

AUTUMN TERM TIMETABLE AND OTHER INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Pupils,

I am pleased to present the autumn term timetable which comes into effect when the new term commences in September. We have made a number of amendments and added several new classes which we are sure will be of great benefit to our pupils.

Term Dates Autumn 2016

Autumn Term commences **Monday 12th September** and will end after classes on **Saturday 10th December**. The school will break for half term from **Monday 24th to Saturday 29th October**.

Which class is for my child?

- **Infant Ballet, Modern and Tap** For girls and boys aged 4 and 5 years (Reception and Year 1) The classes are still Saturday morning **10.00 - 10.30** for Tap and **10.45 - 11.30** for Ballet and Modern which will continue to be offered as 2 classes for the price of 1.
- **Those pupils moving into Year Two and Three** will attend **Grade 1 Tap from 9.00 - 9.40** and **Primary Ballet/Grade 2 Modern from 9.45-10.45**. The Modern and Ballet will continue to be offered as a 2 for the price of 1 deal. For Year 2 and 3 pupils there is also the option of iPerform, Acro, Junior Hip Hop and Junior Jazz.
- **Year 4 pupils** The Grade 1 Ballet classes are **Thursday 4.00 - 4.45** and **Saturday 9.00-9.45**. **Grade 1 Tap class 9.45-10.30** and **Grade 3 Modern at 10.45 - 11.30**.
- Please see the note below regarding those pupils who wish to take the ballet exams and commitment to both lessons each week.
- Year 4 pupils are also reminded of the new Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, Acro and iPerform classes.
- **All pupils of Year 4** and above who wish to study for ballet exams must attend 2 ballet classes per week. Attendance at 2 classes is necessary in order for us to meet the required learning hours as recommended by the RAD examining board. If your child does not wish to participate in the examinations then attendance at one class per week will be adequate and they will still be involved in our shows within the ballet group, just not the exam.
- The ballet classes your child should attend are as follows: **Year 4 - Thursday 4.00 and Saturday 9.00, Year 5 and 6 - Tuesday 4.15 and Thursday 5.30, Year 7 - 9 - Monday 5.15, Tuesday 5.15, Thursday 4.45 and Saturday 1.15 (attend at least 2), Year 10 and 11 - Monday 5.15, Tuesday 5.15, Saturday 1.15**
- **Year 5 and above pupils** It is hoped that all pupils of Year 5 and upwards will embrace all that our school has to offer. The timetable makes it easy to identify which classes are for you but if anyone has any queries regarding which class then please just ask!
- **iPerform classes** will continue to be split into 3 groups - Junior, Intermediate and Senior. All groups will run for 2 hours with 3 rotations during the afternoon between Drama, Dance and Singing.
- **Acro Classes**
- Junior Acro classes have now moved to a **Saturday 12.15 - 1.15**. These classes are open to pupils from Reception to Year 4 but places are strictly limited to 20 children. **The classes are not included as part of the associate deal and must be paid for in cash each week please.** Classes are £4 a week. Those pupils who already attend on a Monday are given first refusal on the places which means we have space for 12 new pupils. Please contact me to put your child's name down for these classes
- Open age Acro classes are commencing on a **Monday evening 4.00 - 5.00**. Open to pupils from Year 5 and upwards and again with limited availability. Please see me to reserve your child's place in the class.
- **Contemporary Classes** Will now be offered to all pupils Year 3 and upwards on a Saturday morning. Our pupils are extremely lucky to be offered the chance to take contemporary from such a young age. Pupils will benefit hugely from these classes which will be a welcome addition to the timetable. **Open Age is Year 7 upwards on Saturday 10.30 - 11.30** and **Junior is Year 3-6 at 11.30 - 12.15**
- **Hip Hop Classes** are being moved to a Tuesday evening. We hope this will not put you off attending these classes and are happy to welcome any new members.
- **Boys Street Dance classes** If there is sufficient demand we are keen to get a boys-only Street dance class up and running on a **Tuesday evening 4.15 - 5.00**. Please can you let me know if your son, nephew, neighbour may be interested.
- **Competition Team Classes** will continue on a Wednesday evening. We are re-opening the classes to new members who wish to be a part of our competition team. The Junior team training classes will run from 4.15 - 5.15 and the Senior classes 6.15 - 7.15. To attend the training classes you must be a full associate member of the school attending 2 ballet classes, modern, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary and iPerform. Attendance at the training classes does not guarantee your place in the competition dances which will be rehearsed in the 5.15 - 6.15 slot. You will be invited to attend this rehearsal slot at our discretion after having attended at least one full term of the training classes. Full commitment to training and rehearsals in addition to your regular classes is expected. Classes are payable weekly at £4 a class.

Intermediate Foundation Ballet Classes (Yr 6-10 pupils)

- The Intermediate Foundation classes are to be held on Mondays from 5.00-6.15 and an extra class on Saturday 1.45-2.30. This class is an optional extra and is slightly different to the Grade examinations that your child has been taking part in up to now. The RAD Vocational Graded Examinations are available to those children who are serious in their commitment to Ballet and may wish to consider Dance as a career.
- Those eligible to take the classes are the Year 6-10 pupils who have taken the Grade 2 exam and are working towards Grade 3 or 4. Those pupils who attend the Monday class will also be able to attend the Saturday free ballet class which will focus mainly on pointe work and allegro (jumping).

Payment of Fees

- There will be no increase in term fees and we will continue to offer our excellent Associate discount scheme.
- To clarify our Associate fees programme - Juniors are up to Year 6 and pay £160 a term. Seniors are Year 7 upwards and pay £200.
- The **PPD** (Prompt Payment Discount) is offered to those who pay their fees by **the date which is clearly shown on the invoice**.
- **There are a small number of people who are consistently late in paying fees and with this in mind I must advise that anyone who is late paying fees in the Autumn term will no longer be entitled to the discount for the following term. I hope you appreciate my predicament and will endeavour to pay fees on time to avoid loss of the discount benefit.**

Method of payment of Fees

- Fees may be paid by cash, cheque or **ideally by Bank Transfer**. To set up a bank transfer please make fees payable to A.Hamilton Sort code: 09-06-66 Account number: 41772286. Your reference is your child's name.
- I am happy for payment by Standing Order on a monthly basis if this assists with finances. Please see me for more information.

Introduce a Friend Promotion

We are always keen to welcome new faces and this term we are offering a chance for you to bring along a friend for free. The free trial offers 3 consecutive lessons of one subject for free. In the event that a friend would like to attend a trial please register by email: info@hamiltondanceanddrama.co.uk or telephone: 0151 548 4776.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER AND SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!