

Newsletter, 12 March 2020

Spring Term 2020



2020 Term dates.

Term	Start Date	End Date	Half Term Start	Half Term End
Spring Term 2020	Mon 6th Jan	Sun 5th April	Sun 16th Feb	Sun 23rd Feb
Summer Term 2020	Mon 20th Apr	Mon 20th July (Inc of Bank Holiday)	Mon 25th May	Sun 31st May

We would like to thank you all for your continued support to the school. We have lots to look forward to in 2020 including our upcoming school show which is taking place on the 20th September 2020 at the Wycombe Swan Theatre!

Health information - Coronavirus;

Our school take the health and well being of both our children and staff very seriously. With this in mind it is perhaps timely to ask all of our students, should they be feeling unwell, and think that they are suffering from something that someone else might catch, to consider very carefully whether they should be attending classes until they are better. This is very much for the benefit of all of everyone at Castle Street Dance Studios, as well as that of the individual concerned.

You will notice Public Health England posters on all of our notice boards giving advice on how to stop spreading the virus and what you should do if you feel unwell. There is currently no concern in our school so all scheduled classes will go ahead as normal, however we will keep you informed of any developments if necessary.

How to prevent the spread of infection;

- Wash your hands with soap for a minimum of 20 seconds, regularly.
- Use hand sanitiser if a sink is not available.
- Do not touch your face with unwashed hands
- Sneeze and cough into a tissue and throw away then wash your hands with soap.
- Call 111 if you have concerns
- Do not attend your dance classes if you are unwell.

Arabian Nights at The Wycombe Swan.



Our school show is held biennially at **The Wycombe Swan**. It is a fantastic experience for all of our students to perform within a professional theatre and get to see back stage as well. All students participate in the show as dances are choreographed during class time, we will begin show work in the coming weeks. It is a great opportunity to bring the children together and showcase the enormous amount of talent and hard work they have put into our production.

All of our shows are filmed & photographed by a professional company and the photos and DVD's are available to purchase so that each show is sure to be one you will never forget.

Additional fees are payable for show costumes. As a school we benefit from wholesale prices from our suppliers which are heavily discounted from the usual RRP. This is also useful if you wish to sell your costumes on after the show. Costume details will be emailed to you later in the year and they will be ready for collection at our show rehearsal dates which are shown in the right hand column. More information on this will be sent out soon.

Tickets will be on sale at the Wycombe Swan Box office from April 2020, we will confirm the date once we have had confirmation from the theatre.

For more information about our school show please keep an eye on our website which is continually updated <u>https://www.csds.co.uk/news-and-events/our-show/</u>

Compulsory Rehearsal Dates

Rehearsals are a key part of putting our show together so please save the dates!

All Rehearsals will be held in **Hughenden Village** Hall, HP144NX.

- Sunday 17th May
- Sunday 14th June
- Sunday 5th July
- Sunday 13th
 September (Dress
 Rehearsal &
 Photoshoot)

Timetables will be published closer to the date.

Summer Schools – August 2020

As it is a show year all students who sign up to summer school will be included in our **Finale dance.**

Senior Summer School

10th-14th August 2020 Bucks New University £150.00+VAT

Senior students will have the opportunity to try: Ballet, Tap, Modern, Zumba, Jazz, Musicals, Street and much more. Summer School is compulsory for all pointe work students wishing to be involved in this Pointe dance due to health and safety reasons <u>Sign up today!</u>

Junior Summer School

17th - 21st August 2020 Hughenden Village Hall £100.00+VAT

Junior students will have the opportunity to try: Ballet, Modern, Character, Musicals, Disco, Zumba and much more. We will also be doing arts and crafts, games and activities. <u>Sign up today!</u>



Senior Summer School 2020



 Date:
 Monday 10th – Friday 14th of August

 Times:
 8.45-5.00pm everyday

 Price:
 £150.00+VAT

 Venue:
 Bucks New University, Queen Alexandra

Road, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP112JZ Age: 11 years+

Book your place now - email info@csds.co.uk

me and join us for a fun-filled week of Dancing and Guest Teachers! Our teachers are Qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.



Upcoming Examinations

Congratulations to everyone who has already taken their Ballet, Tap & Modern exams. Results can take between 6– 8 weeks and we will let you know when they arrive. Please note examination results will only be handed out once all fees have been paid.

All students participating in our upcoming examination sessions will be contacted separately via email.

Monday 16th March - RAD Ballet

The RAD examination timetables has been posted on our website, please login to the 'Parent Area' and select the date of your child's examination.



Become a Chaperone

On show day only Chaperones will be allowed back stage. If you would like to be a

chaperone or you know anyone who is available to chaperone please email us at info@csds.co.uk. We are currently looking for chaperones for the following time slots.

Option 1 - All day - 9.00am-9.30pm Option 2 - Morning Rehearsals - 9.00-1.30pm Option 3 - Matinee Show - 1.00-5.30pm Option 4 - Evening Show - 5.00-9.30pm

Please note, these times are just a guideline and may be subject to change. If you are available for one or more of the time slots please let us know as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that you will be in the same dressing room as your child so please keep this in mind when applying. However if you need to be in the same room as them due to medical reasons we will do our best to accommodate this.

Whats involved?

There are 2 types of volunteer chaperone;

- 1. Volunteers who hold an up to date Enhanced DBS Check
- 2. Bucks County Council Licensed Volunteer Chaperones.

Chaperone Training & Licensing -

The students safety and welfare is always at the forefront of any event that CSDS produces and with the large number of students taking part in our upcoming show we are unable to do this without the help and support of parents. We have certain rules and regulations we must abide by regarding the ratio of both Licensed and volunteer chaperones to students during our time at the theatre, whether that be rehearsals or shows, therefore we need the support of parents kindly giving up their time to help make the show happen.

With that in mind we are writing to you asking if you would consider taking on the role of a 'Licensed Chaperone' to ensure all students are properly chaperoned during the shows & rehearsals of our 2020 production.

Sign up to chaperone-

For those of you who wish to complete the chaperone Licence and DBS Check (if you don't already have one). You will need to attend our Chaperone Training Session which we will hold in High Wycombe at one of our venues – Date to be confirmed once we have a list of volunteers.

To become a licensed chaperone you will need an up to date DBS Check and will need to attend a chaperone training session. Buckinghamshire County Council charge £18.00 for an enhanced DBS check & £15.00 for the training session. If you already have a DBS check or your registered on the update system you can use this and do not have to pay for another one. Usually participants have to travel to Aylesbury to attend the chaperone training at the council offices, however we are able to offer a training session at one of our venues specifically for parents and teachers at CSDS.

We would be very grateful to any parents that would be prepared to become a Licensed

Volunteer Chaperone. If this is something you are happy to do, please let us know, and follow this link to begin your application – https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/children-in-employment-andentertainment/apply-for-a-chaperone-licence/

Our Website

The '**Parent Area'** password is - <u>ArabianNights20</u> (Case Sensitive) Login in to view exams, the media site, consent forms and newsletters.

Administration Hours

A polite reminder that our administration hours are 9.00am-3.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Spring Term Fees

Your Autumn term fees were due on the **14th January.** If you haven't already done so, please ensure your fees are paid on time to the CSDS account. Late payments, where reminders are sent, will incur a £10.00 administration charge subject to the school's reasonable discretion. Please note we no longer accept cheques.



Best Business of

2020!

We are delighted to announce for the 5th consecutive year we have been awarded the Best Dance School in High Wycombe.

A real achievement for the whole Team! Thank you to everyone for your continued support we are so grateful. What a fantastic way to begin 2020!







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