

BALLET FACULTY NEWSLETTER

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January Exam Session Results

These results have now been emailed out. If you have not yet received yours, please speak to your teacher.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the ISTD Classical Ballet exams and good luck in your new grades!

Ballet Faculty Uniform Changes

We have made some changes to the Ballet Uniform that are due to come into effect from September 2013. A detailed notice has been issued about this. Please do read the notice prior to buying a new leotard. If you have recently purchased a leotard that is not in line with the new uniform, please be re-assured that the old-style uniform will remain acceptable in class until next year.

ISTD Junior Ballet Awards

Following excellent results in the exam session last July, Charlotte Moore (Grade 2) and Ellie Pearson (Grade 3) competed in the national ISTD Junior Ballet Awards. They had to learn new exercises especially for the competition in addition to performing some of the work from their normal classes. Congratulations to them both for their performances.

We hope that some of those who are entering for exams in July will follow in their footsteps this October.

Christmas Ballet Show Auditions

This year it is the turn of the Ballet Faculty to create the Christmas show. We are very excited to announce that we will be performing *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* at the Oakwood Theatre on **Sunday 8th December.**

All members of the Dance Reality Ballet Company classes will be taking part in the show. Some Primary Ballet students will also be invited to take part.

In addition, auditions for the show's lead roles are OPEN to ALL ballet students. Acting skills are key so come ready to stretch your facial muscles! The auditions will take place on Saturday 20th April:

7-10 years:	3.30pm – 5.00pm
11+ years:	5.00pm - 6.30pm

Rehearsals will take place on Monday evenings.

Please put your name down at reception if you are planning to attend.

Next ISTD Ballet Exam & Assessment Sessions

The provisional dates for the summer ISTD Ballet exams and class assessment sessions are as follows:

(Provisional Dates)

Sunday 7th July - ISTD Classical Ballet Exams
Sunday 14th July – ISTD Modern & Tap Exams
Sunday 14th July or 21st July Ballet Class Assessments

Students that are expected to be ready for these dates will shortly be receiving a letter inviting them to take part.

Festival news

Well done to everyone who performed at Woking Festival. For many it was their first ever festival and we had some wonderful results.

Best of luck for everyone who is taking part in the upcoming Tilehurst Eisteddfod.

As always, do get in touch if you have any queries.

Miss Louise - Head of Ballet Faculty