

MG Dance

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Spring Term 2016 Newsletter

4th January - 21st March

Half Term

15th - 21st February

SUMMER TERM STARTS 11th APRIL 2016

Dear Parents and Pupils

We hope you had a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you. Many thanks to those who gave us such lovely Christmas cards and gifts, we are very grateful.

We are excited to see you all again and hope you are looking forward to getting into tip-top condition for exams later in the year. We have 5 days of exams booked over the course of the summer (dates listed on this letter) and most pupils will be involved. You will be informed if your child is ready to go into the next level/grade at least 6 weeks before the exam session. Please be aware that pupils will probably need to come in for extra lessons to boost confidence and get the best out of the whole exam experience which we always endeavour to make as fun and rewarding as possible.

Tuesday Kennington Ballet Class Last term Miss Katrina trialled a ballet class at the Kennington Cricket Club on Tuesdays 5.30–6.30pm. This class is open to anyone in Level 2 or 3 ballet who achieved 70 marks or above in their last exam and is interested in doing some Graded Exam work *in addition to their regular ballet class* (Grade Exams are done in pairs or individually without the teacher present) also, if we have enough interest, with a view to some group performance work in the future. Class cost is currently at a special discounted rate of £5. Please contact us if you would like more information.

Only A Few Timetable Changes: Adult Tap Class I have had to move the adult tap classes from Wednesday to Tuesdays at the Kennington Cricket Club and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Beginners is 6.30–7.00pm cost is £4 and Improvers is 7.00–7.45pm cost is £5 (times to be confirmed). If you are interested in joining come along and try it out in trainers, tap is a great form of exercise for the mind and body!

Intermediate Modern Class on Wednesdays will now be held at the Ashford Hall and will be 6.45 – 7.45pm. All other classes are the same as last term.

Wednesday Junior Street Please come along and have a free trial lesson with Miss Sophie's Street Class 4.45 – 5.30 at our Ashford venue. Great music, fun and exercise but it's a very small group at the moment and it would be wonderful to see some more faces in there, especially some boys. Bring a friend with you, don't worry if they haven't done much dance before. Sadly the class may have to fold if we cannot make the numbers up. The class is suitable for ages 8 –13.

Uniform The ISTD Ballet have changed their uniform for the younger grades so **from September 2016** we will be phasing in the new uniform. Pre-School to Level 1 will need a skirted leotard in Aqua colour which should be a little cheaper than the leotard and separate skirt and also impossible to wear as a cape! The Level 2 and 3 will be a sleeveless leotard in Bluebell with ballet tights. Level and

Grade 4 upwards is the same; black, camisole single strap leotard. There is no need to start thinking about buying a new uniform until September and only then if your child has grown out of their old one but I am hoping by next January we will have everyone in the new uniform. The uniform will be available through the school or at the local dance shops. Please encourage your daughters to have their hair in a bun from level 3 upwards. We will have another quick bun lesson at the beginning of term for those who need it.

Poor Weather Arrangements If we should have to cancel any classes due to the weather we shall post a message on Facebook. If you haven't done so already please like our school Facebook page to receive messages and if you do not do FB, I know not everyone does, please feel free to text or phone if you are unsure of arrangements. Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MGDance>

Absent or Discontinuing Classes Don't forget if you are away for two or more classes please let your teacher know. If you are discontinuing classes we do not insist on a term's notice or a term's fees in lieu of notice as some other schools but we would like to be informed well in advance of the beginning of a new term.

FEES. REMEMBER INVOICES ARE NOT ISSUED FOR FEES. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PAYMENTS ARE MADE BY THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM

FEES FOR JANUARY TO MARCH

Please ask for a timetable if you need one

HALF HOUR LESSON	£43
40/50 MINUTE LESSON	£49
ONE HOUR LESSON	£68
MODERN/TAP COMBO	£68

Two or more **of the above** for the **same pupil** = 10% discount

Payments can be made by cash in named envelope, by cheque to MG Dance (please put pupil's name on back) or online:

HSBC Account: MG Dance

Sort Code: 40-21-35

Account No: 70058769

Remember to state pupil's name

Address Cards If you are new to the school or you have moved lately or changed phone number please ask for an address card.

See you in class, ready for lots of hard work and fun.

Kind regards, Liz, Katrina and Sophie