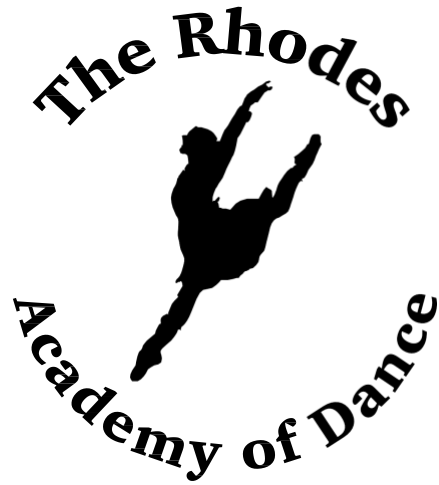




Term Dates 2024

Monday 13th January –
Monday 31st March

Half term
17th – 23rd February



Newsletter

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 2nd 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 peaceful and Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all.

As I reflect on 2024, I really cannot believe how much was achieved by both our dancers and teachers and I do hope that you will enjoy reading about all of our achievements over the past year.

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

Can I take this opportunity to say an enormous 'Thank you' for my 60th Birthday gifts both individually and for the presents from the school – Cirque de Solei tickets, beautiful flowers & Zara vouchers!

Another 'Thank you' for the wonderful Christmas gifts, I have been truly spoilt!

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

I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Miss Heidi x

2024 - A year that everyone was a star!

Over and out 2024, what an ultra-special year it has been in so many ways. Some highlights include...

- ☀️ Rosie & Florence successfully auditioning for The Royal Ballet School and have completed their first term at the prestigious White Lodge Junior school.
- ☀️ Clemmie, Rosabella, Aitana, Eilidh & Holly who successfully auditioned for The Royal Ballet associates joining a lot of our other pupils who currently attend weekly classes.
- ☀️ Many dancers attended The Royal Ballet Spring & Summer intensive courses.
- ☀️ Elizabeth successfully auditioning for Performers College
- ☀️ Saphyre successfully auditioning for London Studio Centre, being awarded the exceptional talent scholarship!
- ☀️ Dance World Cup 2024 in Prague.
- ☀️ Qualifying for Dance World Cup 2025 with amazing results
- ☀️ Amazing results at All England Regionals and Finals being awarded gold, silver & bronze medals!
- ☀️ Many dancers having successes with associate programmes including Central School of Ballet & London Junior Ballet.
- ☀️ Performance Platform finals in February and then preliminaries for 2025 with Lulu, Holly, Bella & Ruby through to finals.
- ☀️ School show at the Wycombe Swan with over 250 pupils taking part.
- ☀️ 35 of our dancers represented our school performing at Sadlers Wells.
- ☀️ Fantastic exam results in RAD ballet, ISTD modern & tap & Acrobatic Arts.
- ☀️ Lotte, Lexi & Saphyre successfully auditioning to be part of the new Grade 6 syllabus video with The Royal Academy of Dance.
- ☀️ Royal Academy of Dance South East Awards finals - We won all three sections - Annalise Group 1, Florence Group 2 & Bella Group 3 with Lotte & Lulu both runner ups in group 3!
- ☀️ Dancers performing with English Youth Ballet & Pantomimes.
- ☀️ Windsor Christmas Light Switch On.
- ☀️ Clemmie successfully auditioning to dance alongside the Royal Ballet in Cinderella at The Royal Opera House.

It really was the most fabulous year filled with many special memories and outstanding achievements and dreams fulfilled. We are excited to see what 2025 has in store for us!

Happy New Year to all of our dancers at The Rhodes Academy of Dance . . . Let's go 2025!

Sadlers Wells

On Sunday 17th November, we took a troupe of 35 dancers to perform at the home of dance 'Sadlers Wells Theatre'. It was the most amazing day and every dancer performed their hearts on such a famous stage. Each and every one of you were absolutely amazing and represented the school impeccably!



Performance Platform

Congratulations to all of our dancers that competed at this event. Many congratulations to Lulu on placing 2nd and Holly 3rd in the Vocational 1 section. They will both go on to the finals in February along with Bella & Ruby who also qualified.

The Royal Ballet - Cinderella

Many congratulations to Clemmie who successfully auditioned to perform in Cinderella with the Royal Ballet at the Royal Ballet Opera House. What an incredible experience dancing alongside the Royal Ballet Company!

