

### Challenging times

As we are all adjusting to so many changes in our lives, I wanted to send out a little note to reflect on all of our dancers wonderful achievements over the past year and to let you all know how very proud I am of you all. Although 'Dance' may be at the bottom of the priority list right now, I do know how much joy dance brings into all of our lives. I am unable to make a 'plan' for the coming year as we all have to take one day at a time. We are currently discussing 'Online' classes - We are very much regulated by our governing bodies that are currently producing guidelines that we will have to follow meticulously. We will however, be putting together some videos to keep you all fit and will be setting some 'Dance' related challenges over the coming weeks. The whole team is working hard to keep you dancing and we will communicate news of this as soon as possible!

Please stay safe and healthy and I really look forward to seeing you all as soon as I can!

Miss Heidi x

### Royal Academy of Dance Ballet exams

#### RAD Examinations

We managed to complete 90% of our scheduled exams. We had the most amazing examiner who agreed to a 10-hour examining day so that our seniors were able to take their exam (So important as their GCSE & A Levels had been cancelled that day). We had a total of 60 girls takes exam from Pre-Primary to Grade 8 over 2 days in our last week of normal operation at the studio!



*Myla - so happy to receive a gold medal for her Ballet solo!*



### Fantastic start to the year!

#### London Childrens Ballet

Many congratulations to Luca, Freya D, Megan J, Chloe J & Alexis G for successfully auditioning for LCB's production of 'Anne of Green Gables' with Luca being cast in a main role! (*Due to current circumstances, this has now been postponed until next year.*)

Saphyre and Francesca C were lucky enough to complete their LCB tour of 'A Little Princess' visiting hospitals and schools with the Ballet.

#### Royal Ballet School

Many congratulations to Luca and Francesca C for gaining places at the Royal Ballet Summer School at White Lodge.

Luca - Royal Ballet School Spring Intensive.

Juju - Royal Ballet School Spring Intensive in Hong Kong.

#### Royal Berkshire Festival

Took place over February half term . . . Amazing results.

9 x Gold Medals

17 x Silver Medals

7 x Bronze Medals

And Myla won the classical Baby cup!

#### Royal Academy of Dance

A very successful day at the South East Awards – congratulations to Alexis, Chloe, Ruby B, Juju, Keira B and Megan J for all getting through to the finals at RAD HQ later on this year.

#### Yorkshire Ballet Seminars

The good news keeps coming for Luca & Alexis who have both been offered a place at the most amazing summer school!

#### Southern Dance Awards

A fantastic day of dance was had in Portsmouth last month. They were huge sections of 40 in each!!!

Age 7-9 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Francesca C & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby B

Age 10 & 11 – 5<sup>th</sup> Alexis

Age 12 & 13 – 1<sup>st</sup> Freya D & 5<sup>th</sup> Saphyre

Freya D was also awarded a scholarship for a course at Tring Park!

## 2019 in review

What a year 2019 was. I can't quite believe how much happened in one-year . . . How amazing was it for our dancers?

### Associate Success

#### The Royal Ballet School

Georgie, Ruby, Alexis & Juju successfully auditioned as Junior Associates joining Francesca who already attends.

Clara successfully auditioned for Senior Associates.

#### Central School of Ballet

Freya, Saphyre, Luca & Esther successfully auditioned for central associates joining Megan.

#### Ballet Boost

Etta successfully auditioned for Ballet Boost Associates joining Maisie, Chloe, Pula & Clara.

#### Tring Classical Ballet Academy

Lily successfully auditioned for Tring Park Classical Ballet Academy associate course

#### London Senior Ballet

Marcia successfully auditioned London Senior Ballet

### Vocational Success

Joseph B gained a place at Laines Theatre Arts.

### Dance competitions

Many amazing successes at competitions a special mentions to Freya D, Alexis G, Bella S & Clara and our groups 'A Little Princess' and 'Flower Garden' for placing at 'All England Regional Finals' and to Alexis & Bella for getting through to 'All England Finals'!

### Professional Performances

Juju & Adeline successfully auditioned to be in Nativity the musical where they both performed along side Sharon Osborne & Danny Dyer at the Apollo in London.

Maddy S performed in Violet the Musical in London.

### Sadler's Wells London

We took a troupe of 40 dancers to perform two numbers in a showcase at the famous 'Sadlers Wells' Theatre. They performed '9 to 5' and 'Sparkle & Shine'.

### 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'.

### A night when everyone was a star!

The whole school performed in our Annual 'Awards & Presentation' at Desborough Theatre – Maidenhead. Hundreds of certificates and medals were awarded along with trophies and shields! *See page 4 for Awards.*

### Summer Intensive

Another successful Summer School held at our school with the most incredible Guest Teachers - All had a fantastic time.

### Making memories

The 'Sadlers Wells' dancers also got a chance to perform their numbers in the 'Making memories' show at Theatre Royal Windsor.

### School 'Intensives' success

Clara - Royal Ballet School Spring Intensive 2019

### Dansez Champion

Many congratulations to Clara for becoming an Ambassador for Dansez dancewear!

### Workshops & Guest Teachers

We've had amazing guest teachers from the industry come to our school and teach many different genres of dance.

*And finally . . .*

**QUALIFYING FOR THE DANCE WORLD CUP 2020 IN ROME! We are so excited to have been chosen to represent England at the 2020 Dance World Cup! 28 of our dancers will be heading to Rome to be part of Team England!!**

*Just an amazing year and none of this would have been 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 - Thank you so much!*



Royal Ballet Associates  
Georgie  
Ruby  
Clara  
Francesca  
Alexis &  
Juju

## RAD & ISTD Exam results

Congratulations to all of our dancers who took examinations in 2019. Total entries in both graded & Vocational of 187 RAD Ballet & 70 ISTD Modern & Tap were entered for examinations as well as 26 RAD Class awards.

