

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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HORSHAM SCHOOL OF DANCE

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And here Christmas is again - just like that! Another year has flown by all too quickly. As we prepare for a very busy 2024, it's lovely to reflect on all the wonderful moments our students have shared in this past year, together with their dance friends! As well as their weekly lessons, we've had exams, festivals, showcases, dressing-up, choreography workshops and trips to the theatre. I'm so pleased that we can offer so much to our students at HSD!



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SUCCESS!



After our RAD Ballet exam session in November the results are in! Once again we can celebrate a 100% pass rate, as every one of the students who took part achieved a fantastic result! We are so proud of each and every one - they all worked so hard and thoroughly deserve their success! Congratulations to all!

2 TEACHER'S 'TIP OF THE MONTH'

Our 'Tip of the Month' this time comes from Miss Georgia: "To enhance performance quality, create a storyline for every dance you do in class - a graceful adage will tell a different story to an energetic jump - what could each one be about?"

Miss Georgia is an ex-student of HSD and is in her final year at the Royal Academy of Dance studying for a BA in Ballet Education. She's been teaching some of our classes and is really enjoying getting to know the students.



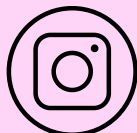
3 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring term starts on Monday January 8th and ends on March 23rd with no classes in Half term week from Feb 12th.

Summer term starts on April 15th and ends with our 2024 show weekend on 13th/14th July!
No classes in half term week commencing 27th May.



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4 CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE

Now firmly a fixture in the HSD calendar, our Christmas Showcase was a wonderful way to end the term. It provides an opportunity for younger students to see what awaits them if they continue their dancing, plus offers a glimpse of other genres they might like to try. It's also lovely to see so many of our parents and families together in one place. My favourite bit though, was watching the dancers cheering each other on, and seeing how generously they supported each other!



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CLASS SPACES

We currently have spaces in the following classes:

Beginners Tap and Modern: Wednesdays with Miss Michaela. Suitable for 6-8yrs approx

Musical Theatre 11+ years: Wednesdays with Miss Michaela

Primary Ballet - 5-6yrs: Thursdays with Miss Katie

Nursery Ballet - 3-4yrs: Saturdays with Miss Katie

Also for the grown-ups! If you've ever wanted to try ballet we have a beginners class on Wednesday evenings with Miss Annie!



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6 FUN FACT :)

It's Christmas - so in the ballet world that means one thing: The Nutcracker!! This iconic ballet is performed all over the world at this time of year, in various different productions. Here are some things you may not have known about this most festive of ballets!

- The story is based on a really dark and scary German fairy tale - luckily the ballet version is much more child-friendly!
- In German folklore, a Nutcracker brings good luck and protects families, hence why it was often given to children as a Christmas present.
- In large ballet companies there are as many as 126 roles in the Nutcracker spread between 50 dancers, plus it takes nearly 50 backstage crew to make the show run smoothly!



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LAST WORD

I wish all our families and staff at HSD a wonderful festive season! 2024 will be another busy and exciting year, so we can't wait to see everyone again in the New Year ready for action!

Thank you to all our wonderful families for choosing HSD, and thank you to the fantastic teachers and staff for making it such a lovely place to dance.

Happy Christmas!



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