

MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING

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SUMMER TERM 2014

Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back to a new term. Hope everyone had a good Easter. Last term seemed to absolutely fly by. We have a few bank holidays coming up at the start of this term which I hope won't be too disruptive for the Monday modern and tap classes which I am thoroughly enjoying teaching again. Annie will be going to Ibiza to start her new job, we wish her all the best and hope she has a great time. Good luck to all those taking a ballet exam in May, keep up the hard work and keep practicing. There will be exam coaching classes on Sunday 11th May in the Ashford hall so if you are taking an exam you will receive details about this at the beginning of term. If we have enough pupils ready to take exams in the Autumn term then we will have another exam session at the end of October/beginning of November for ballet, tap and modern.

Show I know many of you have been wondering when our next show will be. We have in the past held it in the Autumn however this time I plan to hold it in the Spring of next year. Dates have not yet been fixed and I will do my utmost to avoid any busy GCSE and A level exam times.

Missed Classes I am very happy for pupils who miss a class to make up with a lesson in a different venue if there is an equivalent class. Please text/email first if you wish to do this just to check.

Polling Day Thursday 22nd May My apologies but there will be no classes in Wye (Hannah is involved with manning her local polling station) or Ashford on this day as the hall is used as a polling station.

Crossover Cardigans Now the weather is warming up the crossovers tend go on and off so please could you check it is labeled.

Buns and donuts. The ISTD have sent out a reminder that donuts should not be worn for exams. I have noticed a trend for wearing them in class which, when they were small, was fine but they are getting bigger and bigger and higher and higher finally giving the impression of someone who is about to carry a heavy load upon the top of their head! A classical bun should be on the back of the head. Whilst I'm on the subject of good grooming please also make sure you are not displaying a lot of pant under the line of your leotard, or if you wear a skirt it should be round your waist and not sitting on your hips. If you need a waist elastic (for ballet grades 2 and up) come to me to buy one (£1). Nag over.

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 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 **FEEES DUE BETWEEN 1ST AND 3RD 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 pupil's name on back of cheque. Cheques payable to The Margaret Giles School of Dancing

TERM DATES - SUMMER TERM

ASHFORD AND WYE	22 ND APRIL – 10 TH JULY
CHARTHAM HATCH	26 TH APRIL – 12 TH JULY
MONDAY ASHFORD MOD/TAP/STREET	28 TH APRIL – 14 TH JULY

HALF TERM SATURDAY - 24TH MAY – SUNDAY 1ST JUNE

AUTUMN TERM - MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014

SUMMER TERM 2014 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	Liz	
		Grade 4 Tap	6.45 - 7.10	Liz	
		Grade 6 Ballet	7.10 - 8.00	Liz	
		Teens Street	8.00 - 8.45		
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 Modern/Tap (from 29 th April)	6.45 - 7.45	Liz	
Wednesday	Ashford	Junior Street	4.30 - 5.00	Sophie	
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 and Hannah Baker