

Newsletter September 2021

Welcome to a new academic year at HSD! I hope all our families have managed to enjoy some down time over the summer holidays, and have enjoyed returning to – or in some cases – starting dance for the first time!

WELCOME!

Firstly, a huge welcome to any new students and their families. We hope that you settle quickly and love being a part of HSD! Please feel free to ask about anything you're unsure of – everybody is happy to help. I'm also thrilled to welcome a new teacher to our team – Nick Crossley, who teaches Modern, Jazz, Musical Theatre and Ballet. He's had a very enthusiastic reception so far!

SUMMER CELEBRATION EVENT

Our plans for this had to change a few times due to various versions of Covid restrictions, but in the end we managed to get the whole thing on film. It couldn't quite replicate the buzz of an actual show in a real theatre, but it was a brilliant day, and the students looked amazing in their costumes and danced their socks off! They showed great professionalism too, nailing their dances in one take with the very limited time we had!



EXAMS

Again – in spite of Covid - we managed to film several RAD ballet exams and an important ISTD Modern exam for one of our senior students. Once again all our students passed with fantastic results across the board. It really was a remarkable achievement for every one of them, after such a disrupted year of learning. It made all those hours on Zoom worthwhile! Congratulations to you all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DRESSING UP WEEK – 18th-23rd October

This is now established as part of our annual calendar! Students are invited to dress up for their classes in the last week before half term. The only rule is they must be able to dance in their costume! We tie this in with supporting a charity, and ask the students to bring a small donation to class. Please do let us know if you have any suggestions as to which charity we can support this year.



HSD SHOW 2022!

We're keeping everything crossed that finally our show at the Capitol will actually be able to go ahead next year! Once again we're looking for licensed chaperones to help backstage. Remember that due to council licensing rules, and limited space, you won't be allowed to stay backstage with your child unless you have a chaperone licence. This is now offered as an online course and you will also receive a DBS check as part of the licence

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/employing-children/chaperone-licence/#apply-for-or-renew-a-licence>

If you already hold a current chaperone licence, please let Katey Gamble know, and check that it will still be valid for next summer's show.

The show will be held at the Capitol Theatre on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July, with a technical rehearsal on Wednesday 13th July. Further rehearsals are likely to be held on the previous two Saturdays 2nd and 9th July, so attendance for these dates, and the classes leading up to them will be crucial! More detailed information about the show will follow in the Spring term.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to:

Amelia Edson who has gained a place on Central School of Ballet's Associate programme. She will attend classes at their brand new studios on the South Bank on Saturdays, and also continues with Ballet Boost and the Academy of Balletic Arts.

Alfie Milborrow, who has started on the dance strand at The Brit School after auditioning earlier in the year. He joins **Olivia Barry** and **Abbie Judd** who are already students at Brit, and who continue to dance with HSD.

Holly Whitefield who successfully auditioned for English Youth Ballet's production at the Hawth later this year. We will be organising an HSD school trip to cheer her on!

Caitlin and Lili Harding, and Amelia Edson who successfully auditioned for Horsham Panto again this year! Another trip to look forward to!

We love to hear about our student's many achievements in dance and theatre. Please let us know about them so we can include them in future newsletters.

SPACES IN CLASSES

NEW Adult Jazz with Nick –Wednesdays 8.00-9.00pm

Primary Tap and Modern – Suitable for ages 6-8. Saturdays 9.45-10.30

Ballet for ages 3-6 on Thursday afternoons

Musical Theatre – some space in both age groups on Wednesdays

Jazz/Contemporary – some spaces for ages 8-12 on Tuesdays

Junior Contemporary – some spaces on Thursdays

We can often accommodate students who want to try new classes, so please do get in touch if you or a friend are interested in anything we offer.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Find us on Facebook – we have a public page

<https://www.facebook.com/HorshamSDance>

plus a closed groups for parents

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/502600303140650>

We're also on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/horshamschoolofdance/>

Please do recommend us to your friends and other online communities!

Miss Annie ☺