



NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES

MARIST CLASSES - SPRING TERM 2008

Half-term – 15th February-22nd February *Inclusive (No classes)* Normal classes on 23rd February
End of Term (March) - Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, and Wednesday 19th March

GCSE Dance - Half-term – 20th February (No classes)

Berkshire Schools Gala at the Wilde Theatre - 13th and 14th March (More details to follow)

End of Term - Wednesday 19th March 2008

ENCORE!

I would like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate all pupils on their superb performances in Encore! I was so proud of each and every one of them! They worked extremely hard all term and judging by the numerous emails and cards I have received, enjoyed the whole experience! I would also like to congratulate and thank them for their excellent behaviour during the full rehearsals and in particular throughout the whole show weekend. The atmosphere backstage was very happy indeed and extremely professional! A huge thanks, as well, to all the staff and parents who helped in the dressing rooms and at rehearsals - we couldn't have done it without you! My gratitude, also, to all parents for reading through all the paperwork, naming all costumes etc and organising children's attendance at rehearsals.....the shows ran really smoothly because of your help and understanding! I am delighted to announce that over £1,250 was raised through Encore! Programme and T-shirt sales, plus the Raffles. This brings the total raised in our special 15th Birthday Celebration year to over £1,500. This has been divided between the CLIC Sargent appeal, the Ian Goodchild Centre, the Thames Hospicecare and Children in Crisis.

Thank you to everyone for their support and Best Wishes for 2008.

GOOD LUCK to the Dance GCSE girls who will be performing in the Berkshire Schools Gala at the Wilde Theatre, Bracknell in March!



ENCORE! Photographs

As you may be aware, professional photographs were taken during the first performance of Encore!

Rather than order and sell reprints, I would like to offer

you the opportunity to purchase a souvenir CD Rom of **all the photographs** so that you can enjoy numerous images and print off the photos as desired etc. (**Over 120 photographs in total**, including on-stage photos of each Dressing Room group - taken on the Sunday.) These will be on sale at the uniform shop (£6 each) on the first 3 Saturdays of term or order by email : njvinson@aol.com



UNIFORM

The UNIFORM SHOP will be open on Saturday 19th & 26th January from 8.50am-1.00pm.

Please remember: Pupils must wear the correct uniform for all lessons and that all girls must tie back their hair. Please see the school website for full details.

Ballet - Grade 3 - The RAD regulation leotard for this grade is **NAVY**. Girls may still wear their pink leotards this term until they out-grow them.

Ballet - Grade 4, 5 and 6 - Girls must wear leotard and pink tights for all ballet lessons. They must also bring Character Skirt and Character shoes, plus pointe shoes (if applicable) to all lessons. Girls may wear black or grey shorts, and a school T-shirt on top. Hair **must** be tied back.

Ballet - Grade 6- in addition to the above uniform, (including Character skirt and shoes) all girls require a "free movement scarf". These will be handed out in lessons in the next few weeks. The cost of the scarf (£14) will be added to the Summer Term invoice. If you do not want your daughter to receive one, please email me by 20th January. (You will need to make your own provision for a scarf as they are a Grade 6 requirement.) Girls should also bring their Burgundy "floaty" skirt (from Encore!) to each lesson.

Senior Jazz, Tap, Company 15, Hip Hop and Body Conditioning - girls must wear either jazz pants, "shorts & leggings" or "leotard & tights" plus a school T-shirt.

ENCORE! DVD's and T-shirts...plus IN THE SPOTLIGHT DVD'S

I have a limited number of Encore! and "In the Spotlight" DVD's in stock (£20) plus ENCORE! Souvenir T-shirts (£5). These will be on sale at the uniform shop on the first 3 Saturdays of term or order by email njvinson@aol.com

CLASSES FROM JANUARY 2008

- Pupils will be returning to "syllabus" work this term, with the opportunity to take examinations at a later date in the year or early 2009 (depending on level). To be considered for examinations pupils should attend on a regular basis.
- Those pupils in **Grade 4 Ballet and above** who wish to be considered for an RAD Ballet examination should either attend **two** ballet sessions per week or attend the ***NEW* Tuesday class "BODY CONDITIONING AND STRETCH"** (PILATES BASED). This new class is also open to Grade 3 pupils who would like to improve their strength and flexibility. **There are a few places left.** Please contact me immediately. Following this Tuesday class there will also be an opportunity to attend the ***NEW* POINTEWORK CLASS.** (£48 per term for Body Conditioning. £58 for both.)
- *NEW* PRIVATE LAMDA TUITION.** Miss Holly Longland (who teaches LAMDA at the Marist Prep School) will be available to give private LAMDA tuition on a Saturday morning. This is in addition to the group lessons on offer.
- Company 15** is now full—if you would like to join please email me ASAP to be added to the waiting list.
- Reminder** - NO mobile phones, jewellery or chewing gum!
- Please email or text** if you will not be attending a lesson.

Thank you.

FEES

All Payments are due by 30/01/08.

A 5% surcharge will be added to any "late fees".

A £25 administration and banking charge will be added to any cheque returned by the bank.

WAYS TO PAY!

- By cheque/cash** (In person or by mail)
- By BACS** (Contact me for details)
- Via Paypal** (Please visit the school website for details. 4.5% of the transfer amount will be added to your next invoice).

Written Notice must be given by 20th January to stop a class in the Summer Term....or you will be charged. Thank you.

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