

## Merry Christmas Everyone!!

Thankyou for your continued support this year

### Christmas Party

We have our end of term Christmas party on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December if you haven't returned your attendance slip please do so asap if you haven't received one and would like to attend please let me know.

### Examinations

We have Ballet exams on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December! Eek hasn't that come around quickly! Good luck to everyone involved.

Our next Modern & Tap session will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Letters for those being entered have gone out this week.

Exams aren't for every child and I would like to remind you all that they are not compulsory. I want children to come to my school because they enjoy dancing and would like to learn a skill that will stay with them forever.

When you commit to doing the exam you **must** attend all classes and extra coaching sessions so that your child has every opportunity to achieve their very best.

Please see website for more details on examinations.

### Photoshoot 2016



In September we had the very talented Adam

Cusack come along to capture some new promotional photographs for us. This is something I like to do regularly so if you would like to be invlved next time please let me know.

### Theatre Trips 2016

The Billy Elliot trip is on April 10<sup>th</sup> and all booked up. However we do have another trip on May 29<sup>th</sup> to see the fabulous Grease The Musical. I have a few seats still available on the coach priced at £35 if you are interested please get in touch asap.



### Performance Workshop

On January 8<sup>th</sup> we have been asked to do a few dances for the senior citizens Christmas party. This will be an opportunity for our new performance workshop class to show off what they have been learning this term.

Performance Workshop is a fun hour long class where we learn routines that we perform at events and hopefully in the future take to competitions. Students are invited to performance workshop classes if they attend a minimum of two syllabus classes of different genres a week. We dip into many different styles of dance and students need to be able to pick up choreography quite quickly. If this is something your child would be interested in please let me know.

## Uniform

Some students have been looking a little less than smart of late!

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for class and hair is tied up at all times, buns are preferable for all classes as it keeps hair off the neck and face and presents an ideal appearance for dance, if you're unsure of how to do the perfect ballet bun pop over to my website where you can find a video tutorial.



Uniform can be ordered through myself at very competitive prices all uniform requirements can be found on the website.

## Tapathon 2016



On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 41 students & parents took part in the performers project annual Tapathon raising funds for Children in Need as well as trying to break a world record for most people dancing the choreographed tap routine on the same day at the same time at different venues across the UK. The current record is 7596 persons. Unfortunately we were a mere 112 people short of beating the record! However we did collectively manage to raise a

whopping £38,000 for Children in Need.

So we'll try again next year so keep the date in your diaries it will be around the same time.

## Fees, Payments & Terms & Conditions

Fees need to be paid within the first two weeks of term. After this period a late payment fee of £5 will be added.

I prefer fees to be paid by bank transfer but I am happy to accept cash or cheque as long as it is clearly named.

Payment for uniform needs to be made at time of ordering.

If you wish to cease classes half a terms notice or fees in lieu need to be given.

## Website & Facebook

Keep up to date with all that's going on with either the website [www.sallygartell.com](http://www.sallygartell.com)

or facebook page

[www.facebook.com/sallygartellacademyofdance](https://www.facebook.com/sallygartellacademyofdance).

These are both refreshed regularly with dates and events also lots of lovely pictures and videos

## Dates For Your Diary

- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December ..... Ballet Exams
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December ..... Christmas Party
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December ..... End of Term
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January ..... Exam Coaching
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January ..... Start of Term
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February ..... Exam Coaching
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February ..... Modern & Tap Exams
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb-4<sup>th</sup> March ..... 2 Week Half Term
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April ..... Billy Elliot Theatre Trip
- 10<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> April ..... Easter Holidays
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May ..... Grease Theatre Trip