

# **MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING**

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## **SPRING TERM 2014**

Dear Parents and Pupils

Hope you had a magical Christmas and we wish you all a very happy and healthy 2014.

Well done to our pupils who took modern and tap exams at the end of last term. We are still awaiting results but the feedback from pupils about their exam was very positive. Congratulations to Camilla Harris who went to London to the ISTD HQ to take her grade 6 ballet exam which she passed with merit.

**Annie** Annie will be taking a break from teaching and from April will be working for Thompson Hotels as a dancer in the evenings and organizing activities in the daytime. I will be taking over some of her classes this term (please see timetable). Exciting opportunities for us both, I am really looking forward to teaching the modern and tap grades again and I'm sure Annie will have a fantastic time in her new job. Modern and tap are really good fun and remember anyone who wishes to have a go either in Ashford on Mondays or Wye on Thursdays gets a free taster lesson and a 10% discount on all your fees if you do ballet as well.

**Ballet Exams** I am hoping to hold ballet exams on the Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Notices will go out approximately 6 weeks before the date if your child is ready to go into the next grade and wants to take the exam. It is always my goal for pupils be confident of their work well in advance of their exam but to really get the best out of pupils some extra lessons are usually needed.

**Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2014** I have been asked by the Wye hall manager if we can start later on this day, therefore there will be **no 3.30pm class or 4.00pm class** but to make up for this those lessons will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April instead. My apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Newsletters** If you haven't done so already, please could you add your email address onto our school website page (homepage, lower left-hand side). If you have given me your email address on an address card and you do **not** wish to receive emails from me then please let me know.

**Absent or Discontinuing Classes** I would like to point out that though we do not insist on a terms notice or a term's fees in lieu of notice as many other schools do, we do expect to be informed well in advance of the beginning of a term if your child will no longer be continuing with us. It is disconcerting for teachers to lose a pupil and especially at short notice, plus some classes have waiting lists and spaces can be allocated to others. If you are away from class for two weeks or longer please could you contact your teacher.

**Uniform** PLEASE have hair tied up and have the correct uniform for class. Make sure you remove watches and jewellery. If you are about to buy a new leotard please make sure you have the correct colour (see below). Please name your child's crossover and shoes.

**Addresses and Contact Numbers.** Please ask for an address card if you have not already filled one out or if you have moved recently.

### **Uniform for classes:**

**Ballet: pre-school, primary and grade/level 1-** Plum leotard and circular skirt, pink socks or pink tights. Pink leather or canvas ballet shoes with elastics. Wrap-over cardigans for colder months. Hair up and off the face. **Boys -** White T shirt, black tights of shorts, black or white socks, black ballet shoes.

**Grades/level 2 and 3 -** Sky Blue leotard with matching belt, pink tights pink leather or canvas ballet shoes. Wrap-over cardigans

for colder months. Hair up, preferably in a bun, and off the face. **Boys** - white T-shirt black tights or cycling shorts, white or black socks and black or white ballet shoes. (for exams white socks must be worn with white elastics on shoes).

**Grade/level 4 upwards** - Black sleeveless or camisole-top leotard, pink tights, pink leather or canvas ballet shoes, pink point shoes (as advised by teacher). Hair up, preferably in a bun, and off the face.

**Modern:** Black or coloured leotard, footless tights, bare feet. **Tap:** Black or coloured leotard, tights or black jazz pants, black socks and black tap shoes. Hair up and off the face for all classes please.

**School Rules:** No child is allowed to run around in the hall before class. Please be sure that you sit down quietly at the back of the hall until your teacher calls you.

**CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES.** As I.S.T.D teachers of dance, we have been advised to issue the following statement in our newsletters to parents: - **Due to the nature of dance training, physical touch of the pupil by a teacher is often necessary. This would always be clinical and helpful and would never humiliate any pupil.**

## **INVOICES ARE NOT ISSUED. FEES DUE BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF TERM**

HALF HOUR CLASS AT ANY VENUE	£37 per term
ASHFORD CLASSES	£42 per term
WYE CLASSES	£42 per term
CHARTHAM HATCH CLASSES	£42 per term
1 HOUR MOD/TAP CLASS	£60 per term

Two or more lessons a week for the **same pupil** - 10% discount

For those wishing to pay online;

HSBC Business Account: Margaret Giles School of Dancing  
Sort Code 40-21-35  
Account Number 70058769

Please remember to clearly state the **pupil's name**.

If paying cash, I would be grateful if the money could be in a **named envelope**. Please write pupils name on back of cheque. Cheques payable to The Margaret Giles School of Dancing

### **TERM DATES**

**SPRING TERM** 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (10 WEEKS)

**HALF TERM** SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

### **SUMMER TERM**

ASHFORD AND WYE	22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL – 11 <sup>TH</sup> JULY
CHARTHAM HATCH	26 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 19 <sup>TH</sup> JULY
MONDAY ASHFORD MOD/TAP/STREET	28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 14 <sup>TH</sup> JULY

**HALF TERM** SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

### AUTUMN TERM 2013 TIMETABLE

Day	Location			Teacher	
Monday	Ashford	Grade 2 modern	4.00 - 4.30	Liz	
		Grade 1 tap	4.30 - 5.00	Liz	
		Grade 3 modern	5.00 - 5.30	Liz	
		Grade 3 tap	5.30 - 6.00	Liz	
		Grade 4 modern	6.00 - 6.45	A/L	
		Grade 4 tap	6.45 - 7.30	Annie	
		Teens Street	7.30 - 8.15	Annie	
Tuesday	Ashford	Level 3 Ballet	4.40 - 5.20	Liz	
		Grade 4 Ballet	5.20 - 6.00	Liz	
		Grade 5 Ballet	6.00 - 6.45	Liz	
		Grade 6 Ballet	6.45 - 7.30	Liz	
Wednesday	Ashford	Junior Street	4.30 - 5.00	Annie	
		Grade 5 Tap Grade 6 Modern	5.00 - 6.00	Annie	
Thursday	Ashford	Pre School Ballet	4.00 - 4.30	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	4.30 - 5.10	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet	5.10 - 5.50	Liz	
		Level 2 Ballet	5.50 - 6.30	Liz	
		Level 3 Ballet	6.30 - 7.10	Liz	
		Grade 5/6 Ballet	7.10 - 8.00	Liz	
		Pointe Work	8.00 - 8.15	Liz	
	Wye	Pre-School Ballet	3.30 - 4.00	Hannah	
		Primary Tap	4.00 - 4.30	Hannah	
		Primary Modern	4.30 - 5.00	Hannah	
		Grade 1 Tap	5.00 - 5.30	Hannah	
		Grade 2 Tap	5.30 - 6.10	Hannah	
Friday	Wye	Pre Primary Ballet	3.30 - 4.00	Liz	
		Primary Ballet	4.00 - 4.30	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet (new)	4.30 - 5.00	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet (old)	5.00 - 5.30	Liz	
		Level 2 Ballet	5.30 - 6.00	Liz	
		Gr/Level 3 Ballet	6.00 - 6.40	Liz	
		Grade 5 Ballet	6.40 - 7.30	Liz	
Saturday	Chartham Hatch	Grade 3/4 Ballet	9.30 - 10.15	Liz	
		Gr/Level 2 Ballet	10.15 - 11.00	Liz	
		Tap	11.00 - 11.40	Liz	
		Level 1 Ballet	11.40 - 12.10	Liz	
		Pre Primary Ballet	12.10 - 12.40	Liz	
		Grade 5/6 Ballet	12.40 - 1.30	Liz	

Regards Liz Moriarty, Annie Farrant -Davis and Hannah Baker