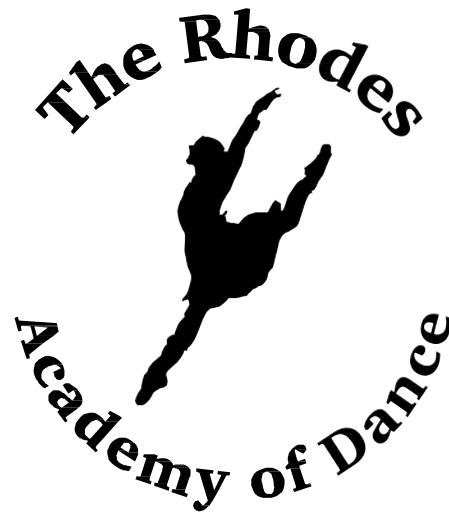


Term Dates 2019

Classes re-commence from
Saturday 14th September -
Saturday 8th December.

Half term 21st – Oct – 3rd Nov
(2 weeks)

No Classes Saturday 30th
November



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

STOP PRESS!

The events below are for
everyone in the school!

Dates for your Diary . .

Awards & presentation day

Sunday 24th Nov 2019

Desborough – Maidenhead.

*A separate newsletter will be sent
in September with further
information.*

School Show

Sunday 12th July 2020

Theatre Royal Windsor
(To be confirmed by the
theatre– alternative date
Sunday 5th July)

I do hope that you are all having a lovely summer and are managing to relax and spend time together?

I am really looking forward to getting back to class and looking forward to another extremely busy year.

Please remember that term dates, timetable and uniform information can all be found on our new website www.rhodesacademyofdance.co.uk

Due to a staggering increase in rent and utility costs, there will be small increase to fees for this academic year.

Please keep an eye on your emails for exam entry forms and **strict** closing dates.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Miss Heidi x

New classes

Introduction of a new **Primary Modern & Tap** class on a Wednesday afternoon at the studio from 4:00 – 4:30 suitable for ages 4.5 years +.

We still have places on a Saturday morning for all junior Modern & Tap grades.

The ISTD have created a new '**Contemporary**' syllabus and Miss Naomi will be teaching this style on a Wednesday evening from 7:15 – 8:00 (*suitable from age 13 years*).

Acrobatic Arts classes are now available on a Tuesday evening as well as Saturday for our younger members of the school – From age 4 years +.

*You are very welcome to come along for a trial in any of the above classes in September!
The new timetable is attached to this newsletter.*

Few remaining spaces for our Summer Intensive!

29th, 30th & 31st August

JUNIORS Age 6/8 - 10am – 3pm DAYS 1 & 2 10am – 4pm DAY 3
£95 for the three days

INTERS Age 9/11 & SENIORS 12+ - 10am – 5:30 DAYS 1 & 2 10am – 4pm DAY 3
£115 for the three days

Lessons over the three days will include: Commercial, Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Ballet (inters & seniors only) & Jazz (inters & seniors only). There will be a small performance on the final day for Parents!

Our Guest teachers;

Natasha Mould (currently in 9 to 5 the musical) – Contemporary

Matt Walker (ombrascura dance) – Commercial

Katie Anjuli (just finished contract in Aladdin) – Musical Theatre

Rachel Chapman (Choreographer) – Jazz

Daisy Hulbert (Phantom of the Opera) – Ballet

Email megandanellarhodes@icloud.com to secure a place!

Pupil Success

Competition Team

An absolutely amazing year for our competition team with a record number of medals and trophies! We took a strong team to All England Regional finals and many congratulations to Alexis & Bella who got through to the finals last month with their Ballet solos! A special mention to Freya for winning the Royal Berkshire Junior Ballet championships!

Regional Finals results

Isabella - Ballet 1st & through to finals

Alexis - Ballet 2nd & through to finals

Freya - Ballet Honours

Clara - Ballet dance off & Honours

Junior Ballet group - 2nd

Inter Character group - 2nd

Cups won!