Congratulations to everyone on your amazing results!

### Royal Academy of Dance

Distinction – 97

Merit – 88

Pass – 2

Special mention to those that gained 90 or over in your examinations . . . .

Charlie P – Primary - 92%

Maisie W – Grade 1 - 92%

Saphyre – Grade 3 - 91%

Freya D – Grade 4 - 92%

Pula L – Grade 5 - 91%

Clara – Grade 6 - 90%

### Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance

Distinction – 30

Merit – 37

Pass – 3

Special mention to those that gained 90 or over in your examinations . . . .

Ruby B – Grade 12 Modern – 91%

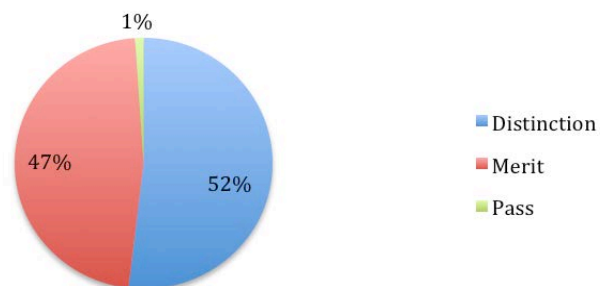
Alexis G – Grade 2 Modern – 90%

Tilly W – Grade 2 Modern – 90%

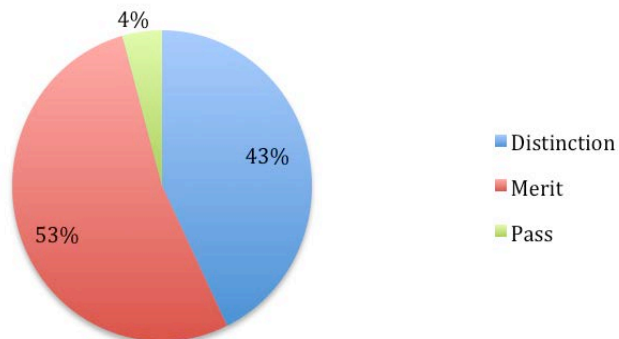


*“To achieve the kind of success you dream about, you need to work. There are no shortcuts, you can’t cheat, just get to work and don’t stop until you reach your highest potential”*

### Royal Academy of Dance Ballet Results 2019



### ISTD Modern & Tap results 2019



### Examination information

All RAD & ISTD examinations are accredited on the Qualifications framework and classed as formal qualifications.

Graded and Vocational 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.

Photo - Pre-Primary – Isla, Sophie & Phoebe

# Awards 2019

## Junior Awards

### **Outstanding Development**

Florence Jones

Runners up

Zara Parbhaker, Ciara Bourne, Phoebe Jenman

Darcey Allaway, Sophia Schouten & Daisy Wood

### **Outstanding Achievement**

Daisy Harris

Runners up

Millie Gomm, Jessica Clark & Larna Laflin

### **Most promising Acrobatic Arts**

Myla Sewell

Runners up

Annalise Cooper & Bella Marsden

### **Most promising Modern & Tap**

Evelyn Hathaway

### **Most promising classical dancer**

Olivia Stephenson

Runner up - Pippa Lake,

### **Outstanding Junior pupil**

Imogen Seymour

## Intermediate Awards

### **Highest ISTD (Primary & Grade 1)**

Ruby Brooke 91%

### **Highest RAD**

Charlotte Petrassi 92%

### **Highest ISTD (Grade 2 & 3)**

Alexis Gilbert & Tilly Wright 90%

### **Highest RAD**

Maisie Wright 92%

### **Outstanding Development**

Sasha Banerjee

Runners up

Eleanor Morghem, Charlotte Schouten, Eve Haykin, Millie

Stokes & Susana Hamilton

### **Outstanding Achievement**

Sofia Saponaro

Isabella Schwiezer, Aurelia Sprankling, Alexis Gilbert,

Georgie Fisher, Ruby Brooke, Juju Zhang & Francesca Case

### **Most promising Jazz & Tap**

Tilly Wright

Runner up – Edith Thomson

Intermediate Awards cont . . .**Most promising classical dancer**

Francesca Case

**Symonds Stage Award**

Bella Vaccaro

**Outstanding Intermediate pupil**

Alexis Gilbert

Senior Awards**Highest ISTD**

Alice McLoughlin &amp; Marcia Karavis 89%

**Highest RAD**

Freya Dewsnap 92%

**Most Promising Classical dancer**

Megan Jacobs Shrivastava &amp; Saphre Rich

**Most Promising Acrobatic Arts**

Liliana Jandrell &amp; Chloe Jennings

Runner up – Helen Drummie

**Most Promising Contemporary**

Esther Lamers

**Most Promising Modern & Tap**

Keira Brooke

Runners up – Emilie Lane &amp; Elizabeth Meikle

**Outstanding Achievement**

Naomi Parsons

**Outstanding Development**

Willow Hefferman

Runners up - Tilly Watson, Maude Azoulay, Bella Hewitt, Sasha Whitehead, Amy Large, Chloe Jones & Sophie Jones.

**Lucy Pollard Musicality Award**

Pula Laughton

Runner up – Lilian Crawford

**Isabella Billingham Award for Perseverance**

Caitlin Lacey

Runner up – Freya Meek

**Emily Tomlins Award for Performance**

Roxie Hurrell

**Sienna Pledge Artistry Award**

Freya Dewsnap

**Outstanding Senior Pupil**

Coralie Owona

**Students Coice Award – Head Girl**

Alice McLoughlin

**Outstanding School Pupil**

Marcia Karavis



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