



## SPRING TERM CLASSES COMMENCE

Saturday 6th January 2024

The office is open for telephone callers,  
pre-term, from Wednesday 3rd January



We hope you have enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and are looking forward to 2024 with renewed energy. THANK YOU, from all the team, for your generous Christmas gifts which were very much appreciated.

We have pleasure in enclosing herewith your invoice for the spring term (please note that invoices for new students, and those who started with us at the end of last term, will be sent w/c 22nd January). We should be grateful to receive payment by BACS if at all possible or by providing your credit/debit card information. **Please be reminded that we no longer accept cheques and would prefer not to receive cash.** Please remember to include your account reference on all communication with us.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to everyone who took a Modern, Tap, Jazz and/or Ballet examination at the end of last term. We are delighted that you achieved 100% success and take this opportunity to thank your teachers, too, on great results. Well done, everyone! The results are published in the members' section of our website and reports are enclosed with this newsletter.



### TEACHERS' QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS

We are proud to be approved by the ISTD to offer training for their teaching qualifications. Huge congratulations, therefore, to Katie O'Donnell (Miss Katie) and Jenni Stafford for passing Unit 4 of the Cecchetti Diploma in Dance Education (DDE), and to Mark Allison for achieving his Cecchetti Licentiate qualification.

### PRIZEGIVING

We are very aware that we did not hold a Prizegiving event in September and apologise to anyone who was disappointed. Time and finances simply did not allow for this to go ahead and so certificates from exam sessions during the 2022/23 academic year will be given to students at their classes during the first couple of weeks of this term. Thank you for your understanding.



### UNIFORM

New uniform is introduced at Standard 2 Ballet, Grade 2 Modern & Tap, Standard 4 Ballet, Grade 5 Modern, Tap & Jazz, and at Vocational levels. There is absolutely no need to rush into the new colours! All uniform is available via the school - full details are available on our website.

## INVOICES & PAYMENT

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## TIMETABLE ALTERATIONS

With the passing of exams there are the inevitable changes to the timetable. We try to keep these to a minimum but advise you to check your Class Allocation Notice which details when and where are the classes for which you are registered. Our full timetable is published on our website but you should kindly note the following:

### Ballet

Intermediate on Mondays has been rescheduled 15 minutes earlier (6.00 pm) in order to accommodate a very necessary pointe work class, from 7.30 pm until 8.00 pm.

Senior Certificate and pointe work at CYGAMS HQ is now timed at 8.00 pm until 9.30 pm.

Grade 2 Ballet on Saturdays at Widford has been combined with Standard 2, 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm.

### Tap

Grade 5 Tap on Mondays has been discontinued.

The Saturday Grade 2 Tap class has been moved to 11.15 am for the Spring term only.

### Great Dunmow Branch

As detailed during the Christmas holiday to parents of children attending this branch, there are a number of changes to the timetable. Please refer to your Class Allocation Notice or view online.

### NEW CLASS

We are delighted to offer a Junior Jazzers class at our Great Dunmow Branch, specifically for students age 5 to 8 years. This 30-minute fun class will serve as an introduction to Commercial Jazz/Musical Theatre and enhance students' Ballet training. The first five lessons this term will be free of charge so we do hope you will want to give this a try.

## TEMPORARY CLASS ALTERATIONS - SPRING & SUMMER TERMS

Due to unforeseen circumstances it is sometimes necessary to implement class alterations. Please therefore be so good as to note the following:

CYGAMS HQ: There will be no classes at this venue on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January but they will be held, instead, at the end of term, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Widford Village Hall: There will be no classes at this venue on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February but they will be held instead at the end of term, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.



CYGAMS HQ: There will be no classes at this venue from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May inclusive but they will be held instead, pre-term, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Chelmer Village Hall: There will be no classes at this venue on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (local elections) but they will be held instead, pre-term, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.