

Dear Parents and Pupils,

I am writing this off the back of what was a wonderfully sunny weekend and am hopeful that we haven't seen the last of summer for this year! It's crazy to think we are now coming to the end of the school year and what a great year it has been. We still have plenty going on between now and the end of term and as usual there is lots of information in our newsletter so I hope you will please take a few minutes to read through and take note of anything which applies to you.

Kind Regards,

Anneliese Hamilton-Stevens

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Half Term Holiday: Sat 26th May to Thurs 31st May incl.**  
**Term Ends: Saturday 14th July**

## SUMMER TERM EXAMS

Modern and Tap Exams will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Friday 25th March.

Exams have also been booked for the second half of the summer term as follows:

**17th July 2018** - Modern: Grade 4, 5 and Intermediate

**17th July 2018** - Tap: Primary Tap

**Requested 10th July** - Ballet: Primary, Grade 1, 4 and 5

## Maghull Community Sports Day

We are delighted to have been invited to perform once again at Maghull Community Sports Day on Saturday 23rd June at 1.30pm. Letters will be distributed shortly to those involved in the performance.

## NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

### BALLET LEOTARDS

A new range of ballet leotards have been introduced and are available to order from the school. Whilst these are not currently compulsory to wear for lessons they will be gradually phased in as older leotards become too small.

### DANCE AND LEISUREWEAR

Our dance and leisurewear range is a customised range consisting of Crop Tops, Leggings, Training Shorts and Jackets. These items will be compulsory for all free classes - Contemporary, Jazz, Commercial, Limbering and Acro and orders will be made once a term due to the production time. Our next order will be made at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

## END OF TERM PARTY!

**SATURDAY 14TH JULY - 2.30PM ONWARDS**

## EMAIL COMMUNICATION AND GDPR

As some of you may be aware there are new Data Protection rules coming into operation in the next couple of weeks. I will shortly be contacting everybody requesting your permission for the school to use your email details to contact you and for your permission to retain your child's details whilst they are pupils at our school. This information is used for keeping registers, for contacting you in emergencies and for administration relating to examination entries. In the event that you are not happy for this information to be held I ask that you advise me at the earliest convenience please.

With regards to the issues with group emails I have handed the problem to the website guy in the hope that he can help so please bare with me for now!

## Facebook Communication

- The dancing school Facebook - Hamilton Dance is used to communicate messages to parents and often used for last minute changes to class times.
- Please ensure you have your Facebook account set to see our posts first to avoid missing out on any relevant information.

## Mobile Phone

- It has been mentioned several times that my mobile number is a private phone so please be considerate when messaging. My 'business hours' are between 9am and 7pm during the week and 9am to 2.30pm on a Saturday. Please try and restrict text messages to these times.

## FEES INCREASE - SEPTEMBER 2018

It is with regret that I give notice of an increase in our scale of fees to take effect from September. The fees have remained unchanged for several years now whilst our timetable has been constantly evolving and offering more and more classes for no extra charge! I am proud of our extensive timetable and still believe our fees will prove to be excellent value for money but unfortunately the increase has been unavoidable. Letters will be sent home shortly detailing our new fees structure and information on new payment options.

## ISTD JANET CRAM AWARDS/LYDIATE FESTIVAL 2018

Sunday 6th May was a very busy day for our dancers who were out in force at the Lydiate Festival and the Janet Cram Awards in Crewe. As always our dancers represented the school in such a positive way and you continue to make all the teachers and your parents incredibly proud! Congratulations to you all and a special mention to Lucie who goes through to the London Finals!

## iPerform Show

Our end of year Musical Theatre show has been confirmed for Sunday 1st July 2018 and will take place in Maghull High School Arts Theatre  
**The show will involve our iPerform groups and a number of other dances from our Jazz, Hip Hop and Contemporary classes.**

## Choreography Competition

Details to follow but the choreography competition will take place on the same day as the iPerform show. This is your chance to show the teachers how it should be done! Open to all pupils Year 1 and above - please get working on those routines now!!