

*Newsletter: Autumn Term 2021*

Dear Parents & Students,

What a busy term we've just had, but we loved it! I think more than ever everyone deserves a restful summer break, I am so proud of the school finally having the opportunity to perform their show dances, which looked amazing! I'm sure you're all so excited to see the show movie which is now starting to be put together! I want to thank everyone for their role in making it happen, I can't believe we did it!

Congratulations to all our students who also took their exams this term too! You have done a fantastic job focusing on both the show and your exam work and should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

### **The Show -You will receive an email regarding all things show!**

The Show movie will be available to buy on DVD!

We also have some photos from our show days which will also be available to purchase for a small cost, these will be shared with you privately via a link and you can then email me if you wish to purchase any of your child.

To celebrate the production, I have arranged 'Movie premier' outdoor cinema evening over the holidays which students and their families are invited to join us for! It would be lovely to have as many students there as possible to celebrate the fantastic job they've done not only this last term but this whole year!

This will take place on Friday 20th of August at Oaklands Primary School AL6 0PX, due to the screen visibility outside I have been told it has to be at sunset so we will go with the earliest time option we can on that day, in hope our younger students can join in. Information to follow on this event.

### **Venue updates:**

The Vineyard Barn have finally opened we will be back in on Fridays! I have decided to remain at the Ridgeway Academy on Wednesdays as I have extended the Welwyn timetable and they have two studios available. I'm sure, you will agree the Ridgeway Academy has been a fantastic temporary venue and been extremely accommodating to us during the Summer Term.

Unfortunately, I have been informed that we can no longer use the Roaring Meg venue as they will now allow the usual Monday & Tuesday bookings to take their place back after the recently lifted restrictions. I know for some this has been an ideal venue and I hope that it may be available again in the future, however in better news Lodge Farm School have allowed us back in from September on Monday and Tuesdays.

### **New classes**

You will see lots of new classes on the timetable in Stevenage and Welwyn, as ever if you would like to trial any of these classes in September, please let me know.

**Adult Classes** are back!!! Tuesdays we have a Legs Bums & Tums Class and Wednesdays a Ballet, Tap & Jazz class. These classes are so much fun as well as extremely beneficial to health & fitness so If you fancy giving it a go in September just let me know!

### Competitions

We have our first live competitions taking place in September, which I am very excited about! After the success of our online competitions, we thought it would be a great experience to attend some on stage ones too! Thank you to those who sent me interest last term I will be in touch with those who will be involved as this may require some rehearsals over the summer.

### The Gordon Craig Pantomime

I have a provisional audition date for Stevenage Pantomime – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1-4pm at Marriott's sport centre. All Students aged 8yrs+ can audition. This is still not 100% confirmed which is why you have not yet received any forms but as soon as I have a go ahead on this, I will alert everyone.

### Uniform

Please can you ensure students are wearing their uniform to classes. It is safe practise to be in class appropriate attire and it is in the student's best interest to wear uniform and allow the teacher to be able to see their alignment and posture. I also want the students to all feel like part of the same team. Hair must also be tied up please. 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.

### Fee increase

In line with the increased rates at our venues it is now time for NCH to have a fee increase from Autumn Term 2021. This will be £0.50 per class added to our current class rate. It has been several years since the fees have been increased and I have held off doing this for as long as possible but with all the schools expenses increasing this last year it is now unavoidable, thank you for your understanding.

<u>Class</u>	<u>2018-2021</u>	<u>2021 Autumn term</u>
<u>30 minutes</u>	£50	£55
<u>45 minutes</u>	£55	£60
<u>60 minutes</u>	£60	£65

### **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@nchschoolofdance.co.uk](mailto:steph@nchschoolofdance.co.uk)

If you are on social media, please do follow the schools Facebook and Instagram for more updates and information as well as some exciting previews of our show film!

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**

### **Autumn Term 2021**

6<sup>th</sup> September- 16<sup>th</sup> October (6weeks)

*Half term 18<sup>th</sup> October-30<sup>th</sup> October (2 weeks)*

1<sup>st</sup> November-27<sup>th</sup> November (4 weeks)

Provisional Exam dates: 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> December

*Students will be informed next term if they will be taking an exam*

### **Spring Term 2022**

10<sup>th</sup> January -12<sup>th</sup> February (5 weeks)

*Half term 14<sup>th</sup> February – 26<sup>th</sup> February (2 weeks)*

28<sup>th</sup> March- 2<sup>nd</sup> April (5 weeks)

Provisional Exam dates: 27<sup>th</sup> March/ 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2022**

25<sup>th</sup> April- 28<sup>th</sup> May (5 weeks)

*Half Term 30<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June (1 week)*

6<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> July (5 weeks)

Provisional Exam Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> July/ 10<sup>th</sup> July

### **Extra Dates:**

Panto Audition: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 1-4pm - TBC

Gordon Craig Dance Extravaganza: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

