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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022



SUMMER TERM DATES

(These also appear on jmdancingschool.com)

Returning to classes from week beginning **Saturday 23rd April**

No Monday classes on **2nd May**

Half term - no classes from **Saturday 28th May to Friday 3rd June**

Officially break up for summer on **Friday 8th July**

Extra Monday classes to make up for bank holiday on **Monday 11th July**.

FEES AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

Please take the time to read the details at the end of this newsletter for conditions and deadline regarding fee payments.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

6th, 7th & 8th May
22nd May

British Arts Awards Finals, Polish Centre, King Street, Hammersmith
British Arts Awards Finals, Greenwood Theatre, London Bridge

Saturday 9th July
Sunday 10th July

Annual Presentation Afternoon Rehearsal – ALL PUPILS Kings Langley School
JMDS 39th Annual Presentation Afternoon 2–6pm ALL PUPILS ★

6th, 13th, 14th, 20th July

Provisional dates for ISTD Ballet exams and British Arts Modern exams

Monday 1st August
Monday 8th August

Summer School - booster classes & workshops for all, Hobbs Hill Wood School
Summer School – dances to perform at our Summer School Show on 12th August

Sunday 30th October

JMDS Choreography Competition for all. Berkhamsted Civic Centre 2pm. All ages.

Thursday 1st December
December

British Arts Preliminary round. Woodhall Farm Community Centre 4.15pm TBC
British Arts Drama Exams

Thursday 20th January 2023

British Arts Preliminary round. Woodhall Farm Community Centre 4.15pm TBC

BOOSTERS AND SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

Our extremely popular Summer School will take place over two weeks at the start of August. I have been running

this for 20 years now and students of all ages, from very young to the most senior ones, always have a great time. They can take part for the first week or for both weeks. There will be an end-of-Summer-School show and this year we will have our wonderful tuck shop back again. Full details to follow in May. JMDS pupils and teachers always have such a lot of fun together. We have use of outdoor space and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. The kids love it!

SUMMER THEATRE TRIP TO LONDON TO SEE *GREASE*

Starring Peter Andre at the Teen Angel, this is open to ALL pupils, parents and siblings. Thursday 11th August. The coach will leave Hobbs Hill Wood School at 11.45am. Bring your picnic and picnic chairs for our stop in a London park before heading on to the Dominion Theatre for the matinee of *Grease*. I have secured 60 fabulous seats in the stalls for £49.50 each. The coach cost is £12 per head. Everyone welcome. Tickets will sell fast so please reserve yours now by emailing me & a bank transfer to J Wilson No 3, 30-80-49, 12564060. Please do not use this account for fees! Payment by 12th April please.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MUSICAL THEATRE CLASS FOR YOUNG STUDENTS – sing, dance & act

Miss Dani and I have decided to introduce a new Musical Theatre class so have restructured our existing classes on Fridays. We will now teach Musical Theatre from 5 years old. What a fun class this will be with Miss Dani: learning songs, acting and dance moves from well-known musicals will really build your child's confidence while they channel their inner Annie or Oliver! If your child would like to have a go, then please let me know. Our existing classes will now be 45 minutes instead of an hour, so be sure to head over to the Timetable & Fees page at jmdancingschool.com to check you have the right timings and the correct fees.

STRETCH, FLEX, TURNS AND LEAPS

To be able to perform modern dance well, our students really need to have flexible bodies. Our Friday class covers everything needed to be able to perform any form of dance to a high standard. Students welcome to Miss Dani's class on Fridays at Gadebridge Community Centre from 11 years.

BABY BALLET CLASSES

We have spaces in our Baby Ballet class for children age 3+ on Fridays 3.45pm at Woodhall Farm Community Centre. It's so important to have lots of little new ones that can one day become our seniors and advanced girls and boys. We'd love to see lots of new little faces! Please can you recommend JMDS to anyone with young children. The classes are fun, and not serious. Trial lessons are available with our lovely teachers without deposit. Our Saturday morning class is currently full, but I have a waiting list.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR COMPANY BALLET CLASSES OPEN TO ALL PUPILS

These classes are now open to any students who wish to progress and develop with classical ballet. They involve greater concentration on technique and a chance to develop artistry, and are 'free work' classes, meaning there is no set ISTD syllabus work. The Junior class is grade 2-4 and the Senior class is grade 5 upwards. The Company classes are not included in the family fee. Please contact Miss Jayne if your child wishes to join.

