



**amanda restell**  
ACADEMY OF DANCE

# END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

July 2019

## DIARY DATES: -

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019** – Last day of term

**W/C Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Summer Holidays. The Academy will not be running normal lessons, but we have an exciting summer school planned with professionals from the West End visiting us!!

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019** – Back to dancing

**W/C Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019** – Half Term, no classes

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – Last day of dancing

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020** – Back to dancing

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020** – Show A @ The Towngate Theatre, Basildon

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020** – Show B @ The Towngate Theatre, Basildon

**W/C Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020** – Academy's half term, no classes

**W/C Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020** – Easter Holidays

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020** – Back to dancing

## Late Payments

As you are all aware, you have 3 weeks to pay your fees then a 10% late penalty fine and £2.50 administration fee will be added. Many parents are still paying after the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, and in some cases not paying until the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> week. After the 4<sup>th</sup> week, we now have a policy in place that if your fees are not paid, we won't allow your Son/Daughter into their class. To avoid embarrassment on both sides, please pay fees within the first 3 weeks. If you are struggling to pay your fees, then please can you let Lisa know in reception, and we can come to some sort of arrangement – thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## SEPTEMBER TIMETABLE

Can I please ask everyone to check the date/time and studio location of their daughter/son's lessons for when we return in September as we have made a few changes to the classes etc. This was done so that we could accommodate all those who had taken their exams and avoid any timetable clashes that may have occurred. We are also operating a "Show Timetable" so some of the senior classes may be combined – all these details are listed at the bottom of your bill. Even if your daughter/son hasn't taken exam, their class time may have changed so please check before returning to classes.

## BACS PAYMENTS

We have been trialling payment via bacs over this past half term and it is working incredibly well for us, so we have decided to offer this payment option for term fees. Account details are at the bottom of the bill (along with payment due dates) but I have listed everything again below for information –



A/C Name: The Amanda Restell Academy of Dance  
A/C Sort Code: 30-94-26  
A/C Number: 00085403

Payment reference is your child's surname plus F at the end, so for example – SMITHF (the F indicates fees on our system). We will still be operating a payment due date and respectfully ask that all fees are paid by this date. Failure to do so will incur a 10% late payment fine and an admin fee charge as well. We will be monitoring this very closely and hope that it makes payment much easier for you all.



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Don't forget to like our page – keep up to date with what the Academy is doing and see all the photos and videos that are regularly uploaded.

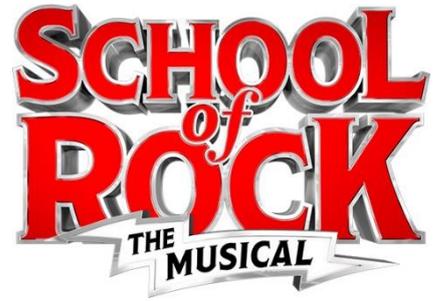
## SUMMER SCHOOL

My goodness – do we have a summer school for you! Below are all the details and we still have a few spaces left so don't delay – book now.....

- **ANNIE AUDITION WORKSHOP** – We are absolutely delighted to welcome Associate Choreographer and Director Heather Scott-Martin to the Academy. Heather leads the auditions and works directly with the creative team in choosing the cast and all the orphans in the current West End production and the recent touring production. Students will workshop musical numbers such as "Hard Knock Life" and "Tomorrow" and receive direction from Heather, whilst experiencing a taste of what is required from children attending a West End audition. Workshops are running on the 29<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> August and there are only a few spaces left!



- **A TASTE OF WEST END** – A current cast member of “School Of Rock” will be coming to our Academy on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July to deliver a full-scale workshop exploring songs, scenes and dance routines from the show to hopefully create a 10-15 minute for family and friends. We are also delighted that one of our pupils, Calypso Bailey, who is currently performing in the show, will be coming along as well to assist on the day – she can answer any questions you may have about what it’s like to be in the show or what the audition process was like.



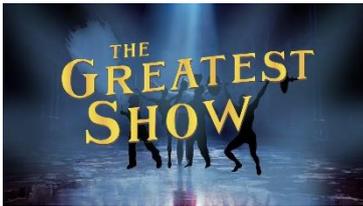
- **PRINCE & PRINCESS WORKSHOP** – Come along in your favourite Disney costume and dance away to your favourite Disney tunes (suitable for school year reception to year 4). This is a 1 ½ hour dance workshop timetable for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August.



- **MARY POPPINS WORKSHOP** – A fun and exciting workshop based around the music and songs from the new Disney film. This 2-hour workshop is suitable for children school years 3 – 6 and is being held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July.



- **THE GREATEST SHOW – ACRO WORKSHOP**. An exciting and thrilling 2-hour Acro workshop learning new skills to the music we know and love from The Greatest Show – It’s one not to be missed! Running on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August for school years 3 – 6.



