



Term Dates

Autumn Term

12th Sept Term Begins

19th Sept

26th Sept

3rd Oct

10th Oct

17th Oct

24th Oct Half Term

31st Oct Half Term

7th Nov

14th Nov

21st Nov

28th Nov End of Term

Mid Week Ballet

16th Sept Term Begins

23rd Sept

30th Sept

7th Oct

14th Oct

21st Oct

28th Oct Half Term

4th Nov

11th Nov

18th Nov

25th Nov End of Term

Spring Term

9th Jan Term Begins

16th Jan

23rd Jan

30th Jan

6th Feb

13th Feb Half Term

20th Feb Half Term

27th Feb

6th March

13th March

20th March

27th March End of Term

Welcome Back and it's Great to be back!

Well, what can we say other than we have missed you all immensely? We hope you are all well and raring to start the new term.

For those of you who participated in our Zoom classes – well done! It was certainly different and helped keep some of you occupied during lockdown.

We will continue to follow government guidelines to keep the school a safe and healthy environment, we ask our pupils to work with us while we overcome these adjustments.

So, in the true Conti spirit, let's enjoy being reunited.

Enjoy the term!

Best wishes

Sue & Chris

Welcome!

We would like to welcome a new member of staff to our team.

Jess graduated from Performers college and holds DDI in Ballet, Tap and Modern.

We are very honoured to have Jess on board.



Class changes

As our dance exams were cancelled in May and June, pupils who were being entered will now move up to the next grade accordingly.

Also, pupils who have reached their age limit for classes have also automatically moved up. For instance, Lower Juniors who were 9 years old and now 10, will move up to Upper Juniors (10-12yrs) and Upper Juniors who have reached 13 years old will now be Seniors (13+yrs). This will change timetables for all involved. You may find some clashes which will need to be sorted prior to term starting. It would be greatly appreciated if you could call us on 01892 529112 or email chris@chrisbaldock.co.uk to discuss this prior to the start of term, rather than the first day as this will enable us to adjust your classes more efficiently.

Summer School

Our Summer school proved it can be done and it was wonderful to see some of our pupils again and to be able to teach in real time. Everyone had the 'best' time thanks to our teachers Nicky Martin & Emma Sharnock (acting), Jane Rebecca Marshall (Singing) Zoe Eyles (Jazz) and Bella Baldock (MT). A huge thanks to our Conti pupils and their friends who attended, we had a ball.

LAMDA Examinations 2020

Another cancellation due to the pandemic was our Lamda exams on the 17th May.

Having discussed the situation with our Lamda teachers, we have decided to submit the date 29th November 2020. Please would all parents and pupils put this in the diary.

We will update you if anything changes, however pupils will know 6 weeks prior to this date if they will be entered for the exam. We feel that a whole term lost of rehearsal time is a too big of a gap to enter anyone sooner, especially the medals (Grade 6,7 & 8), we want our pupils on point and completely ready for their exams.

Mid Week Ballet Lessons

Our Wednesday mid week ballet, Pointe work, limber and stretch lessons are available to any pupil who is Grade 2 and above. This is an extra curriculum for our pupils to engage in and to improve their technique, strength and flexibility. Pupils who have participated in the mid week ballet lessons have improved ten-fold and their higher exam results are proof that these extra lessons are beneficial. All lessons are 45 mins long and are £63.00 per lesson per term. Please call us or email if you are interested in attending.

4pm - 4.45pm	Grade 2 Ballet
4.45 - 5.30pm	Technique (Levels 3/4 Ballet)
5.30 - 6.15pm	Limbering (Level 3 and above)
6.15 - 7pm	Technique (Level 5 and above)
7pm - 7.45pm	Beginners Pointe Class (Selected Students)

Dates for the diary 2020 / 2021

As you are aware, our examinations were cancelled due to the pandemic and we have had to re-schedule them to future dates. We will also be preparing for our show in July 2021 of which we begin rehearsals after spring half term in February.

This is an exciting time for our pupils performing and parents who assist us back stage and front of house at the theatre. It's a great weekend and as always great fun.

Dates for the diary are:

ISTD Exams:	TBC
Christmas Charity Disco:	Saturday 28th November 2020
LAMDA Exams:	Sunday 29th November 2020

Show 2021:

Fri, 16th July:	<i>Rehearsal on stage for Upper Juniors & Seniors in the show.</i>
Sat, 17th July:	<i>Rehearsals on stage for Lower school in the morning.</i>
Sat, 17th July:	<i>Dress run on stage for Upper Juniors & Seniors then showtime 7.30pm</i>
Sun, 18th July:	<i>Matinee show for Lower school at 2pm the evening show for UJ & Seniors.</i>

Congratulations, Goodbye's and Good Luck

We would like to say 'goodbye' to some of our pupils who have left us for performing arts colleges having successfully auditioned last year and a mention to those still with us.

Congratulations to:

Georgina Hales – *currently on the 3 year Dance degree course at Bird College, Sidcup.*
Charlotte Daws 'Dawsy' – *currently at Tring college studying a Drama degree, Tring.*
Tallulah Brennan – *studying dance full time at Miskin College (but still with us on Saturdays)*
Scarlett Green – *also at Miskin College studying Drama (and still with us on Saturdays)*
Well done to you all!

A Huge congratulations to Frank Dowdy who appeared on 'Joe Lycett's Got Your Back' on Channel 4 during the lockdown period, he was awesome playing a young Joe Lycett in a wonderful comedy sketch. Well Done Frank we are very proud of you.

Conti Christmas Charity Disco

Saturday 28th November



Every year we hold the Conti Christmas Disco for our younger pupils aged between 5-12yrs.

We are delighted to be able to make this a charity event and all proceeds are donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital, a wonderful organisation for children.

The night provides our guests with some 'wicked' tunes from DJ Lollipop, a visit from Santa and everyone receives a gift personally from the man himself, refreshments and dancing the night away until it's over! Parents can drop your children off at 5.30pm as we have chaperones on site all through the event and pick up is at 7.30pm which ends the evening.

Tickets are on sale at the front desk every Saturday after half term for £8.00 each.

Don't miss out on a great evening and avoid disappointment by purchasing your tickets early.

We will have a limited amount of tickets on sale.

Enjoy!

Please contact us if your child is unable to make their lesson. Telephone 01892 529112 during office hours, Monday to Friday 10am-6pm or 07943 759442 on Saturdays. Many thanks.