

Newsletter: Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents & Students,

I am extremely happy to be writing this newsletter with the news that we should be returning to classes face to face!

It's been another whole term on zoom which I can't thank the students enough for pushing on with, yet again they have demonstrated their resilience and determination to keep dancing whatever the circumstance! There are lots of students due to return next term too, and I am beyond excited to have you back, we have missed you all!

Venue updates:

Unfortunately the Vineyard Barn have still decided to remain closed until the social distancing measures are completely lifted, they are aiming for June, they have also unfortunately decided to not reopen Roller City and reassess in May-June. I have worked extremely hard to find new halls again for our Welwyn classes and luckily have secured the Ridgeway Academy for Wednesday and Friday evenings, **Ridgeway Academy, AL7 2AF**. On the timetable you will find details for the venue and I will email a site map to Welwyn students ready for Summer term.

I can only apologise that again these classes are waiting on return to our normal venues, I understand it is inconvenient to change the venue again but can assure you this is just as frustrating for myself and I will be continuing to chase updates from the Campus regarding our return to the Vineyard Barn. It is a solution for us to resume face to face classes for now and so I hope that does bring some positive news.

Competitions

I'd like to also take this opportunity to mention our NCH Competition squad who have all been representing the school in various online competitions, we have had lots of fun as well as some incredible competition results and feedback! We have enjoyed working with you all one to one and seen you working harder than ever. It has been a joy to watch you in these competitions and your support to each other has just demonstrated the wonderful attitude within our school.

I foresee these continuing through the summer term online so if any students would like to join in the fun please let me know or if our existing competition dancers would like a face-to-face class and refilm of their number just get in touch.

I will send out information over the summer term regarding face-to-face competitions, if anyone would like to be included in group dances, trios, duets then please do let me know as we will be planning some pieces to enter when we can!

The Gordon Craig Pantomime

I imagine you are all as excited as we are to hear that the Stevenage Pantomime is due to go ahead this year with their production of Aladdin! I will confirm audition details over the next term and students will receive a letter in class, all NCH students aged 8years+ are able to audition for the role of juvenile dancer.

Uniform

Please can you ensure students are attending class in the correct uniform and with their hair tied back. When multiple classes are taken in an evening students will not be asked to change tights and leotards. If you are unsure of the uniform, please check the school website for our uniform list.

All uniform is available at 'Let's Dance' in Welwyn Garden City and they know all of our school requirements.

There are lots of students growing out of uniform all the time, please check the Facebook page for buying and selling uniform within the school, I also I have dozens of tap shoes available so please remember to check first before buying as I may be able to sort you out with a pair.

Adult Classes

These will hopefully be able to resume from the 17th of May, I will keep adult dancers in the loop regarding your return to classes, we can't wait to have you back!

Contact:

There were several issues last term with my emails going to junk, please can you check your junk/spam folders and mark any emails from myself as 'not junk' so that this doesn't happen for future contact.

steph@nchschooldance.co.uk

If you are on social media, please do follow the schools Facebook and Instagram for more updates and information.

I cannot always answer my phone in the evenings due to my teaching hours, so daytime is best to get hold of me please.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2021

12th April – 4th July (10 weeks)

Half term: 25th May-6th June (2 weeks)

Bank holiday 3rd May will be made up on the 24th of May

Exam dates – I will contact those who are ready for the exams at the start of term

10th July – G5-Intermediate Ballet

20th June, 27th June, 11th July – Modern & Tap

The Show

The Theatre have now cancelled our May dates so please remove those from your diaries.

I have made the decision to change our traditional show to a show movie this year. It will allow our students to finally perform their dances that they have worked so hard on and we will make the most out of this film experience to ensure they get the thrill they usually do from a show. I am hoping (restriction depending) we are able to organise a school outdoor cinema where students can all watch the movie premiere together!

Each dance will be filmed either on stage or in a specific location to match the story of their dance and will be put together into a movie that the students can watch and enjoy.

It will also be a perfect end to the virtual year of learning and hopefully create a special memory of such a different time in our lives.

Students will be working on these in class and then towards the end of June when the restrictions ease, I will begin filming, I will send out any information that requires students to attend a different location for their dance so you can plan ahead.

