

The Ashbourne School of Dance

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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

Term 3: Monday 2nd January – Saturday 18th February, 7 week term, Payment is due by this Sat. 7th January
Please note that all lessons are on over ½ term & Easter unless advised otherwise, the only lessons normally affected are Thursday AM classes.

Term 4: Monday 20th February – Saturday 8th April, 7 week term, Payment will due by Sat. 25th February
There will be NO lessons on Shrovetide Tuesday 28th February & Wednesday 1st March

THE LODGE CARE HOME DANCE DEMO.

We have again been asked to perform in front of the residents at The Lodge Care home, Derby Road, Ashbourne and this has been booked for the afternoon of Saturday 28th January. Unlike last year where we had specific show dances already choreographed, it may be mainly exam dances that we perform and so I'll be in touch shortly with those that may be able to take part.

EXAM RESULTS

The results from our December session are in and they are brilliant. Not only did all the dancer's pass, but the standard of marks were very high with the majority gaining 80%+. A fantastic number of pupil's also gained Honours = 90-95% and we had 5 Distinctions = 96%+, which is the most we've had in 1 session so well done everyone and keep up the good work.

The next session is booked for Sunday 19th March at the dance school and so I will need to be deciding very shortly as to whom is ready to take an exam. For the summer session I would like to do open Medal tests where Parents and friends can come and watch the dancers perform on stage in costume where they are then graded for medals and eventually trophies. As a large venue is needed, this is still tbc and so watch this space but they are normally held in July.

AAD GALA 2017

The AAD Gala show is being held at Blackpool Opera House on Sunday 9th April (Ashbourne's 1st weekend of Easter hols.) and will include our very own dancers: Esther Abrahams, Lydia Scott & Kayleigh Bacon

The Gala showcases the best of The AAD where over 600 dancers will participate in various styles of song and dance. If anyone would like spectator tickets to come and watch, please let me know as the booking forms will be available shortly. Prices normally start at around £10.00 p.p. depending on where you wish to sit.

AAD SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION & MEMBERS DAY

A date for your diary - Sunday 25th June – The Devonshire Dome, University of Derby, Buxton
This event is open to all pupils aged 8 years+ who take both Ballet & Tap lessons, depending on grade. They learn a ballet and tap dance on the day in the hope of then being chosen to go through to the finals at Buxton Opera House in October. Spectators are permitted. The afternoon concludes with MAG members (specially invited group of dancers from exam sessions) having a free lesson with professional choreographers.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Our 1 week summer school will be Monday 24th July – Friday 28th July (1st week of hols. for most), where pupils will take part in dancing, singing, acting, face painting, sports and arts and crafts to mention but a few activities. We will conclude the week with a small performance on the Friday afternoon. Letters giving full details will be available after Easter.