

# The Ashbourne School of Dance

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## NEWSLETTER

### TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

**Term 5:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Term 6:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July

All lessons will be on as normal over the Easter and ½ term holidays unless advised otherwise

Normal lessons will finish for Summer on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July, we then have the 1 week Summer school 30<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August (see below) and all lessons will re-start on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September

### EXAM SESSIONS

As the March session was again cancelled, we are looking at a revised date of 22<sup>nd</sup> April and all Exam pupils have been contacted regarding this. I can however confirm we will be doing an open Medal session at QEGS again on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This means Parents and friends can come and watch the dancers perform on stage in costume where they are then graded for medals and eventually trophies.

### AAD SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION & MEMBERS DAY

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – The Devonshire Dome, University of Derby, Buxton

This event is open to all pupils aged 8 years+. 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. Senior MAG members also then have the option of the Debut class preparing them for the professional Audition element in October.

### CYD (Can you dance)

Is a touring dance convention and is in Sheffield on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. We are taking 30 dancers and spectators in what will prove to be I'm sure an amazing experience for them.

### AAD GALA 2018

Good luck to Miss Kayleigh and Caitlin Reeves who are performing next month at Blackpool Opera House alongside approx. 600 dancers participating in The AAD's Gala show. Look out for pictures on our Facebook page.

### SUMMER SCHOOL

We will be doing our 1 week summer school from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 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.

### THE LODGE DEMO.

We have been asked to perform at the Summer fair of The Lodge Care Home, Ashbourne on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. I will be asking pupils to perform their Medal dances to showcase the range of age and styles we teach.