Costumes will still be required to get the full affect for our show movie so I will reissue the shows costume letters for those outstanding over the Easter break.

There will be a small fee to take part in the show movie to help towards the cost of the videographer, the hired venues and some of the effects I have planned. The ticket sales from our shows usually help to fund the show going ahead however tickets will not be needed. The school will be covering the main bulk of expense to put this on for the students and I will be doing most of this in my own time as a thank you for all of your support over the last year.

Each student's show fee will be £10, this will hopefully be a big saving on what is usually spent on tickets for our Gordon Craig show.

Terms & Conditions Update

* A new student registration form will be given out this term in class, please can these be filled in at home and returned to your teacher as soon as possible to ensure I have up to date details, consents needed for the upcoming show and to familiarise yourself with our school terms and conditions.

*Privacy Policy -I have added Test and Trace to our Privacy Policy's third parties as in the case we have a student testing positive for Covid-19 I will need to share this data.

*In the event that we are faced with another lockdown I will have no choice but to move classes back to zoom, these classes will not be refundable. The timetable will adjust slightly to combine some of the separated groups but will roughly be the same.

***As usual there is a half terms notice when leaving a subject, you will be billed for this half term. This is more Important than ever due to the class sizes being limited. I'm sure you can appreciate as with all other businesses at the moment there are additional expenses to the school to operate in this new way. I do therefore ask you just keep me updated if you wish to drop a subject so I can plan the most efficient and viable timetable.**

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In preparation for our show movie I have had to jiggle some of the class times. Students will take part in the show dance they were in post Covid-19 unless I have said otherwise in class. Therefore, I have named some classes by dance to help understand the timetable. On your invoices I will list your child's class and time, so you are aware which one is the right one. Please contact me if there are any problems with the change as I can always try my best to help make it suit.

Monday		Roaring Meg Community Arts centre SG1 1NX
4.00-4.30	Baby Ballet -Toy Story	Parking: free parking for 3hrs on the retail park Entry Please wait outside on the Costa side of the pavilion, socially distanced, there will be markers to help you keep spaced out. Please do not enter the building, I will collect each group from the door. Students will need to be left at the door as parents/guardians are not to enter the building. Exit Please wait on the right side of the pavilion furthest from Costa. Students will be walked round from the back door of the building for collection. Again, please do not come into the centre.
4.30-5.00	Primary Ballet -Grinch	
5.00-5.30	Primary Tap-Monsters Inc	
5.30-6.00	Grade 1 Ballet-Grinch	
6.00-6.30	Grade 1 Tap-Monsters Inc	
6.30-7.00	Grade 2 Modern-Madagascar	
7.00-7.30	Grade 2 Ballet- Grinch	
7.30-8.00	Grade 5 Ballet exam class	
8.00-8.30	Grade 6 Modern -Mr Jekyll	
8.30-9.00	Grade 5 Tap -Soldiers	

Tuesday		Roaring Meg Community Arts centre SG1 1NX
4.00-4.30	Junior Street	Parking: free parking for 3hrs on the retail park Entry Please wait outside on the Costa side of the pavilion, socially distanced, there will be markers to help you keep spaced out. Please do not enter the building, I will collect each group from the door. Students will need to be left at the door as parents/guardians are not to enter the building. Exit Please wait on the right side of the pavilion furthest from Costa. Students will be walked round from the back door of the building for collection. Again, please do not come into the centre.
4.30-5.00	Senior Street	
5.00-5.30	Grade 3 Ballet -Egypt	
5.30-6.00	Grade 3&4 Modern -Barbies	
6.00-6.45	Grade 2&3 Tap- The Mask	
6.45-7.15	Grade 5 Modern-Barbies	
7.15-7.45	Grade 4 Ballet -Egypt	
7.45-8.15	Grade 4 Tap -The Mask	
8.15-8.45	Grade 5 Modern -Jekyll	