Pantomime season!

Huge congratulations to our dancers that successfully auditioned and danced over the Christmas & New Year in the Junior Ensemble. Willow performed in Aladdin at the Wycombe Swan and Ava in Aladdin at the Beck Theatre.

Dance World Cup 2025

We are incredibly proud of all of our dancers that have got through to the final of Dance World Cup 2025 to represent England. They will be travelling to Burgos in Spain in July this year to compete.

-  Ophelia, Clemmie, Aitana & Willow - Mini Ballet Quartet.
-  Olivia, Annalise, Evelyn & Pippa - Children's Ballet Quartet.
-  Lotte & Lulu – Junior Ballet Duet.
-  Bella & Edith – Children Ballet Duet.
-  Willow, Aitana & Clemmie- Mini Ballet Trio.
-  Lulu - Junior Ballet Soloist.
-  Bella - Children Ballet Soloist.
-  Bella - Children Ballet Repertoire Soloist.
-  Olivia - Children ballet soloist.
-  Oscar - Mini Boys Ballet Soloist.
-  Clemmie - Mini Ballet Soloist.

As well as the above, we have also qualified the following seven ballet groups! Congratulations to all of our dancers and to Miss Megan on your amazing choreography!

We are looking for sponsors and if your business should wish to sponsor our team, please contact me; heidrhodes@btinternet.com and I will put you in touch with our fundraising team.

RAD Ballet examinations

Many congratulations to all of our dancers that took their Ballet exams in the Autumn term with amazing results! Primary, Grade 2, Grade 3 & Grade 6 - 22 Golds & 11 Silvers!

I applaud you all and the quote below is so very true!

“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.”



Tracksuits

We will be doing an order for the new tracksuits in the half term break (February). If you would like to place an order, please email heidirhodes@btinternet.com stating item and size required. Payment will be due once the order is made.

Items

Jackets - £39.00 + VAT for adult sizes
Leggings - £31.00 + VAT for adult sizes
Joggers - £31.00 + VAT for adult sizes

Age 3/4, 5/6, YS 7/8, YM 9/10, YL 11/12, YXL 13 years, AS Adult Small & AM Adult Medium. It is a good idea to ask an existing mum if you could try on for size!

Please state if ordering girls or boys as the pink is replaced with white.

Photo – Dance World Cup team



Global Dance Competition

Congratulations to Lulu who competed at Global Dance Open with wonderful results.

2nd place – Repertoire solo

3rd place – Ballet solo



Windsor Christmas light switch on!

Did you see our wonderful dancers dancing at this great local event? All of our dancers performed beautifully (albeit rather cold!) with the superb background of the castle!



Second hand uniform

We will be having a 2nd hand dance wear sale at the studio (upstairs) on Saturday 11th January from 10:00 – 12:00 (cash only please). If you have any items to donate, please bring along! All proceeds go into the school fund.

If you are after any particular uniform during the term, please visit our private Facebook group;

TRAD LEOTARD AND UNIFORM SALE

Ballet shoes . . . are designed to support a dancers young foot, therefore, please do not buy shoes from Amazon, Temu, Wish, H&M or any other supplier that is not a professional dance shop.

Junior Classes

We now have spaces in the following classes;

Teddy Tappers & Mini Modern

Saturday 10:15 – 10:45 Age 3 - 5 years

Mini Acrobatic Arts

Saturday 10:50 – 11:35 Age 3 – 5 years

Acrobatic Arts

Tuesday (All Levels)

Primary Modern & Tap

Tuesday 4:00 – 4:30 Age 5 – 7 years



BACK TO BALLET CLASSES

FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY

10:00-10:30 | Age 4-5
10:30-11:00 | Age 6-7
11:00-11:45 | Age 8-9
12:00-1:00 | Age 9-11
1:00-2:00 | Age 12-15

Get back in to the swing of dance ready for the new dancing term!

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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 dancer's appearance and it is so important for the discipline of dance.

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

Branded Dancewear Squad Dancewear are our suppliers for 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 <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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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!

School communication

Follow us on Instagram – [therhodesacademyofdance](https://www.instagram.com/therhodesacademyofdance)

The Rhodes Academy of Dance (facebook page)

TRAD Private Group (Private group)

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