

Happy New Dancing Year!

A little later than I had hoped, but better late than never! I do hope that this year will be as successful as previous years and so far it is going exceptionally well!

A very BIG and special thank you for all of the beautiful gifts! I had hoped to email everyone to express my thanks, but time just ran away . . . Thank you so much!

"So many thoughtful gifts from wine, prosecco, chocolates, scarf, sweets, flowers, biscuits, candles, hanging quotes, beauty products, maple syrup (yummy) and Nutcracker biscuits . . . to name but a few! Thank you so very much!"

Dance is more than just fun!

Just a reminder that all dance **examinations** have formal qualifications attached to them on the National Qualifications Framework (Primary & above) and Grade 6, 7 & 8 carry valuable UCAS points.

When entering for an exam I wish to remind you that commitment from both dancer and parents is required to successfully pass these exams and attendance to class regularly and extra lessons is essential. Students who regularly miss class will not be invited to take exams. Can I recommend that if you are unable to commit that you do not enter for examinations and move with the rest of the class into the next grade without taking the exam.

"To achieve the kind of success you dream about, you need to work. There are no shortcuts, you can't cheat, just get to work and don't stop until you reach your highest potential"

Website

Our website is in the process of being updated and at times may not be available. All information regarding the school can be found on the website . . . including term dates!

www.heidirhodesdance.co.uk

Schools dancewear

Can be ordered direct from our website – follow the link 'Online shop'.

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2nd Hand Dancewear

Will be laid out at the studio the first two weeks of every term. All proceeds go into the school fund and donations are gratefully received.

Term Dates

Spring Term

14th January – 16th February

Half term

25th Feb – 1st April

Summer Term

23rd April – 25th May

Half term

3rd June – 8th July



Vocational Success

Louis & Luca gained places at Elmhurst School for Ballet (Birmingham Royal Ballet). Eve S-W to Arts Ed London. Willow S-W to Ballet West and Emily P to Trinity Laban.

Dance competitions

Many, many successes at dance festivals with 22 dances qualifying for All England Regional finals! A special mention to Freya D for winning the Junior championships at the Royal Berkshire Festival of Dance.

Workshops & Guest Teachers

Peter from Acrotrix, 'The Nutcracker' with RAD Examiner Roberta, RADAR technique with Rebecca Davies, Commercial dance with Matt Walker and Natasha Mould who taught contemporary and Musical theatre and is now currently appearing in 9-5 in the West end!

Professional Performances

Marcia & Alice performed in London Children's Ballet production of The Canterville Ghost and Minnie joined LCB on tour.

What a year we have had and none of this could be possible without all of our dancers hard work and dedication and of course all the Mummies and Daddies for bringing them to all of their classes and endless rehearsals! So thank you to you all!

2018 in review

2018 was such a brilliant year for our school and we can't wait to see what 2019 will bring!

RAD & ISTD

Exam success with RAD Ballet and ISTD modern and Tap (100% pass rate). A special mention to Freya, Pula, Louis, Luca & Marcia who gained over 90% in their Ballet exams!

Associate Success

The Royal Ballet School

Francesca C & Clara

Central School of Ballet

Marcia & Megan J

Ballet Boost

Freya, Pula, Keira B, Saphyre, Clara, Abi D, Maisie W, Ruby B, Alexis G, Georgie F, Lily S, Adeline & Chloe J.

Tring Park Associates

Keira J

Old Windsor Branch

Miss Megan opened up a new branch to our school on a Saturday in Old Windsor.

Tokio Myers

50 of our dancers performed alongside Britain's Got Talent winner TOKIO MYERS at the very famous OLYMPIC PARK STADIUM at the opening ceremony of Saracens vs Harelquins Rugby match.

A night when everyone was a star!

The whole school performed in our 25th Anniversary shows 'A Night at the Oscars' at The Theatre Royal, Windsor selling out at both performances!

Summer School

We held our first Summer school with the most amazing Guest Teachers - All had a fantastic time!

RAD Kings Cross Event

We were thrilled to be invited to perform at Kings cross station where Blue Peter presenter Radzi Chingyanganya hosted the event!

Making memories

Pirate of the Caribbean and Bloodstream performed in 'Making memories' at Theatre Royal Windsor.

Vienna Festival Ballet

We were once again invited to dance alongside the Vienna Festival Ballet in 'The Nutcracker' at The Theatre Royal, Windsor as 'Party Children & Mice'

Good Bye Miss Sarah

Miss Sarah will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term and I know will be missed by us all. A collection is currently going around the studio if you would like to contribute. Can I please ask that this be returned to me (just interrupt my class) to prevent it being left anywhere! Miss Sarah's last 'official' day is Saturday 30th March and we will do a short presentation at 1:30 when she finishes teaching and everyone welcome!

..... and welcome to

Our new teachers . . .

Tuesday's – Miss Rachel, Wednesday's - Miss Naomi Saturday's – Miss Anna.

Please see the end of this newsletter for their Biography's.

Dance Etiquette

As a school we do not allow our students to attend other dance schools for classes (This excludes 'Dance clubs') as this can create conflicting technique/teaching and could result in bad feeling between teachers. If you are attending any Courses/workshops/Auditions that you have to put our school name down, please let me know, as it can be quite embarrassing when the school/organisers contact me and I am unaware that my pupils are attending.

I am happy for our dancers to be dancing seven days a week and the above would be very much appreciated.



Save the Date!

A night for everyone to be a STAR!
Saturday 30th November 2019
 Sadler's Wells Theatre London

I have secured a troupe at the prestigious Sadler's wells Theatre in London on Saturday 30th November! As a school we will take 40 performers from Age 6 years plus to perform two routines along with 7 other dancing schools. The performance is a matinee with curtain up at 1pm (particularly good if we have a young troupe). This is a very exciting event and it was back in 2005 that we last performed at Sadler's Wells!

