



SALLY GARTELL

ACADEMY OF DANCE

February 2020

Hello everyone, I hope you all made it through January without too much stress, its so good to see the days stretching out... spring is on its way, yay!!

I would just like to take this opportunity to say welcome to all our new students, which we've had a lot of this term at our new branch in Newtown!! We must also say a big hello to our new teacher Gwen who is taking some of the classes in Newtown.

Gwen started dancing at the age of 5 and went on to study at Elmhurst ballet school for 5 years. Gwen is just starting out in her teaching career but is showing much promise to be an amazing teacher.

News from 2019

Ballet Exams September 2019

We had a very successful exam session in September with all girls obtaining very pleasing results.



Tapathon 2019

The Tapathon, which we took part in in November was great fun and we helped raise over £38,000 for Children in need as well as beating the world record of 7596 for most participants dancing the same routine at the same time, we're still awaiting official confirmation of this from Guinness world Records.



Christmas Party 2019

I think everyone who attended the Christmas disco party had a great time too, there was certainly lots of dancing going on!!



Senior Citizens Christmas Party

My performance workshop girls were asked to perform at the senior citizens Christmas party in Montgomery. We had a few away but those who danced all performed beautifully and really did me proud.



Performance Workshop

We now have two performance workshop groups for students aged 8-10 years and 11+ years. To be considered for these groups Students need to be quick at picking up routines, eager to learn & ideally already studying a minimum of two genres i.e. Ballet & Modern. We work on fun routines each week which we perform at different events throughout the year. Please get in touch if this is something you would like your child to be involved with.

Upcoming Examinations

We have Modern & Tap exams coming up on 1st March so students are working hard polishing their work at the moment, please ensure you have checked the coaching

timetable if your child is involved with these exams.

I have just booked Ballet exams for June 14th with a reserve date of 21st. Letters will be coming out regarding these exams soon. Students usually need to study the grade for at least a year before being entered into an exam so that they know all the set syllabus and are confident to perform. Children all learn & develop differently so its not always possible to do exams at the same time as another individual in the same class.

Exams are not compulsory, but I do encourage children to consider taking them as it does give them something to strive for and helps build confidence.

New Timetable for March

There will be a new timetable for March to accommodate a couple of new classes. I spend many hours working out the class times, I try to accommodate everyone keeping classes together where I can, but this isn't always possible. The new timetable will come into effect after the examinations on 1st March.

Fees, Payments, T's & C's

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 if it is clearly named.

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

Dates for your Diary

- Half Term – 17th – 22nd February
- Exam Coaching – 18th – 21st Feb
- Modern & Tap Exams - 1st March
- Ballet exams – 14th or 21st June
- Montgomery Street Fair – 4th July