Freya - Maidenhead Junior Ballet cup.

Freya - Junior championship cup.

Intermediate group cup.

Francesca, Alexis, Addy & Lily - Junior Quartet cup.

Marcia, Eleanor, Connie & Minnie – Inter Quartet cup.

Goodbye and Good luck to our senior pupils who are leaving us to further their education at university.

You will all be truly missed and we look forward to hearing about the next chapter of your journey!

Royal Ballet School Associates

Once again, this year was on record the highest number of dancers that have ever auditioned for places on the Royal Ballet School Associate programme. I am absolutely delighted and very proud to send our Congratulations to **Ruby B, Georgie F, Alexis G & Juju Z** who successfully auditioned and have been offered a place as a Junior Associates! They will join **Francesca C** who is currently a Junior Associate and **Clara** who Successfully auditioned for Senior Associates!

More success

A huge congratulations to **Joseph** who has been awarded a funded place at Laines Theatre Arts! Joseph will attend a 3 year Musical Theatre course commencing September!

Congratulations to **Freya D, Esther L & Saphyre R** who have successfully auditioned for 'Central School of Ballet' Associates. They will join **Megan J** who is currently an associate.

Congratulations to **Marcia K** who successfully auditioned for London Senior Ballet.

Congratulations **Aeryn B** for successfully auditioning for Centre for Advanced training (CAT) programme at 'The Place' in London.

Many congratulations to former pupil **Lucy P** graduated from Laine Theatre Arts being awarded the 'Best singer Award'! Lucy graduated with two job offers and is off on tour with the Broadway Production of 'How the Grinch stole Christmas'!

Examination Results

Congratulations to all of our dancers who have taken examinations during the past academic year (Autumn, Spring & Summer). Total entries in both graded & Vocational of 191 RAD Ballet & 70 ISTD Modern & Tap were entered for examinations as well as 26 RAD Class awards.

Vocational Examinations;

Royal Academy of Dance

Intermediate Foundation

Distinction – Megan J. Merit - Esther L, Aeryn B, Abi D, Maddy, Ainhoa, Willow H, Macy B & Ella M,

Intermediate

Distinction – Alice Mc. Merit – Keira J, Saskia F & Connie T

Advanced Foundation

Distinction – Marcia. Merit – Minnie D

Imperial Society Teachers of Dancing

Intermediate Foundation Modern

Distinction – Marcia K, Alice Mc, Coralie O, Minnie D, Clara B, Keira J & Kendra J. Merit – Annabel N Pass – Saskia F

Advanced 1 Tap

Distinction – Joseph B

Pupils that gained over 90% for their examinations;