Auditions will take place on **FRIDAY 26TH APRIL** at our studio and rehearsals will start in September. *Please book your space at the audition now by emailing me with your dancers name and age as of 30th November 2019.* All details regarding the event (including a rehearsal schedule & costs) will be emailed to those that register for an audition.

One of these numbers will also be performed at 'Making memories show on Sunday 10th November 2019.

Outstanding Fees

Can I please ask that all outstanding fees be cleared by the end of this current term. I am afraid that I am increasingly spending more and more time chasing fees and I currently have 20% of families with outstanding fees. I feel that this is totally unacceptable and you wouldn't dream of filling your car up with petrol and driving off or filling a shopping trolley in Tesco's and leave without paying, therefore please treat my business with the same respect. As this problem is getting worse, I am implementing a new rule that anyone with outstanding fees will not be entered for exams, competitions or special events within the school. I am a firm believer in giving every child a chance to dance, therefore, please contact me if you wish to set up a payment plan.

General Requests

Below are the usual beneficial points that I include in newsletters; however, I feel that there are still a handful of parents that do not follow the rules in our school. If it is a 'Daddy' day and Dad is unable to put your daughters hair in a bun, please bring the pins and bun net and we will do the bun for you. If your daughter arrives to class in 'non' uniform accessories they will be asked to remove them

Dance shoes - Can you please NOT allow your children to wear any dance shoes outside! This ruins the sole of ballet and character shoes and scratches the taps on tap shoes, which will ruin the very expensive purpose flooring in the studios! If they are seen doing this, they will be asked to remove their shoes for class!

Ascot House Studios – ONLY Park in the correct allocated spaces. Please park in spaces marked **The Heidi Rhodes School of Dancing ONLY! This includes WEEKENDS as our neighbours work at weekends too!**

All Locations of the school - Can I please ask that you continue to watch your children and do not allow them to run around and climb on furniture and window ledges! For those of you that have been with us for a long time, you will know how much we have fought for all of our premises and I would like to keep them pristine, clean and above all else - safe! **Can I please ask that you are sensitive to other users of halls/churches when changing your children in and out of dancewear?** Please clear up dropped food/drinks as children step in this and ruin their Ballet shoes.

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2 – Click "login or register" at the bottom of the page

3 – Enter your email address in the "Register" box (you'll receive an email with your username and password for future reference)

4 – **Open another tab or window in your web browser** and again visit <https://squaddancewear.com/heidi-rhodes-school-of-dance/> (this time you will automatically be logged in, and will see all of the Heidi Rhodes School of Dance products available for order and can shop online as normal)

Your next visit to shop;

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Please complete your name, billing, shipping and email details when you place an order. Your order will be sent directly to your home address and not via your dance school. If you have any problems at all with the service, we are happy to help - please email Squad Dancewear - askus@squaddancewear.com

..... and welcome to

Anna Gardener ISTD DDI (Saturday's)

Anna started dancing at her local dancing school 'Bernese School of Theatre, Dance and Drama' starting with Ballet, then gradually beginning more dance styles such as Modern, Jazz, Tap, Street and Contemporary. During her time there she took many ISTD exams in Ballet, Modern and Tap and most recently receiving Distinctions in Advanced 1 Modern and Ballet. Anna was part of a Troupe that toured England performing at places such as Birmingham Hippodrome and the Lowry and competed in SOARUK competitions.

Anna studied at 'Creative Academy' where she Graduated with a 1st class BA(hons) Degree in Dance. During her time here she performed at Move It, The Ideal home Show, Christmas light switch on (Slough) and Neighbourhood Club Manc where Anna choreographed the routines.

She also had opportunities to work with many professional dance companies from Wayne McGregor, Tavaziva, Rambert, and many more.

Rachel Chapman (Tuesday's)

Rachel trained at 'Julie Sianne Theatre Arts' and at 17 went on to train further at 'London Studio Centre'. Rachel Graduated with a BA HONS in Musical theatre and dance alongside winning the award for most outstanding Tap Dancer. Since graduating she has appeared on many TV shows and commercials such as Children in need, Comic relief, The Jonathon Ross show, Britain's got talent, represented brands such as Debenhams, Sainsbury's, Singstar & CBeebies. She has performed in Musical Theatre shows across London and travelled to Paris, Spain and China for singer/dancer contracts.

Rachel now teaches Tap and Jazz across top Dance colleges such as Urdang, Laine Theatre Arts, GSA and Millennium. For the last two years she has focused on choreographing, first assisting choreography on BBCs 'Strictly Come dancing' live shows and BBC's 'Wedding day winners'. She then was asked to choreograph for 'The Brit awards' live at The O2 Arena and to choreograph full new shows onboard cruise ships for MSC and Norwegian lines. She has choreographed shows such as 'The Rat pack', 'Blues Brothers', 'Bad Girls' and many many corporate event Vegas style and swing big band shows ranging from small business parties to huge arena corporate entertainment productions. Rachel is renowned for her Tap & Technical Jazz teaching skills. She has adjudicated and judged at competitions as well as tutored at events such as MOVE IT and Can You Dance!

Naomi King ISTD DDE (Wednesday's)

Naomi started dance and gymnastics from a young age and performing on stage became her passion. She has taken exams in RAD Ballet and ISTD Modern, she went on to study Musical Theatre and Dance at sixth form college and achieved straight distinction*s in her National Diplomas. She went on to study Musical Theatre at The Oxford School of Drama where she was taught by leading industry professionals in acting, singing, performance and dance. After leaving drama school she pursued her major passion which is dance teaching. She went on to study with Linda Sweetzer to gain her DDE.