- **MINI MOVERS** – We are running our hugely successful mini mover classes in Ballet, Tap Theatre Craft every Monday and Thursday through the summer. Each week there is a different theme to keep you daughter/son entertained throughout the summer holidays. Suitable for pre-school children from the age of 2 ½ years.



Please note that all of our workshops are open to non Academy members so please feel free to bring your friends along to a class.



prior to returning in September along with lots of (if this is your first time). Show term is always an incredibly exciting time and I can not wait to see the student’s reactions to the songs we have selected for them!

Yes – it is that time again! When we return in September we will be starting our preparations for our forth-coming shows in January (Show A) and February (Show B). We will be issuing show permission forms information for you all (if this is your first

# MISS REBECCA – Maternity Leave

As you will all be aware, Miss Rebecca will be leaving us at the end of this term to go on maternity leave. We all wish her the very best and look forward to meeting her new addition over the summer – it's all very exciting! The following arrangements have been made for her cover as follows –



- Monday Classes – Miss Amy will be covering until Easter
- Tuesday Classes – Miss Kirby will be covering until October and then Miss Amanda will be taking over until Easter.
- Thursday Classes – Miss Kirby will be covering until October and then Miss Rebecca will be returning on this day.

Miss Rebecca is intending to return to all her classes after the Easter break. If you have any questions or queries, then please feel free to contact me.

# VILLAGE GREEN

## VILLAGE GREEN – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Miss Amanda took two groups to perform on the N-Act stage at Village Green..... And what a reception we got! The two groups performed to a huge audience and were incredibly well received – it was so lovely to see many of our current pupils and parents come along to see us. I have since had wonderful feedback from the organisers and I am so proud of the way everyone conducted themselves – they certainly flew the ARAD

fly on that day – well done everyone!!!



## GOOD LUCK BOYS!

We are absolutely delighted to see two of our talented boys heading off to performing arts colleges in September; Rory will be studying at Urdang and James is heading to Emil Dale. We are so incredibly proud of these two and know that a bright future lies ahead for the them both. Good luck boys – we will miss you dreadfully but can't wait to see you start then next chapter of your life – keep in touch!!



## STUDENTS PERFORM AT LABAN

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July say the end of year CAT show at Trinity Laban. Two of our students; Clara Johnson & Harriet Thomas, are currently training on the Centre for Advanced Training scheme and we were lucky enough to be invited to see the show. We are so proud of these two girls as it is incredibly hard to be accepted on the CAT course and they beat many applications to gain a place on the course. They study ballet and contemporary every Saturday at Laban – it takes a lot of dedication and commitment but the benefits were definitely seen at the show – an excellent standard of work from renowned choreographers as well as students was shown. Super proud of you both!

# TAP ATTACK AWAITS!

Huge congratulations to one of our pupils, Cerys Batchelor, who has successfully auditioned and been accepted onto the Tap Attack Associate programme. Despite only being 11 yrs old, Cerys has been accepted onto the Mids Associate Programme and we couldn't be prouder! Cerys will be training once a month with Tap Attack and will be given many performing opportunities. Well done Cerys - a fantastic accomplishment - we can't wait to see what the future holds for you!



## STUDENT EXAM SUCCESSES

Following our exam sessions in December & April, the Academy has 10 nominations for students to attend the IDTA Theatre Dance Awards in Manchester. We are super proud of this achievement

and the successes that our pupils are enjoying – hard work, dedication and commitment really do pay off – well done everyone!



## ALL CHANGE AT MINI-MOVERS

We are having a little move around of our Mini Mover teachers for our Monday and Thursday classes from September and so have listed the details below for you -

**MONDAYS** – Miss Amy (who is our current Mini Mover Teacher on Saturday)

**THURSDAYS** – Miss Kirby until October and then Miss Nicola will be taking over.

## DISCO to COMMERCIAL - Rebrand

We have decided to rename all of our disco classes to "Commercial" from September as we feel this best describes the style that is being taught. Commercial is dance that is seen in music videos, catwalks, fashion shows, artists tours, advertising, TV and film and this is essentially what we are doing in class. It is very current and we feel that the word Disco is now out dated and does not fully reflect what our students are studying.



I can't believe that we are at the end of our Summer term – it has been a very hectic but rewarding term and I don't know about you, but I am definitely ready for the summer break! I hope you all have a wonderful summer; enjoy the time with your family and friends and make sure you all put your feet up and recharge your batteries. September's term is going to be full of information regarding the show and some very excited students and pupils back to classes – I always enjoy this term as I get to create some wonderful dances for you to all enjoy (I hope!) Enjoy the sunshine and I will see you all back in class on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Miss Amanda