

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Half term 21<sup>st</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November \*\* 2 WEEKS \*\*



# Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2022

## Terms & Conditions

Can we please remind you of the 'Terms & Conditions' that are signed when joining the school and in particular to the notice period upon leaving.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A full terms invoice will be issued before the start of each term and fees must be paid by the  $2^{nd}$  week of the new term.

Fees will not be refunded in cases of absence.

A half terms written notice is required when leaving the school. Pupils can still attend during their notice period and undertake any examinations etc that might be due.

If you have more than one child attending the school or a child that attends multiple lessons, then we are happy to receive 2 payments.

A £10 administration fee will be charged for late payment.

Unless you state otherwise, you give full permission for photos/videos to be taken at events and can then be used for all media associated with The Rhodes Academy of Dance.

# Welcome Back!

I do hope that you have all had a lovely summer and have managed to enjoy some of the glorious weather?

I would like to take this opportunity to say the most enormous 'Thank you' for the beautiful gifts that I received at the show. I was taken back by the most beautiful presents . . . Flowers, Pearl & Diamond necklace, Moulin Rouge tickets and to top it off restaurant vouchers! I am exceptionally grateful – Thank you.

I am really looking forward to getting back to class and looking forward to an extremely busy year. Can I please ask that you read this newsletter and make a note of all of the dates that are applicable to you? Please remember that term dates, timetable and uniform information can all be found on our website. www.heidirhodesdance.co.uk

Although we have had heavy increases in rent and utilities, we will not be increasing our fees this year. Invoices will be emailed at the end of next week.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and Bank holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Miss Heidi x



## Congratulations - The day when everyone was a star!

#### Thank you

I actually do not know where to start and how to thank each and everyone of you for making our summer show 'The Show Must go on' such a huge success. I can honestly say that this was the best show that we have ever put on and I am really not sure how we are ever going to top this!

Thank you to everyone for the many cards, emails and messages, they have been quite overwhelming!

#### **School Fund**

I would like to thank the school fund for the purchase of over 280 T-Shirts for all of the pupils in the show. This was a lovely keepsake for everyone to receive. Money that goes into the school fund benefits each and every child in the school and I thank our fund raising team for everything you do.

#### Costumes

Please return all borrowed costumes the first week back to the studio in the original packaging that you received it in. Thank you.

## DVD, Photo & Programme orders

#### Photos - Virtuoso Dance Photography

Images are £10.95 per download and there are discounts for multiples. https://www.virtuosodancephotography.com/p/ra22

#### **DVD - DV Performance**

www.dvperformance.co.uk Username: rhodesacademy Password: theshowmustgoon

#### Souvenir programmes

If you didn't manage to purchase at the show, we still have some available. Please email to reserve a copy (£5).

### **Examination Results**

Congratulations to all of our dancers who have taken examinations during the past year (January 2021 – March 2022) A total entry of 229 RAD Ballet and 78 ISTD Modern & Tap. A special mention to Clara & Marcia who passed their final examination with the RAD – Advanced 2 with both achieving a High Merit.



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# **Pupil Success**

#### **English Youth Ballet**

Huge congratulations to Aurelia, Georgia, Vivi, Ella, Giselle & Ellie for all successfully auditioning for English Youth's Ballet production of the Nutcracker. The girls will begin rehearsals soon and then perform at the Wycombe Swan in November! What an amazing achievement and opportunity for you all! Well done girls, we are super proud of you all.





All England Dance – Finals Congratulations to our amazing dancers that qualified and competed at All England Dance Finals in July. Absolutely amazing results! National Champions – Gold Rosie Z – B Ballet (pictured) Sailors - Junior Classical Group Ruby B, Alexis G & Chloe J – Junior Classical Trio Silver medalists Rosie Z, Florence H & Olivia S – Junior Classical Trio Bronze medalists Rosie Z & Florence H – Junior Character Duet Alexis G & Ruby B – Junior Classical Duet Waltz – Junior Classical Group Dance Like Your Daddy – Junior Modern Group

Break a leg **to Chloe J** who is currently in Birmingham rehearsing for the forthcoming production with National Youth Ballet. Chloe will have the opportunity to dance both in Birmingham and Sadler's Wells in London!

**Goodbye and Good luck** to our many senior pupils who are leaving us to further their education at university, you will be greatly missed! It was a very emotional time at the show knowing that this was the last time that you would perform with 'The Rhodes Academy of Dance.' Teaching most of you since the age of 3 years, I hope it is not a final farewell and it goes without saying that you will always be welcome at our school "Once a Rhodes dancer, always a Rhodes dancer!" Until we meet again, goodbye and good luck to Minnie, Marcia, Alice, Eleanor, Keira, Caitlin, Clara, Coralie, Alysha, Leila, Agatha, Kendra, Amy & Emily,

### Hair & Uniform

As we return to a new Dancing year, can we please ask that all dancers wear the regulation uniform to class and all younger dancers do not wear Ballet dressing up outfits? Hair should be in an immaculate Bun for all classes. As a school we have always had pride in our dancers appearance and it is so important for the discipline of dance.

#### **Schools Regulation uniform**

Can be ordered direct from our website – https://www.rhodesacademyofdance.co.uk/uniformshops/ follow the link 'Online shop'.

This now includes 'Contemporary' uniform and we have suggested a black leotard, however, happy for the girls to wear any black leotard and black footless tights.

#### **Branded Dancewear**

Squad Dancewear are our suppliers for Competition Team and Acrobatic Arts. All items can be ordered direct from 'Squad dancewear' and details are below on how to order! Crop tops/shorts/Leotard will be Acro. (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.

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

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 <u>https://squaddancewear.com/heidi-rhodes-school-of-dance/</u> (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-ofdance/

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2 - **Open** <u>another tab or window</u> and again visit <u>https://squaddancewear.com/heidi-rhodes-school-ofdance/</u> which will give you access to the Shop. Ballet shoes ... are designed to support a dancers young foot, therefore, please do not buy shoes from Amazon, H&M or any other supplier that is not a professional dance shop.

#### **NEW classes!**

#### **Teddy Tappers & Mini Modern**

Saturday mornings from 10:30 – 11:00 suitable from age 4 years.

#### **Petite Ballerinas**

Saturday morning 9:45 – 10:15 (studio) suitable from age 3 years.

#### Please email

heidirhodes@btinternet.com to register your interest.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform

Please visit our private facebook group;

TRAD LEOTARD AND UNIFORM SALE

### **School communication**



The Rhodes Academy of Dance (facebook page) TRAD Private Group (Private group) TRAD LEOTARD AND UNIFORM SALE



Follow us on instagram – therhodesacademyofdance

#### **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 neighbour's 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.