

THE MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING

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Dear Parents and Pupils,

Dress Rehearsal Sunday 18th November at The Brake Hall Ashford School

Please arrive in good time for your rehearsal. We will try to stick to the schedule but please be patient with us if we are running late.

Please park in car parks opposite the Brake Hall entrance and walk the last bit.

Children need to be supervised by parents/guardians and can get ready and be seated quietly in the hall until they are needed on stage.

If you have not bought/hired your costume prior to the dress rehearsal you can do this on the day. Costumes can be taken home after the dress rehearsal, please look after them carefully.

You must come to rehearsal with everything you need including the correct dance shoes and tights. **Please make sure you have your name written in your shoes etc. Please leave all valuables at home.** Have hair in required style and make-up please (blues/greens eye-shadow, mascara, etc blusher and reddish lipstick, just enough to stop faces looking “washed out” under the stage lighting). There will be some hair and make-up helpers if you require help but arrive early and bring own hair brush and spray etc. Costumes will either be handed out prior to the day or supplied on the day. **NO EATING OR DRINKING IN COSTUME** unless the costume is covered up (a dressing-gown works well).

Tickets are £5 and will be on sale after half term (please speak to Annie or Liz) and at the dress rehearsal. We need to keep track of how many people are in the audience so a ticket must be purchased by anyone wishing to watch the show. Pupil concession price £1.

There will be a professional photographer set up in a room off the main hall where you can have your photo taken in your costume ***after your rehearsal.***

Show weekend Saturday 24th November at 3.30pm and Sunday 25th November at 1.30pm and 4.30pm. The show is approximately 1.5 hours including a short interval. There will be signs up to show pupils which dressing room to go to. Pupils need to sign in and out of the school. Parents can stay in the dressing rooms but please arrange to share child-care as it can become very crowded. Arrive in good time (half an hour before or earlier if you need help with hair/make-up) **ONLY PERFORMERS ARE ALLOWED BACK STAGE.** There will be chaperones to take pupils to and from the wings when they are due on stage. Pupils who are in the first half only or those who are Penguins, Polar Bears or Hula Dancers can go home as soon as they have finished their dance. All others need to stay for curtain call. After the show weekend please take your costumes home if they need washing and return to the school next term. Hired costumes such as tutus can be handed in after the final performance.

Here's hoping it all goes well and have fun! Many thanks. Liz and Annie.