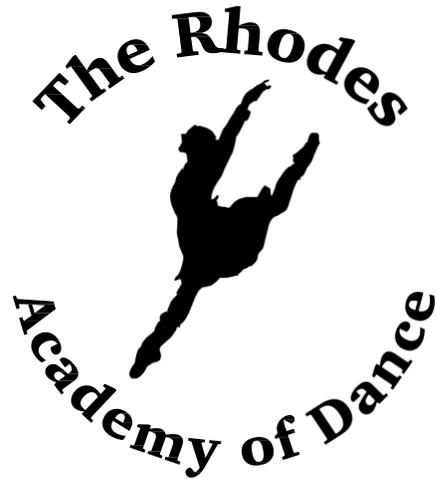




## Term Dates 2025

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September –  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Half term  
20<sup>th</sup> October – 2nd November  
\*\* 2 WEEKS \*\*



## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

### 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<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### Newsletter Highlights

- Pupil Successes
- **Musical Theatre classes \*NEW\***
- Save the date – Awards 2025 (separate newsletter to follow) & Show 2026.
- Uniform ordering.
- Kerith – New waiting procedures.

## Welcome Back!

I do hope that you have all had a lovely summer and have managed to spend some time with your families and relax a little?

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 website. [www.therhodesacademyofdance.co.uk](http://www.therhodesacademyofdance.co.uk). There is a separate section on ordering uniform at the end of this newsletter.

Due to ever increasing costs and a very heavy increase in Rent, we will be increasing our fees this year. Invoices will be emailed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

'Break a leg' to our dancers that will be performing at Thorpe Park '**Fright Night**' on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and good luck to all of our pupils that are starting new schools this term.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Miss Heidi x

## Pupil Success

### Dance World Cup – Finals

Congratulations to our amazing team that qualified and competed at Dance World cup finals in Burgos – Spain in July . . . With over 80000.00 competitors from over 75 countries! The competition was absolutely astounding and we were delighted to come back with medals and nearly everything placing in the top 10!

### Dance World Cup Results

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sailors, Mini Large Ballet Group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Springtime Melody, Mini Small Ballet Group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Experience, Children’s large ballet Group
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clemmie, Aitana, Ophelia & Willow, Mini Ballet Quartet
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Rossa, Junor small group
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Lulu, Junior Ballet solo
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Bella, Junior Ballet solo
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Clemmie, Aitana & Willow, Mini Ballet trio
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Clemmie, Mini Ballet solo
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Oscar, Mini Ballet solo (boys)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Classique, Children’s Large Ballet Group
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Lotte & Lulu, Junior Ballet duet
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Bella & Edith, Children’s Ballet duet
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Bella – Children’s Repertoire Ballet solo
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Pippa, Edith, Annalise & Olivia, Children’s Ballet quartet
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Waltz, Children’s small Ballet Group
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Olivia & Pippa, Children’s Ballet duet

### Team Rhodes!



### Little Mozart

Congratulations to our pupil Carla who is currently playing ‘Little Mozart’ in Saving Mozart at the Other Palace Theatre. Such a wonderful achievement for you Carla and so very deserved. We are delighted to hear that you are loving every second of performing and we are very proud of you!



### National Youth Music Theatre

After a successful audition, Arrabella was selected to take part in a two-week residential course with the National Youth Music Theatre (NYMT) for their production of Tuck Everlasting. After the residential Arrabella performed at the prestigious Birmingham Hippodrome. What an incredible opportunity and unforgettable experience! We’re so proud of you, Arrabella, and we hope you enjoyed every moment.

### Summer School

Royal Ballet Summer intensive – Aaliyah, Ruby, Lulu & Aitana.  
 English National Ballet - Jemima  
 Rambert – Bella, Ophelia & Elizabeth.  
 Tap Attack – Imogen & Willow.  
 Global Dance Open – Lexi, Lotte, Bella & Holly.  
 Fit the Mould - Edith, Holly, Annalise, Imogen, Jess, Lotte & Lexi.

## Pupil Success

### Rock the Rec!

Many congratulations to all of our pupils that performed at 'Rock the Rec' on Sunday! A great time was had by all!



### Royal Academy of Dance Vocational Ballet exams

Many congratulations to Olivia, Pippa, Jessica, Eilidh, Thea, Bella, Edith, Holly, Arrabella, Lexi, Aaliyah, Ruby, Lulu & Lotte who took their RAD Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate & Advanced Foundation Ballet examination with a 100% pass success with results from High Merit to High Distinction! An incredible achievement to pass this vocational examination with such amazing results.



**Goodbye and Good luck** to our pupils who are leaving us to further their education at Vocational school or university, you will be greatly missed! 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;

Pippa & Olivia – The Royal Ballet School – White Lodge

Katie – Nottingham Trent to study Business Management and Marketing.

Bryony – York University to study Archaeology

Alexandra – Not know at time of publish

Katie & Chloe taking their final Grade 8 Ballet exam!



# Pupil Success



## **RAD Ballet examinations**

Congratulations to all of our dancers that took their Ballet exam in the summer term. A 100% pass mark with results from Merit – High Distinction. Exams ranging from Pre-Primary – Grade 8!

## **ISTD Modern & Tap examinations**

Congratulations to all of our dancers that took their Modern & Tap exams in the summer term. A 100% pass mark with results from Merit – Distinction. Exams ranging from Primary – Grade 3.  
Special mention to Evelyn, Annalise, Polly & Adriana who all received 90% or over!



