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ACADEMY OF DANCE

# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

## DIARY DATES: -

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018** – Examination Session

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018** – Christmas Holidays (Academy closed for lessons but open for exams)

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019** – Back to dancing

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019** – Recording Studio Visit for all those in Singing/Musical Theatre

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019** – IDTA International Theatre Dance Awards, Manchester

**W/C Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019** – Half Term (no lessons)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019** – Exam Coaching for Easter exams

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019** – Back to Dancing

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019** – Rehearsal for show (for all singing classes) at the studio

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019** – Musical Theatre Show rehearsals at the studio

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019** – Exam Session (dates t.b.c)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019** – Dress/Tech Rehearsal at the Theatre (no lessons)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019** – Showtime! No lessons at the studio

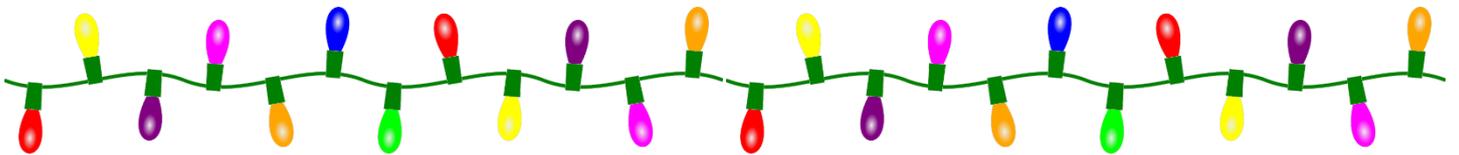
**W/C Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019** – Easter Holidays (no lessons)

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019** – Back to dancing





We are absolutely delighted to announce that this term we raised a whopping **£1850.00** for the charity GOLD GEESE. We held a gold week, put on a show of all our festival entries for this year and added that to the sale of 2nd hand uniform that we have been selling throughout the year. I am so proud of the Academy, it's pupils and parents for supporting and helping us to raise this wonderful amount for a very deserving charity.



## South East IDTA Classical, Theatre Jazz & Tap Awards



On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 8 of our girls were fortunate enough to qualify to participate in the IDTA South East Classical Performance Awards. They all danced beautifully and 6 out of the 8 were recalled to the finals. I am delighted to announce that Astrid Tait was awarded the runners up cup in Class A (out of 34 competitors) Well done girls!!

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November say the turn of our Tap and Modern Jazz girls. 17 girls qualified to attend and all danced beautifully. Tap saw 8 out of our 9 entries reach the finals with Maddison Lawrence being awarded 3rd place in the grades class. Tegan Mason won the Performers class with Lucy Green being awarded 3rd place. We also had 7 out of 12 girls go through to the finals of the Theatre Jazz; Megan Batchelor won the grades class with Scarlett Lowe gaining 2nd and Eleanor Mayo being awarded the Endeavour Award. Well Done Girls – one incredibly proud principal!



## 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.

## WRAPPING UP WARM!!

As the weather is now getting very cold, can you all please make sure that you are wrapping up warm when you are leaving the studios. We are noticing many children walking straight outside in their leotard and ballet tights/ catsuits. It is incredibly important to look after your body once you have exercised and you need to ensure you let your body cool down naturally, we don't want any muscle injuries! Please make sure you all wear your tracksuits after dancing to avoid injury. Please keep warm!!



## STUDENTS BELONGINGS

Just a polite reminder – that all students belongings; coats, shoes, bags etc. should be left in the Changing Rooms when they are in class. We are noticing that a lot of these items are constantly blocking up the corridors, especially in the evening (and especially from our senior students). If we need to evacuate the premises quickly for whatever reason, we don't want students or staff tripping up in the process. All belongings left along the corridors become hazards and we are very keen to encourage everyone to use the facilities available in the changing rooms. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



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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.

### TERM FEES

Fees are due during the first 3 weeks of the new term. Once these 3 weeks have passed you will be charged an admin fee and a 10% late penalty fine for non payment. Please ensure that your fees are paid by Saturday 26th January 2019 to avoid any extra charges – thank you.

## CLASSES IN JANUARY

Following our December exam session, many students will be have been moved up a grade. Can I please ask everyone to please take a moment to study your daughter/son's bill for next term. Some students have been

moved up in Disco/Acro and Pointe so it is worth checking the day/time and venue of their classes to avoid any confusion at the beginning of next term

## NEW UNIFORM

The Academy is in the process of updating its uniform in all subjects. Some of you may have seen the new ballet dresses for Mini Movers, Pre-Preps, Preps and Primarys. We are now about to finalise the ballet and younger Modern Jazz and once this is done an email will be sent out to everyone in that grade informing you of the new uniform. Please do not purchase anything new now, we are more than happy for your daughter/son to be in the incorrect uniform for a week or two until we get all the new stock in – watch this space!

**As you have seen from previous emails, the Academy is holding a charity week next week as it is our last week at the Academy and the Christmas Jumper Day is taking place ALL WEEK.**

**We are allowing children to dress up all week – they can wear anything they want as long as it is Christmassy – the more over the top the better! So dig out your most over the top, wacky Christmas Jumpers and decorations etc and lets have some fun in the last week of term, whilst also contributing to 'Save the Children'. If everyone at the Academy participated and could bring a £1 for the week then we would raise almost £700.00 for Save the Children – which would be fantastic! Please either bring your donation into lesson, or hand it in to Reception before your class. We look forward to seeing all of your fabulous outfits next week.**



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**JUMPER DAY**

I can't believe that we are now at the end of our first term back – the time has truly flown by. I hope you all have a magical Christmas and enjoy time together as a family. I am certainly looking forward to having all of mine together under one roof again for the festive season. Rest, relax, enjoy the food and I look forward to seeing you all back in January, re-charged and raring to go!

Miss Amanda xx

