new term.

Assessments

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to all the pupils that took part in our online assessments over the last several weeks. We were so pleased with how the pupils prepared and conducted themselves and the excellent feedback everyone received from examiner Jackie Hayward was very well deserved. The following pupils have completed their assessments:

Grade 2 Modern Grade 4 (cont.) Grade 2 Tap **Primary Ballet** Betsy Adams Maria Nasser Ebony Faluyi Emma Taylor Aiden Pottinger Zaina Nesbitt

Grade 3 Tap

Evie Wilkins

Eiddwen Bedford Bethan Carter Lily Carter Esosa Faluyi Mia Luyckx Poppy McManus Smith Evie Pottinger Bea Robers Alice Tucker

Grade 5 Tap

Tia Crowley Isabel Hinchin Ellie Howard Lucy Keenan Alex Krajniewski Juliet Moir Caitlin Oliver Morgan Phillips Karley Russell Ada Thorne **Emily Watson Abigail Waters**

Inter Tap

Lucy Trigg Livana Eilliott Jessica Deane Maisie McDougall Alice Williams Florence Williams Ebony Faluyi Mila Parmenter Mabel Gallagher

Charlotte Vale

Grade 1 Ballet

Grade 2 Ballet

Molly Elmes Lily Hobson Isabella Maye Elsie Murphy Bella Tuckley Lizzie Saville Aidan Pottinger Lilia Taylor Eleanor Leadley

Grade 4 Ballet

Betsy Adams Eiddwen Bedford Lyla Carter Esosa Faluyi Mia Luyckx Matilda Woodrow Poppy McManus-Smith Emma Taylor

Lyra Brooks Molly Elmes Lily Hobson Isabella Maye Holly McManus-Smith Polina Parmenter Bella Tuckley **Emberrose Stafford** Jessica Deane Maisie McDougall Florence Williams Alice Williams Aidan Pottinger Elizabeth Savill

Grade 3 Modern

Alexie Yates **Evie Wilkins** Grace Ryan Kitty Allison Tori McDermott

Betsy Adams Eiddwen Bedford **Bethan Carter** Lily Carter Esosa Faluyi Rosie Fletcher Sophie Mann Poppy McManus-Smith Bea Roberts Fireniece Stafford

Alice Tucker Matilda Woodrow

Grade 5 Modern

Georgia Wenstrom Lucia Sarin Lyla Carter

Int. Foundation Mod

Tia Crowley Isobel Hinchin Ellie Howard Juliet Moir Caitlin Oliver Morgan Phillips Karley Russell **Emily Watson** Lucy Keenan Ada Thorne Alex Krajniewski

Grade 4 Modern Grade 5 Ballet

Fireniece Stafford Lola Harper Holly Ryan

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Assessments (cont.)

Wishing the best of luck to the following pupils who have their assessments coming up in the next few weeks!

Primary Ballet

Esha Kundi Clifford Ysabel Poole Miya Zhou

Grade 3 Ballet

Eva Mills Grace Ryan Evie Wilkins Evie Pottinger Nuala Burke Maria Lydia Makris

Grade 4 Ballet

Feively Gunadi Twisha Malhotra Alice Tucker

Grade 6 Ballet

Tia Crowley
Isobel Hinchin
Ellie Howard
Lucy Keenan
Alexis Krajniewski
Juliet Moir
Caitlin Oliver
Karley Russell
Ada Thorne
Emily Watson

Int. Found Ballet

Rosie Fletcher Sophie Mann Savannah Booth Maria Clayton Lola Harper Holly Ryan

Inter Ballet

Livana Elliott Izabelle Cumming Nicola Krajniewski Alex Krajniewski

Grade 1 Tap

Jessica Deane Ebony Faluyi Maisie McDougall Holly McManus Smith

Grade 2 Tap

Molly Elmes
Lily Hobson
Eleanor Leadley
Isabella Maye
Grace Ryan
Elizabeth Savill
Lilia Taylor
Bella Tuckley

Grade 4 Tap

Savannah Booth
Timothy Brennan
Lyla Carter
Maria Clayton
Rosie Fletcher
Lola Harper
Sophie Mann
Holly Ryan
Fireniece Stafford
Georgia Wenstrom
Matilda Woodrow
Amy Pottinger
Poppy McManus-Smith

Inter Tap

Amabel Brown
Anna Czech
Ellie Furness
Kristina Greatrex
Katie Horsted
Nicola Krajniewski
Rebecca Singleton
Rachel Thomas
Olivia Wood
Izabelle Cumming
Larissa Bolog

Grade 1 Modern

Esha Kundi-Clifford Mila Parmenter Mabel Gallagher Darcey Jordan

Grade 6 Modern

Maria Clayton Holly Ryan Lola Harper Savannah Booth Abigail Waters

Inter Modern

Larissa Bolog Anna Czech Kristina Greatrex Nicola Krajniewski Morgan Phillips Rachel Thomas Izabelle Cumming

Congratulations

Congratulations to JACAD pupil Lucy Trigg for successfully auditioning and being accepted into the Wilkes Academy of Performing Arts on their BA (Hons) Musical Theatre Course commencing Sept 21. A fantastic achievement and well deserved! We are all very proud of you Lucy!



Socially Distanced Festival

Congratulations to the following company pupils on their performances in December at the Socially Distanced Festival in Basingstoke:

- 1st to Morgan Phillips Modern Solo, Fireniece Stafford Modern Solo, Morgan Phillips Character Solo, Maria Clayton Song & Dance Solo, Lola Harper Modern Solo, Sophie Mann Character Solo, Sophie Mann Modern Solo
- 2nd to Flamecarmen Stafford Modern Solo, Juliet Moir Lyrical Solo
- 3rd to Eiddwen Bedford Modern Solo, Maria Clayton Modern Solo

Well done to Livana Elliott, Anna Czech, Larissa Bolog, Mia Luyckx, Betsy Adams, Esosa Faluyi, Ellie Howard, Megan Bellon, Emberrose Stafford and Bea Roberts who all debuted their solos at the festival.

Jayne Coleman

DIARY DATES 2021/2022

Spring Term 2021 commenced Final Week for normal classes

Mon 4 Jan Mon 22 - Sat 27 Mar

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Summer Term 2021 commences
Half Term
Dance World Cup
Ballet/Modern/Tap Exams
Annual Awards
Summer Term ends

Monday 26th April 31st May - 5th June 2nd-10th July (TBC) July (TBC) Sunday 4th July Saturday 18th July

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Autumn Term 2021 commences
Half Term
Autumn Term ends

Monday 6th September 25th Oct - 30th Oct Saturday 4th Dec

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Spring Term 2022 commences Half Term Spring Term ends Monday 10th Jan 2022 14th Feb - 19th Feb 2022 Saturday 2nd April 2022

EASTER HOLIDAYS 2022

Summer Term 2022 commences Half Term Summer Term ends

Monday 25th April 2022 30th May- 4th June 2022 Sat 16th July 2022

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