*Students will be informed next term if they are involved in this.*

### Timetable Autumn Term

6<sup>th</sup> Sept- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

H/T 18<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Oct

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Lodge Farm School SG2 OHR - KS1 Hall</b>	
<b>4.15-4.45</b>	Baby Ballet
<b>4.45-5.15</b>	Primary Ballet
<b>5.15-5.45</b>	Primary Tap
<b>5.45-6.15</b>	Grade 1 Ballet
<b>6.15-6.45</b>	Grade 1 Tap
<b>6.45-7.15</b>	Grade 2 Modern
<b>7.15-7.45</b>	Grade 2 Ballet
<b>7.45-8.45</b>	Grade 6 Ballet
<b>8.45-9.30</b>	Grade 6 Modern

<b>Tuesday</b>			
<b>Lodge Farm School SG2 OHR KS2 Hall</b>		<b>Lodge Farm School SG2 OHR KS1 Hall</b>	
<b>4.15-4.45</b>	Junior Street (4-8yrs)		
<b>4.45-5.15</b>	Grade 2 Tap		
<b>5.15-5.45</b>	Grade 3 Modern		
<b>5.45-6.30</b>	Grade 3 Ballet		
<b>6.30-7.15</b>	Grade 4 Modern	<b>6.30-7.15</b>	Senior Street (12yrs+)
<b>7.15-8.00</b>	Grade 3 Tap	<b>7.15-8.00</b>	Grade 4 Tap
<b>8.00-8.30</b>	Grade 5 Modern	<b>8.00-8.45</b>	Legs Bums & Tums £5 PAYG
<b>8.30-9.15</b>	Grade 4 Ballet	<b>8.45-9.30</b>	Private Lesson
<b>9.15-9.30</b>	Beginner Pointe		

## Wednesday

Ridgeway Academy Drama Studio 1		Ridgeway Academy Drama Studio 2	
4.00-4.30	Grade 2 Tap	4.00-4.30	Grade 1 Tap
4.30-5.00	Grade 3 Modern	4.30-5.00	Grade 4 Modern
5.00-5.45	Grade 3 Ballet	5.00-5.45	Grade 5 Modern
5.45-6.15	Grade 3 Tap	5.45-6.15	Grade 4 Tap
6.15-7.00	Grade 4 Ballet		
7.00-7.45	Grade 6 Ballet		
7.45-8.15	Pointe		
8.15-8.45	Grade 6 Modern		
8.45-9.30	Grade 5 Ballet		

## Wednesday

St Martins Parish Church Knebworth	
4.00-4.30	Baby Musical Class (0-3yrs) *New*
4.30-5.15	Junior Contemporary/Commercial (8-12yrs)
5.15-5.45	Junior Musical Theatre (5-11yrs)
Oaklands Primary School AL6 0PX	
6.15-7.00	Senior Musical Theatre (12yrs+)
7.00-7.45	Adult Tap
7.45-8.30	Adult Ballet
8.30-9.15	Adult Jazz

## Thursday

Marriott's Sport Centre, Telford Avenue SG2 0AN	
4.00-4.45	Bronze Jazz(8yrs+)
4.45-5.30	Silver Jazz
5.30-6.15	Senior Contemporary & Commercial (13yrs+)
6.15-7.00	Gold Jazz
7.00-7.45	Grade 5 Tap
7.45-8.15	Pointe
8.15-9.00	Advanced Jazz

## Friday

### Vineyard Barn AL8 7PU

<b>3.45-4.15</b>	Baby Ballet
<b>4.15-4.45</b>	Primary Tap
<b>4.45-5.15</b>	Primary Ballet
<b>5.15-5.45</b>	Grade 1 Modern
<b>5.45-6.15</b>	Grade 1 Ballet
<b>6.15-6.45</b>	Grade 2 Modern
<b>6.45-7.15</b>	Grade 2 Ballet
<b>7.15-7.45</b>	Grade 3 Modern
<b>7.45-8.15</b>	Grade 3 Ballet

## Saturday

### Oaklands Primary School AL6 0PX

<b>9.30-10.00</b>	Junior Street (4-8yrs) *New*		
<b>10.00-10.45</b>	Junior Contemporary & Commercial (8-12yrs)		
<b>10.45-11.30</b>	Senior Contemporary & Commercial (13yrs+)	<b>10.45-11.30</b>	Grade 5 Tap
<b>11.30-12.30</b>	Intermediate Ballet	<b>11.30-12.30</b>	Private Lesson
<b>12.30-1.30</b>	Intermediate Tap		
<b>1.30-2.30</b>	Advanced 1 Modern		
<b>2.30-3.30</b>	Advanced 2 Modern		

### Terms & Conditions for classes

\*Class fees are payable termly and always due by the second week of term.

\*Students receiving multiclass discounts must make sure fees are paid on time to receive these offers.

\*In the event of a lockdown, classes will resume on Zoom, these classes are non-refundable.

\* If a student is isolating during the term, they will have the option to join the class remotely via zoom, classes cannot be refunded or carried over to a later date.

\*There is a half terms notice required when leaving a subject, you will be billed for this half term.