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SUMMER TERM CLASSES START

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

**Pre-term the office will be open from 10 am until 1 pm
weekdays from 15th April**

PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER,

**that classes at CYGAMS HQ will commence on
Monday 15th April**

**and that classes at CHELMER VILLAGE will commence on
Thursday 18th April**

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you have had a great spring term and are enjoying some respite over the Easter break. Our end of term exams have now taken place and so it's time to put our feet up for a while. However, work in the office continues with new systems being brought into place . . . read on!

With kind regards,

*Elisabeth and Geoff
Principal and Partner*



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with your friends.
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welcome



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New System



We are about to join the 21st Century and upload all our registers to the cloud (Miss Swan is having a melt-down!). Please bear with us as we all get used to the new system of marking attendances and absences. A portal on the new system, which is called Class Manager, is available to you to enable you to let us know of any absences, and to update us with any personal information, such as a new telephone number, for example.

You will receive an invitation from Class Manager by email, on our behalf, headed with our name and logo. Follow the guidance in the email, then simply click on the link and follow the instructions to gain access to your Dashboard.

Update Your Information

This is potentially the last time you will be receiving information from us in hard copy. We should be grateful, therefore, if you would kindly login to the Class Manager portal and check the accuracy of the information we hold for your account. In particular, please make sure that we have your correct email address as this is where we will be sending such as invoices, newsletters, exam notifications etc, and your current telephone number (ideally mobile phone) so that we can get in touch with you in an emergency.



PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY CORRESPONDENCE FROM OUR NEW SYSTEM WILL COME FROM no-reply@app.classmanager.com. PLEASE ADD THIS TO YOUR CONTACT LIST.

Permission Please



In an effort to provide engaging pictures for use in school publicity we should be grateful if you would kindly give permission for school staff to photograph and/or video your child(ren) in class or at exams. We appreciate that not everyone is comfortable with this but hope that you will appreciate that we wish to represent the school in a true fashion, rather than use “stock” photos. Please tick the permissions box on your record on the portal.

We Have Space!

With the approach of a new term we would love to welcome some more new students, in particular to our Ballet With Your Bear classes. This 30-minute Foundation level class is ideal for 3 and 4 year olds and is a step up from Baby Ballet. CAN YOU HELP? We have leaflets and posters for all branches so, if you know of any outlets who would promote our classes, please do let us know.

We give you a £10 voucher to be used against your termly fees for a successful introduction (*terms & conditions apply*).



Summer Term Timetable



Although we try to keep timetable changes to an absolute minimum the completion of exams does mean that students move to new classes, and this involves some re-arrangement of the weekly schedule. Thank you to everyone who has responded over the past couple of weeks with feedback regarding suggested changes, and please accept our apologies if the changes have caused any inconvenience.

Our full timetable is published on our website but, mainly, the changes are as follows:

Ballet & Contemporary Dance

Standard 1 at Beaulieu has now been replaced with Standard 2. As a consequence the Contemporary Dance class will start and finish 15 minutes later, from 5.45 pm—6.45 pm;
 Standard 2 at Widford on Saturdays has moved to the earlier time of 1.30 pm—2.30 pm. The time of the Grade 2 class remains unchanged (2.30 pm—3.30 pm);
 Grade 6 has replaced Grade 5 on Fridays at CYGAMS HQ;
 The times for all but the Primary and Standard 1 ballet classes at our Great Dunmow Branch have changed - please refer to your class allocation notice.

Modern , Tap & Jazz Awards

Grade 5 Tap at Widford on Mondays has replaced the Grade 4 Tap class;
 Grade 6 Modern has been reintroduced to the timetable, Mondays, 7.15 pm—8.15 pm at Widford Village Hall;
 Grade 2 Modern on Saturdays has moved to 9.30 am—10.30 am at the Farthing Hall, followed by Grade 2 Tap, 10.30 am—11.30 am;
 The time of Grade 3 Tap at the Farthing Hall on Saturdays has changed to 11.30 am—12.30 pm.

Musical Theatre & Commercial Jazz

The Senior Great Dunmow classes have swapped times with Musical Theatre from 12.30 pm—1.30 pm, and Commercial Jazz from 1.30 pm—2.30 pm.

Keeping Track

Do you have a tracker on your phone, to keep tabs on your children? Can they keep track of you, too? There's many a time, at the end of class, that students are phoning / texting parents to see where they are and whether they are on their way to collect them. Well, there is a free app for your iPhone or Android which you may want to investigate called Life360. You can form a bubble of people who you want to track, add places, view driving reports and even add tags to belongings, such as keys, so you can track and find these easily too. Check it out at <https://www.life360.com>.



**STOP
PRESS!**

**EASTER EXAM RESULTS CAN BE VIEWED AT
bit.ly/WestonExams**

Remaining Dates for the Academic Year 2023/2024

Summer Term 2024

Office opens	Monday 15th April 2024
Term commences	Saturday 20th April 2024 **
Bank Holiday (no classes)	Monday 6th May 2024
Half term (no classes)	Saturday 25th May to Saturday 1st June 2024 inc
Term ends	Monday 8th July 2024

** PLEASE NOTE REVISED START DATES FOR CYGAMS HQ AND CHELMER VILLAGE ON FRONT PAGE

Additional Classes - Can We Tempt You?

As well as our Ballet With Your Bear classes we have spaces in a number of others and we invite any of our current students, or their siblings or friends, to come along for a trial lesson:

MODERN MOVERS

A great introduction to Modern and Tap for 5 and 6 year-olds - just 30 minutes at Widford on Saturday mornings following Primary Ballet

JUNIOR JAZZERS

For 5 to 8 year olds this fun class on Saturdays at our Great Dunmow Branch provides an insight into Jazz and Modern Theatre Dance

GRADE 1 MODERN & TAP

Ideal for 7 and 8 year old beginners. Saturdays at Widford with Miss Ruth

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Offered for students age 11 years and upwards, Mondays at Beaulieu. No dance experience necessary but also a great supplement to other dance styles. Anyone even slightly serious about dance training should consider adding Contemporary to their skill-base

COMMERCIAL JAZZ

You've seen it on the TV, in music videos, adverts etc. Non-syllabus and totally fun these classes, offered for two age groups, are a great way to release tension at the end of the week - Springfield and Great Dunmow. Already doing ballet at these branches? Why not stay for Jazz?

MUSICAL THEATRE

If singing and drama is more your young person's 'thing' then this is right up their street. A great confidence-builder, this genre is offered at two levels at Great Dunmow. Why not tie it in with Commercial Jazz to make the journey worth-while (Costa Coffee just up the road at Tesco's)?

HOW CAN WE TEMPT YOU?

All additional classes are charged at a reduced rate

Come for a trial lesson – free of charge

The first term in any new subject attracts a 50% discount

All offers apply to siblings who, perhaps, are not already dancing with us

Temporary Class Alterations

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the following changes apply to the summer term:

CYGAMS HQ - There will be no classes at this venue for the whole of the week commencing Monday 20th May. Classes are being held, pre-term, from Monday 15th April.

CHELMER VILLAGE - Due to local elections there will be no classes at this venue on Thursday 2nd May. They are being held instead, pre-term, on Thursday 18th April.