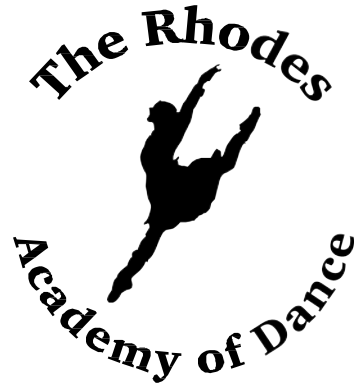


## Term Dates 2020

Classes re-commence from  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September -  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Half term 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov  
(2 weeks)

*Provisional term dates*



Newsletter  
End of year 2020

## Newsletter

*A time for us all to shine*



### School Show

I feel that the time is right to move forward and start working towards a school show. It has really been quite tough for all of our dancers and I can't think of a better way to express our love of dance than to perform. I am currently in contact with Theatres to *hopefully* book for the end of the spring term 2021 (end of March) with an alternative being the end of the summer term (beginning of July) and I will communicate dates as soon as I am able to.

### Awards & presentation day

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021**

Norden Farm Arts Centre,  
Maidenhead.

As we near the end of what can only be described as a very surreal term, I wanted to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for all of your support over these past couple of months. It truly has been quite unbelievable how very well everyone has adjusted and if you had told me last year that we would be delivering classes online I would have replied "Not on your Nelly" (Apologies for showing my age - translation 'No chance of something happening'). I must admit, I think I finally got to grips with it all by week 7! We really have achieved so much and to complete Grade 8 in a term is something I have never done! Thank you for allowing us into your homes and for the additional members to our classes in the form of pets!

Thank you for all of your very positive feedback and I sincerely hope that we are back in the studio from the start of the autumn term. *Miss Heidi x*

### ***Getting back into the studio . . .***

Unfortunately, this weeks announcement was not what I was hoping for, however, I am not giving up on the plan that we will be back in the studio and halls for the autumn term. We will be following strict government guidelines with regards to social distancing and cleaning. I am very conscious not to implement changes and procedures yet as I am sure you are aware, this changes daily. We are currently working on a new timetable and naturally this is dependent on the above, however, we are hoping for the timetable to remain as similar as possible to what we were doing before 'Lockdown', although class times may change slightly to allow for cleaning and changeover in between classes.

I am following daily updates and recommendations from our governing bodies and considering their different options for returning to the studio. I apologise for not being able to be more specific on dates (although above dates are what we are aiming for), but I am sure you understand why and our pupils' safety is of the utmost importance. *Please see the latest updates on the final page of this newsletter.*

## Examinations

Both the ISTD & RAD are currently working on the options of filmed examinations and we are awaiting their advice. This is totally dependent on when we can 'safely' get back in the studio. I am however, working closely with our teachers as to classes that may be ready to take exams and will notify you as soon as I can. Our main priority at the moment is getting our girls that had their exams cancelled last term through their exam as soon as possible and we can then look forward to other classes within the school.

The online classes have been invaluable and as we near the end of term, can I please ask that you encourage your dancers to practice regularly with the YouTube videos.

All videos will be 'unlisted' which means you'll need the below links to view the videos. *Please do NOT share these links.*

VIDEOS ARE FLIPPED SO THAT DANCERS CAN COPY DIRECT FROM THE DEVICE!

Pre-Primary Ballet

<https://youtu.be/QYnSpzp0jFc>

Primary Ballet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEY7oUC8Vj0&t=15s>

Grade 1 Ballet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6v0slbzqPBg>

Grade 2 Ballet

<https://youtu.be/Z0dimhB5Z0w>

Grade 3 Ballet

<https://youtu.be/jT9FTL8ZywA>

Grade 4 Ballet

<https://youtu.be/CjLNMYhrOrU>

Grade 5 Ballet

<https://youtu.be/Hwz21Rtq0Z0>

Grade 6 Ballet

[https://youtu.be/P1NqR\\_wl6wg](https://youtu.be/P1NqR_wl6wg)

### Ballet repertoire workshop

Ryan Goscinski (see link below for his biography) will be running a ballet repertoire workshop for our students on **Sunday 5th July** via zoom.

<https://www.unitedagents.co.uk/ryan-goscinski>

10:00-11:00 Juniors - £10 each

11:15-12:30 Inter - £12 each

Juniors will be learning a dance from La Fille Mal Gardee and the inters/seniors will be learning the Bluebird Variation from Sleeping Beauty. Zoom codes will be given out closer to the time with details about what to wear.

