



# Newsletter Summer 2025

## A message from our Principal

Welcome back to the Summer term, which is already turning into a another very busy term! I do hope that you enjoy reading all of our amazing achievements over the spring term and an enormous well done to everyone. Please make sure that you put future dates in your diaries **now** to save disappointment for your dancers! *Miss Heidi xx*

### Term Dates 2024

22<sup>nd</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Half term 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May  
2<sup>nd</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> July

Classes recommence  
following the summer break  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September



### 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**

*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**

### Dance opportunity!

#### **Thorpe Park – Fright Night!**

Very exciting news . . . We have secured a performance opportunity in a show to take place at Thorpe Park on **SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER at 6:30pm!** The rehearsals will take place at our school and we will have 2 slots in the show. The dancers will have the opportunity to spend the day in the park enjoying the rides before getting ready to perform at around 5pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in such a reputable event! I am currently working on a document that will outline rehearsal dates and all costs involved, however, we only have 30 places that will go really fast in the school and therefore, please register your interest with me as soon as possible! Email: [heidirhodes@btinternet.com](mailto:heidirhodes@btinternet.com) to register your interest! (Age 6 years +) Please remember it's Fright night before applying!.

### New Uniform & suppliers

Very exciting news . . . We will be launching our new uniform over the summer! We have listened to your comments and feedback and have decided to move to new suppliers who provide a more superior quality and service. IDS have been our suppliers for many years, however, following the takeover of the company we feel that both the quality and service have severely lapsed. Please do not buy new uniform this term (Saturday Grade 6 will naturally remain the same) and we will phase out the old uniform over the Autumn term. We have also tried hard to keep the uniform consistent over all genres of dance.

**More information to follow soon!**

# Congratulations dancers!

## **RAD Ballet examinations**

Many congratulations to all of our dancers who took their Ballet exams in the Spring term with amazing results! Pre-Primary, Grade 1, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 & Discovering Repertoire 2 - 19 Golds & 24 Silvers! Congratulations to you all!



## **The Royal Ballet School White Lodge**

We are incredibly proud that following auditions from over 1300 dancers that auditioned for 14 places, Olivia & Pippa are off to follow their dreams at the UK's top Ballet school in September! They will join our other pupils Rosie, Florence and Juju and study full time at the school in Richmond Park.

*"Best friends & Duet partners  
Pippa & Olivia"*



## **The Royal Ballet School Associates**

Many congratulations to all of our dancers that successfully auditioned for Associates with The Royal Ballet School. Lulu & Aaliyah – Senior Associates and Evelyn & Annalise – Mid Associates. They will join our current associates – Holly & Eilidh - Mid Associates and Aitana, Clemmie, Rosie & Enya - Junior Associates.

## **TAP Attack!!!**

A huge 'Well done' to Imogen S who has successfully auditioned for 'Tap Attack'.

Tap Attack is one of the most renowned tap dance specialists. It comprises a performance company, a national training programme and the Great Britain Tap team!

## **Silver Swans**

3 of our Adult Ballet students returned to the examination room for their RAD Discovering Repertoire 2 Ballet examination and all received a gold!

*"Congratulations Miss Sophie,  
Chantelle & Jenny"*





The studio is a place where friendships for life and dreams are made!

**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.

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

Please visit our private facebook group;

**TRAD LEOTARD AND UNIFORM SALE**

### **Summer Intensive at the Studio!**

**Keep dancing over the summer and Join us for three days of dance!**

Please email Miss Megan (see below) to reserve a place and for further information.

**The Rhodes Academy of Dance**

**SUMMER INTENSIVE**

**27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**REGISTER NOW**

 [megandanellarhodes@icloud.com](mailto:megandanellarhodes@icloud.com)

## Uniform & Hair

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.

## 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 neighbor'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.



## School Communication



The Rhodes Academy of Dance (facebook page)  
TRAD Private Group (Private group)  
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Follow us on instagram – therhodesacademyofdance

## Facebook posts

Please note: Due to child safeguarding we will not be accepting or replying to any 'Anonymous' posts on our social media.

*Thank you for your understanding*