



Newsletter January 2020

Dates – Happy New Year everyone

- Ballet exam lessons Sat 4th January
- Normal classes resume Sat 11th January
- Ballet mock exams Sun 2nd February
- Ballet exams Sun 9th February
- Show rehearsals 27th – 28th June
- 25th anniversary shows 4th – 5th July with a celebration party on Sat 4th July

Ballet Exams

- The exams are now very close. Please check your exam packs for details.
- Anyone who has not yet paid their exam fees please do so asap.
- Remember that ISTD Grade 4 ballet is the equivalent of a GCSE pass.
- High standards of grooming and time keeping are imperative when it comes to ballet exams.
- Please do not hesitate to direct any exam queries to Rebecca or Anne.
- All the children are amazing and have worked very hard to get to the standard required. We are here to support them and you.
- All students need to be presented for their exam in pristine uniform as detailed below:

Good condition leotard with matching belt

Clean satin ballet shoes for girls with elastic for grade 1 and ribbon for grades 3 & 4

New ballet tights

Hair in a ballet bun

No underwear showing – exam underwear is available to purchase

- If you need help with the ballet bun Sarah will be available but please allow at least 45 minutes spare before your time slot if you wish to avail yourself of this service. All students need to be ready 30 minutes before their actual ballet exam time.
- Anne is available on the exam lesson day 4th January as well as the first two Saturdays of the term 11th & 18th January. She will also be at the mocks and exams with emergency tights, shoes, belts, hair accessories etc.

Show 2020

- Although July may seem a long time away, the preparation and organisation for the 25th anniversary event started a few months ago. Please book these dates in your diary as choreography will be starting this term.
- If your child is unable to participate it is very important that you let us know as soon as possible. Lessons will still enhance their dance training.



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- New parents please note that the show is a highlight of the dance school year and everyone performs in costume on stage; all abilities and ages are included. It is an experience not to be missed and an event that family members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Uniform

- It is much appreciated that some children; especially Grade 4 ballet girls (who seem to arrive to class with immaculate hair) attend lessons with correct hair for ballet. However, standards seem to have slipped in some of the other classes. It is an important part of your child's dance training to have pride in their uniform and appearance. I understand how busy life is but please help your child where possible to achieve these goals.

Rebecca and Anne would both like to wish you all a very Happy New year and here's to an exciting and energetic 2020.

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