This will be an exciting opportunity to learn the actual choreography from the ballets and an end of term treat! Deadline for entries Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please email

[megandanellarhodes@icloud.com](mailto:megandanellarhodes@icloud.com) to book a place!

## RAD Ballet examinations

With the exception of our Grade 5 dancers and a wonderful examiner, we managed to condense three days of exams into two the day before lockdown. Congratulations to all of our dancers with a 100% pass rate with **22 Merits & 24 Distinctions**. A special mention to our Grade 7's & 8's who coped so well under the circumstances and I was very proud of how well you managed on what was for most of you an emotional 'unexpected' last day at school.



It is so hard to believe that these gorgeous little ballerinas have all grown up and have just taken their Grade 7 Ballet exam!

*Marcia, Saskia, Minnie, Kendra & Eleanor*

## Pupil Success

### Vocational Success

Many congratulations to our girls that have successfully auditioned for the following vocational associate schemes.

**Central School of Ballet** – Susana H

**London Junior Ballet** – Bella V, Edith T, Rosie Z & Lotte S.

**Academy of Balletic Arts** – Chloe J

**Ballet Boost** – Bella H & Amber D

### Goodbye and Good luck

. . . . to our senior pupils who are leaving us to further their education.

**Robyn** – Is hoping to go to Cambridge University to study History & Politics.

**Amy B** - Amy hopes to study Civil Engineering at The University of Bristol.

**Ilesha A** - is very excited to have accepted a place at The London School of Economics to study International Relations.

**Maddy T** - planning to go to Bath University to study Psychology in September.

**Saskia F** - will be going to St Edwards School in Oxford, on a music/dance scholarship.

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

### Dance World Cup!

A sad time for our team - We should be flying off to Rome for the 2020 Dance world cup this week. The good news is that they are going to run both 2020 and 2021 next year and we are delighted to announce that we have qualified more dances for this prestigious event and we will be taking a team of over 30 dancers from our school! Luca Ballet solo, Luca & Freya Ballet duet (both Classical and repertoire), Mini Classical Quartet Lexi G, Francesca C, Ruby B & Maisie W, Children's' Classical Quartet Freya D, Megan J, Francesca C & Lexi G, Maisie, Georgie & Ruby Classical Trio, Mini Classical Group and Children's Classical group!

## Competition Team

Lockdown certainly hasn't stopped our team and with the introduction of *online dance comps* has kept us all very busy.

### UK Dance class championships

There were a staggering 100 entries in most age groups and only six taken through to finals – Amazing results girls and many congratulations on your success!

### Ballet

Age 6/7yrs – 3<sup>rd</sup> - Myla S

Age 8/9yrs - 5<sup>th</sup> - Francesca C

Age 10/11yrs – 4<sup>th</sup> - Alexis G

Age 12/13yrs – 4<sup>th</sup> - Freya D & 5<sup>th</sup> Saphyre Age 14/15 – 1<sup>st</sup> - Clara B

### Acro

Age 6/7yrs – 1<sup>st</sup> – Isabella S

Further congratulations to Francesca C & Alexis G who were awarded the two Choreographers commendations in Ballet.

### Southern Class Dance Awards

Age 7/8 Ballet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby B & 3<sup>rd</sup> Bella S

Age 7/8 Lyrical – 3<sup>rd</sup> Bella S & 4<sup>th</sup> Ruby B

Age 7/8 Jazz – 2<sup>nd</sup> Bella S & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruby B

Age 9/10 Ballet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Francesca C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexis & Maisie W

Age 9/10 Lyrical – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexis & 4<sup>th</sup> Francesca C

Age 9/10 Jazz – 3<sup>rd</sup> Maisie W & 5<sup>th</sup> Alexis

Age 13/14 Ballet – 4<sup>th</sup> Megan J

Age 13/14 – Lyrical – 2<sup>nd</sup> Megan J

### Southwest Dance Festival

Age 7/8 Ballet – 3<sup>rd</sup> Bella S (90 marks)

Age 9/10 Ballet – 1<sup>st</sup> Francesca C (96 marks) with a special commendation!