RAD Graded Examinations

Primary – Charlie P - 92%

Grade 1 – Maisie W – 92%

Grade 3 – Saphyre 91%

Grade 4 – Freya 92%

Grade 5 – Pula L - 91%

Grade 6 – Clara 90%

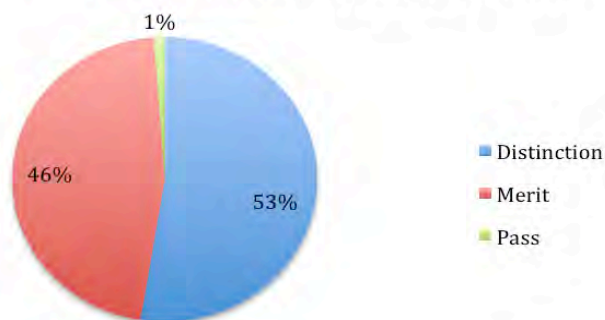
ISTD Graded Examinations

Grade 1 Modern – Ruby B – 91%

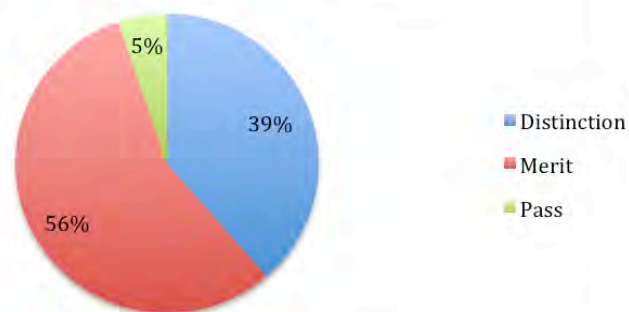
Grade 2 Modern – Alexis G – 90%

Grade 2 Modern – Tilly W – 90%

RAD Graded Results 2019



ISTD Graded Results 2019



Examination information

All RAD & ISTD examinations are accredited on the Qualifications framework and classed as formal qualifications. Graded and Vocational Graded Examinations in Dance at Level 3 have now been allocated points on the UCAS Tariff.

This means that candidates who have achieved a Pass or higher in a Level 3 qualification (Grades 6, 7, 8, Intermediate and Advanced Foundation) can use their RAD & ISTD examination result towards their points tariff when applying to University or a Higher Education institution in the UK.

Saturday 30th November

Due to 40 of our pupils from all branches of the school performing at Sadlers Wells Theatre, All classes will be cancelled on this day and made up on **Saturday 7th December**, which is the last day of term and Watching week!

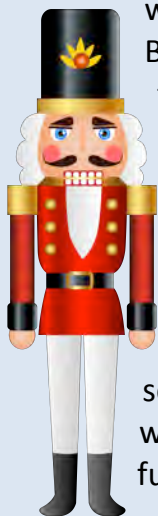
Term dates for 2019/20 attached.

Assistant in Englefield Green

Miss Sophie is in need of an assistant in Englefield Green on a Friday afternoon from 4:00 – 5:00, please let us know if you are interested? (Age 13+).

Vienna Festival Ballet

As a school we will be performing with the Vienna Festival Ballet in the classic Ballet of the 'Nutcracker' at Theatre Royal Windsor in November. Dancers from our school will appear in the opening scene as 'Party' children and as 'Mice' in the fight scene! The 'Nutcracker' is a wonderful introduction to a full length Ballet.



Schools dancewear

Can be ordered direct from our website – <https://www.rhodesacademyofdance.co.uk/uniform-shops/> follow the link 'Online shop'.

Branded Dancewear

Squad Dancewear are our new suppliers for Competition Team, Acrobatic Arts and Contemporary uniform. All items can be ordered direct from 'Squad dancewear' and details are below on how to order! Crop tops/shorts/Leotard will be Acro & Contemporary uniform (they have a choice of what they would rather wear). We have also introduced sweatshirts, cropped sweatshirts, hoodies, body warmers & backpacks! All uniform ordered will have the new 'Rhodes Academy of Dance logo!

See final page of newsletter on how to order.

The above is now regulation uniform for both contemporary and Acrobatic Arts classes and should be worn to class.

2nd Hand Dancewear

Will be on sale (cash only please) at the studio the first two weeks of every term. All proceeds go into the school fund and donations are gratefully received.

I will be at the studio on Monday 16th, Wed 18th from 3:45 – 5:00 and Saturday 21st from 8:45 – 10:00 with my stock of brand new Satin & split sole canvas ballet shoes, tights, Ballet socks, X/over cardigans and much more! I will be selling off at knock down prices!

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.

SQUAD Branded Dancewear – How to order

- 1 – Visit <https://squaddancewear.com/heidi-rhodes-school-of-dance/>
- 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;

- 1 - Login using the details you've been emailed using this link <https://squaddancewear.com/heidi-rhodes-school-of-dance/>
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- 2 - **Open another tab or window** and again visit <https://squaddancewear.com/heidi-rhodes-school-of-dance/> which will give you access to the Shop.

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