Wednesday		Ridgeway Academy DRAMA STUDIO AL7 2AF
4.30-5.00	Grade 4&5 Modern- Bridget Jones	Parking: Free on site parking Entry - E I will circle on site map (will come via email) the building is closest to the car park, door can be seen from the car park and I will pop a floor sign up for the first few weeks. I will meet the students outside the room entrance, you will see me. Exit - Students will exit the same door so please meet them at this door or can also be seen from car park.
5.00-5.30	Grade 3&4 Ballet -Drop of Poison	
5.30-6.15	Grade 3-5 Tap -Austin Powers	
6.15-6.45	Grade 5 Ballet- Drop of poison	
6.45-7.15	Grade 6 Modern- Bridget Jones	
7.15-7.45	Grade 5 Ballet exam class	

Wednesday		St Martins Church SG3 6ER
4.00-4.45	Jnr Contemporary/Commercial (A) 8-12yrs	Parking: free parking in the church car park Entry Please wait outside the building to the left side when looking at the door. You will be collected for your class please do not enter the building. Dancers to enter only as there is no waiting area for parents Exit Children will be brought out to the front of the building on the right side when looking at the door.
4.45-5.30	Musical Theatre 6-12yrs	
Wednesday		Oaklands Primary School AI6 0PX
6.15-7.00	Senior Musical Theatre 13yrs+	Parking: free parking in the school car park Entry Please wait outside the building to the left side when looking at the door. You will be collected for your class please do not enter the building. Dancers to enter only as there is no waiting area. Exit Children will be brought out to the front of the building on the right side when looking at the door. Adult dancers can leave via the front entrance as normal.

Thursday		Marriotts Sports Centre Telford Avenue SG2 0AN
4.30-5.00	Bronze & Silver Jazz- Miss Congeniality	<p>Parking: free parking in the school car park Entry- We will not be using the main entrance From the car park please walk straight past the main entrance towards the courts. On the right after the ramp you will find a 2nd entrance to the building which will be just for our students. Please wait outside to be collected. There is no waiting area. Exit Children will be brought out to the same entrance as drop off, please collect from outside. All waiting to be socially distanced please. Students 16+ are allowed to leave themselves without a parent picking up, if your child is younger but you are happy for them to leave alone please send me a message to add this to their records.</p>
5.00-5.45	Snr CC A- Aladdin/Darkest Minds	
5.45-6.15	Grade 5 Ballet-Rome	
6.15-6.45	Grade 5 Ballet/Pointe- Red Shoes	
6.45-7.15	Gold Jazz-Livin Da Vida Loca	
7.15-8.00	Snr CC B	
8.00-8.30	Pointe- Joker	
8.30-9.00	Adv Jazz- Kill Bill	

Friday		Ridgeway Academy ATTIMORE HALL AL7 2AF
4.00-4.30	Baby Ballet- Toy Story	<p>Parking: Free on site parking Entry – I will circle on site map (will come via email) the building is left of the car park I will pop a floor sign up for the first few weeks outside. I will meet the students outside the room entrance, you will see me. Exit -Students will exit the same door so please meet them at this door.</p>
4.40-5.10	Primary Ballet- Chicken Run	
5.20-5.50	Grade 1 Modern-Toy story	
5.50-6.20	Grade 1 Ballet- Chicken Run	
6.20-6.50	Grade 2 Tap- Grinch	
6.50-7.20	Grade 2 Modern- The Mask	
7.20-7.50	Grade 2 Ballet- Shrek	

Saturday		Oaklands Primary School A16 OPX
10.00-10.45	Jnr Contemporary/Commercial B	<p>Parking: free parking in the school car park</p> <p>Entry You will be collected for your class please do not enter the building. Dancers to enter only as there is no waiting area.</p> <p>Exit Children will be brought out to the front of the building. Adult dancers can leave via the front entrance as normal.</p>
10.45-11.30	Private slot	
11.30-12.15	Inter tap Exam Class	
12.15-1.00	Advanced 1 Modern Exam class	
1.00-1.30	Inter & Adv Modern- Tomb Raider	
1.30-2.45	Inter Ballet Show & Exam class	
2.45-3.30	G5 & Inter Tap-Soldiers	
3.30-4.15	Snr CC	
4.15-5.00	Inter Modern Exam class	