### Starz International (April & May results)

Mini Ballet Elites – 1<sup>st</sup> Bella S

Mini Acro Elite – 1<sup>st</sup> Bella S

Junior Stars Ballet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lily S

Mini Ballet Elites – 1<sup>st</sup> Bella V, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Myla & Bella S

Mini Acro Elite – 1<sup>st</sup> Bella S

Mini Modern Elite – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby B

Junior Ballet Elite – 2<sup>nd</sup> Francesca C

Junior Duet/Trio Elite 1<sup>st</sup> – Maisie W, Ruby B & Georgie

2<sup>nd</sup> – Francesca & Alexis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruby & Georgie

Junior group Elite – 2<sup>nd</sup> Francesca, Alexis, Ruby & Lily

Teen Ballet Elite – 1<sup>st</sup> Saphyre R, 3<sup>rd</sup> Freya D

Teen duet Elite Ballet – 5<sup>th</sup> Overall Freya & Luca.



### Sliders!

A new addition to uniform – The popular Sliders! A very hygienic way to arrive to class – slip off and put dance shoes on quickly. They are £20 a pair, however,

if we order over 30 pairs it reduces to £17.50. Available from child size 11 up to Adult Size 12 (half sizes available in 5.5, 7.5, 8.5 & 9.5). Please email your request quoting Name & size by the 5<sup>th</sup> July and I can then confirm costs.

### New classes – Register your interest NOW!

**Junior Lyrical & Contemporary** – There has been a lot of interest in this genre of dance and we will be creating a new class in September. The class will be with Miss Lucy on either a Saturday or Wednesday. We will be arranging an online trial class and details will be sent to those who express an interest.

**Progressing Ballet Technique PBT** – A valuable addition to any dance class working on posture, activation of turnout muscles and how to understand neutral pelvis. The class will be with Miss Philippa and suitable from age 7 years +. This class will be on either a Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

Please email [heidirhodes@btinternet.com](mailto:heidirhodes@btinternet.com) to register your interest.

### Schools Uniform

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 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 'Rhodes Academy of Dance logo.

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

### 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/>
- 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.

## COVID-19 Latest news

*Below are the latest updates from our governing bodies. The Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) and The ISTD Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD).*

### RAD

#### Dance studios are not to open yet

Following last night's government announcement (23<sup>rd</sup> June), the Royal Academy of Dance has today written to Oliver Dowden, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, on behalf of our members to petition for better representation of private dance schools and studios in England, in the easing of restrictions in response to COVID-19. To read a copy of the letter go to the COVID-19 section of the [Members' Area](#)

Tomorrow we will publish the letter on our website, social media and engage with UK arts correspondents to ensure that our voice is heard. Your Call to Action is to use our letter to write to or tweet your local MPs.

Both CDMT and One Dance UK, of which we are members, are also lobbying the government on behalf of the whole sector and we continue to provide our full support to their efforts. The following [statement](#) has been released on the CDMT website this afternoon.

Stay positive. Continue to plan for a reopening and be satisfied you are meeting government directives. Don't forget to read our [guidance](#) and use the [self-assessment checklist](#) to check how ready you are.

### ISTD

We are dismayed that the government has not clarified when private dance teaching studios can open in England despite allowing pubs, restaurants and aspects of theatre to open from 4 July 2020. We stand united with you - our members and the dance teaching community in appealing to the government to allow private dance teaching studios to open, in-line with the easing of measures across the arts sector from the 4 July.

We know how vital it is for your livelihoods to be able to open the doors to your studios and welcome back students.

Our 6000 members teach over 105,000 students across the country, providing young people in particular with a creative outlet, a chance to exercise, and vital support to their well-being and mental health.

Throughout lockdown, we have been working in partnership with CDMT, Sports and Recreation Alliance and One Dance UK to advocate and raise awareness of the dance teaching sector. Please see the CDMT message on behalf of all dance awarding organisations [here](#).

A further joint statement will follow shortly, calling on government to give a firm date to re-open dance studios. As you will need specific clear guidelines, and time to prepare, in order for dance teaching and learning to take place in a safe and socially distanced environment.

We are so proud of how our members have adapted to teaching online at a time of crisis, brilliantly engaging with their students and keeping them motivated. Please keep going, despite this blow, and we hope that you will be able to welcome students back into the dance studio soon.

Ginny Brown  
Chief Executive Officer

## School Communication



**The Rhodes Academy of Dance** (facebook page)

**TRAD Private Group** (Private group)



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