NEWS OF STUDENTS

Abi Fullard and **Lola Cronin** will be amongst our senior leavers in the summer, and both have secured offers at several prestigious performing arts colleges. How wonderful to have such a choice! Abi has accepted a place on the Musical Theatre degree course at Laine Theatre Arts in Epsom, while Lola has yet to decide whether to accept a place on the Music (Songwriting & Performance) degree course at Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, founded by Sir Paul McCartney, or at Leeds Conservatoire. **Phoebe Causer** will continue her ISTD teaching qualifications in ballet and modern at Momentum Performing Arts in Bushey.

NEWS OF OLD JMDS STUDENTS

Alex Bird is assistant choreographer on the new *Wonka* film, out next year, and choreographed *Buddy*, starring Timothee Chalamet and Calah Lane. She assisted choreographer Chris Gattelli (*Newsies*, *My Fair Lady*). It has, she says, been one of the best experiences of her life so far. **Jess Millson** is playing Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet* for the Bristol Shakespeare Society and won a university competition to stage and direct her own play, *When the Rain Hit London*.

UNIFORM

Please ensure all pupils are wearing the correct uniform in class. [A list can be seen on our website](#) plus contact details for Melanie Ward, our uniform and wardrobe manager. Belts MUST be worn. Hair must be in a bun for ballet and G3 modern upwards, and back in a very tidy ponytail for all other classes. There should be no stray hair in the

face. Please tuck in ballet-shoe laces. No watches, rings, necklaces, bracelets. Melanie can provide all your dancewear requirements and we even have her [fabulous video on how to do the perfect ballet bun](#). Why not have a look! This will be a great help to Baby Ballet parents! **JMDS red zip hoodies** can be ordered directly from me. They are £29 and sizes are by age. If you wish to order, please let me know the age of your child. Deadline for orders is 12th April.

POLITE REQUESTS TO PARENTS

- If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's classes, please can I ask you to contact me as it is not fair to take up a teacher's time when she is trying to start lessons promptly. It is important to me that every class gets its full time.
- As Principal, I would appreciate being informed of any auditions your child is to undertake, followed by an email to inform me how they got on. I would prefer not to see audition successes on Facebook prior to me being notified.
- Please can you kindly use the full title of 'Jayne Marie Dancing School' in application forms, panto and show programmes, and if you are kindly recommending the dance school to others.

Thank you for your consideration. It is much appreciated.

Payment of Fees – conditions, deadlines and how to pay – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

No invoices are sent out. All fees can be seen on the [Timetable & Fees page on the website](#)

- Bank transfers are welcome. Sort code: 30-94-08 Account: 01097687
- Cheques payable to J Wilson please and not JMDS or Jayne Marie Dancing School
- Cash MUST be the exact money in a named, securely sealed envelope. Teachers do not give change.
- **Please note that I require one month's notice in writing if a child no longer wants the class place. You have agreed to this when signing your child's registration form and these are kept on file as proof of your agreement. You will be subject to half a term's fees should this notice not be given. Notice must not be given verbally to teachers; it should be in writing or email to Miss Jayne: missjayne@jmdancingschool.com. This is usual practice for established dance schools.**
- All fees are due on the first lesson of term, but you have two weeks to pay before a surcharge is made.
- You may give your payment to teachers, post directly to me, or pay by bank transfer. Teachers only collect in the first two weeks of term, so please bring the money with you on the first lesson or ensure your child takes it with him/her to hand in to any teacher. No payment should be given to teachers after **Saturday 7th May**
- All fees must be in my office by **Sunday 8th May**. Late fee letters will be posted/emailed on the morning **on Monday 9th May** and the surcharge will apply to all fees not received by the deadline. Please ensure bank transfers reach the account in time and do not leave it until the last minute!
- Unfortunately, I am often chasing fees after half term, therefore we impose an extra charge of 10% of total fees, for those which are not in the office by the deadline. It is your responsibility to ensure payment reaches Miss Jayne by the deadline otherwise the 10% will be added. You accept the responsibility for this extra charge by your child attending classes at JMDS and no parent is exempt. Deadlines are strict.



*Wishing you all a very Happy Easter
Miss Jayne*