## **The Royal Ballet School – Junior Associates**

Many congratulations to Ophelia for gaining a place of this prestigious course. Ophelia will join Clemmie, Enya, Juliette, Aitana & Rosabella who are currently Junior Associates.

## **The Royal Ballet School – Mid Associates**

Amazing news for Bella who has been offered a place as an Mid Associate, so deserved and we are exceptionally proud of you! Bella will join Eilidh & Holly who are currently MA's and also Annalise & Evelyn who start the MA Programme in September.

## **The Royal Ballet School – Senior Associates**

Good luck to Aaliyah & Lulu who start their Senior Associate journey in September!

## **The Royal Ballet school online class**

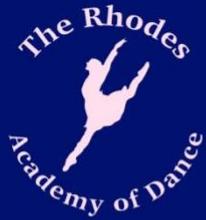
Congratulations to Darcey and Oscar who have been offered the online JA course.

*The photo shows all of our associates including Juju & Rosie who are currently in full time training at White Lodge along with Pippa & Olivia who will be joining them in September!*

*Some of our Pre-Primaries looking gorgeous and exam ready!*



# Now Enrolling for September



## MUSICAL Theatre



The Royal Academy of Dance Musical Theatre syllabus has been devised to meet the training needs of young performers who demonstrate a keen interest in the study of musical theatre.

The syllabus is devised to offer a progressive structure on which performers can build skills but also develop knowledge and understanding of the history and the context. The purpose of the higher grades is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the scope of musical theatre and to build a portfolio that would enable participants to confidently audition for a range of training institutions based on their audition requirements.

All participants studying musical theatre can develop a range of transferable skills which include communication, problem solving, time management, critical thinking, team work, attention to detail, commitment, adaptability and the ability to accept feedback and evaluate progress and self-reflection.

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 2025 • CLASSES ON TUESDAY EVENING**

For more information email: [heidirhodes@btinternet.com](mailto:heidirhodes@btinternet.com)

### Musical Theatre

#### Royal Academy of Dance

We have some exciting news regarding a new genre that we will be introducing to the school in September. I am delighted (and over the moon) for our school to have been selected to be on the RAD pilot scheme for the new RAD Musical Theatre grades!

#### **FREE Trial class**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

4:00 – 4:45 Mini – Age 5 – 7 years  
4:45 – 5:45 Junior – Age 8 – 9 years  
5:45 – 6:30 Senior – Age 13 years +  
6:30 – 7:30 Inter – Age 10 – 12 years

***Limited spaces remaining!***

For further information and to reserve a place on the above trial, please email

[heidirhodes@btinternet.com](mailto:heidirhodes@btinternet.com)

**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.**



## Save the Date!

*A day to celebrate all of our dancers achievements over 2024 & 2025.*

***Awards & Presentation 2025***

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**Norden Farm Arts Centre, Maidenhead**

*Separate email to follow*

*A time for us all to sparkle in our 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Show.*

***Summer show 2026***

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Wycombe Swan, High Wycombe**

### Secondhand uniform

Please visit our private Facebook group;

**TRAD LEOTARD AND UNIFORM SALE**

# Schools Uniform

**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** Our new leotards can be purchased direct from Dans-Ez from the following website;

*Copy & paste into your browser*

<https://dans-ez.com/collections/rhodes-academy-of-dance>

## **Royal Academy of Dance – Ballet**

Baby Ballerinas – Pink leotard/tutu

Petite Ballerinas/Pre-Primary & Primary – Pink skirted cap sleeved leotard

Grades 1 & 2 – Burgundy sleeveless leotard

Grades 3, 4 & 5 – Navy sleeveless leotard

Grade 6 – 8 – Black cap sleeved leotard & black skirt

## **ISTD Modern & Tap**

Pre-Primary Tap & Primary Modern – Pink & Navy Leotard & Navy shorts

Primary Tap & Grade 1 Modern - Pink & Navy Leotard & Navy shorts

Grade 1 Modern & Tap - Pink & Navy Leotard & Navy shorts

Grade 2 Tap & Modern – Regulation Ballet 'Burgundy' Leotard & Navy Shorts

Grade 3 Tap & Modern - Regulation Ballet 'Navy blue' Leotard & Navy Shorts

Grade 4 & Above Modern & Tap – Regulation Ballet 'Black' Leotard & footless tights

*With the mix of graded dancers in Modern & Tap classes, we wish to ensure that all dancers look the same. Should you be unsure, please ask Miss Lucy for clarification.*

All shoes, character skirt and accessories can be purchased from the following website

<https://www.rhodesacademyofdance.co.uk/uniform-shops/> follow the link 'Online shop'.

**Branded Dancewear** Squad Dancewear are our suppliers for branded uniform – T-Shirts/onesies/sweatshirts..

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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## 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 it 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.

## Kerith Building

Unfortunately, due to the considerable mess that is left in Kerith on a regular basis, there will not be a facility to wait in the building anymore. All parents and dancers must wait in our studio building until 5 minutes before the start/end of their class. I really cannot expect our teachers to clear up the toilets and entrance area once they have finished teaching and I would rather not have to go down every morning to tidy up unnecessary mess. At no time is anyone allowed behind the counter to the coffee shop and water bottles must be filled in the kitchen in our studio. As Kerith now have a functioning coffee shop, they must adhere to all health & safety procedures.

Please ensure that all dancers bags and belongings are taken into the Kerith studio and not left outside.

We really value the use of this space and really do not want to lose this facility. Please ensure that the above procedures are followed.