

Newsletter December 2021

TERM DATES: Tuesday 04th January to Monday 28th March
Half term: 1 week commencing Monday 14 February – No Lessons

Classes at Oakley village Hall on Jan 4th are rescheduled for March 29th. Clapham Village Hall lessons will run as normal.

We've had a very successful year: students have taken many exams this term, which is wonderful due to the difficult year we've had. And some students have taken part in the ISTD Junior Ballet Awards – Well Done!
Lots of our students have started Associate schemes too, at BTUK, MIDAS, The Academy of Balletic Arts & the Jazz Associates.
Our next show is planned for Spring 2023.

Thank you to everyone for following our social distancing rules. We will continue to follow the government guidelines.

At Clapham Village Hall on Saturdays, we have a few members of the public entering the hall. (You've probably seen the new signs). Sometimes people are looking for football or to use the toilets. Unfortunately, this can cause a mess (grassy feet) and doesn't comply with my safeguarding policy. After discussions with the hall, it has been suggested that I ask a couple of parents to wait in the foyer when their student is in class. Unfortunately, the waiting room has been converted to a storage room, but we can put some chairs in the foyer. Would you be able to stay? If parents could take in turns to stay it would be very helpful.

We are opening our classes for parents watching. This will be the last week of this term (Monday 6th – Saturday 11th December). Please can parents use hand sanitizer when entering the hall and if possible, wear a mask. It would be great if parents can sit in households or family bubbles. Due to limited space please bring 1 or 2 members of the family to watch– it is a normal class so you can see what we do and not a formal presentation.

I hope all our ballet students in Grade 2 and above can attend 2 classes a week, this will enable us to move through the work quicker and create stronger dancers. Generally, I only enter ballet students for exams and offer pointe work classes to students who attend 2 classes a week.

The ballet faculty have decided that shorts shouldn't be worn for ballet. This has never been on our uniform list and we believe it isn't helping our students. If they would prefer, they can wear ballet skirts – any pattern (available from most dance shops or Amazon). Therefore, from January shorts can't be worn in ballet but can still be worn for other classes. From Grade 5 upwards ballet students should have hair tied into a bun, younger students are also encouraged to do this when possible.

The fee structure is staying the same: Lessons will still be invoiced per term in advance and will be sent by email; payment is due before the first lesson of term.

30 minutes lesson = £4.40 40 minutes lesson = £4.85 45 minutes or more = £5
Pointe or Pointe Prep lessons = £2

If you take 2 or 3 classes, the 2nd & 3rd lesson will be discounted by 25%

This refers to the length of lesson per week and the termly cost will depend how many weeks in the term.

Or you may choose the following options:

Fab 4 = £150 5 Star = £165 6 Mix = £180 7 Up = £190 After 8 = £200

This refers to the number of lessons a week, this is the cost per term.

Siblings will receive a 25% discount (you pay full price for 1 lesson; the others are discounted)

If siblings take multiple lessons, you could take advantage of our Double Bubble offer which means the cost will never be more than £275 total for the term for the whole family.

If your fees are more than £50, you can pay in 2 instalments. We ask for half a term notice if you plan to leave.

We have some private lessons available if you would like to book, please contact Keely.

Private lessons are increasing to £15 for 30 minutes or £22.50 for 40 minutes but can be shared. This is because I had negotiated a short term reduced rate for the hall hire but that has expired, so the costs have increased.

As always, due to hard work & dedication our students have progressed and taken exams, this means it is necessary to make changes to the timetable, I have kept them to a minimum. I've worked exceptionally hard to make the timetable work, to try and put lessons together if you attend more than one.

Students can wait at hall between classes again. We are lacking waiting rooms, but all halls have a foyer or small area.

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Your teacher, day and or hall might have changed. Please check carefully. I've tried to email previously if this is the case, or I've spoken to older students in class. If you are unsure, please speak to Keely. If I've made any mistakes, please let me know. We are lucky enough to have 160 students dance with us every week, but it does make it difficult to organize times!

Private lessons – I've added initials for all current students who attend private lessons please let me know if these are okay? If you want a private lesson please let me know.

	Saturday - Keely Clapham Village Hall		Monday – Miss Holly The Old School, Oakley		Monday - Olivia Oakley Village Hall
8.45am	Pre-School Ballet	4.00pm	Grade 2 Modern	4.00pm	Pre-Primary ballet
9:15am	Pre- Primary Ballet	4.30pm	Grade 1 Tap	4.30pm	Primary Ballet
09:45am	Mini Movers	5.00pm	Grade 1 Ballet	5.00pm	St 6 Ballet
10:15am	Grade 1 Ballet	5.35pm	Grade 4 Tap	5.40pm	Advanced Jazz
10:45am	Grade 2 Ballet	6.15pm	Grade 5 Ballet	6:20pm	Intermediate Ballet
11:20am	Grade 2 Tap	6:50pm	Pointe	7:10pm	Change Room
11:55am	Grade 3 Modern	7:05pm	Grade 5 Modern	7:20pm	Private lesson – SV, GE
12:30pm	Grade 3 Ballet	7:50pm	Grade 5 tap	7:50pm	Private lesson available
1:05pm	Grade 4 Ballet	8:30pm	End	8:30pm	End
1:45pm	Grade 4 Modern				
2:30pm	Grade 4 Tap				
3:15pm	Grade 5 Ballet				
4:00pm	End				
	Tuesday – Kieran/Holly Oakley Village Hall		Tuesday -Keely Clapham Village Hall		Wednesdays- Keely Clapham village hall
4:00pm	Mini Musical Theatre	4:00pm	Grade 4 Modern	4:20pm	Inter f ballet
4:30pm	Junior Musical Theatre	4:35pm	Junior Ballet(Grades 2,3&4)	5:15pm	PBT
5:05pm	Acro 3	5:20pm	Inter Pointe	5:45pm	Grade 6 Tap
5:45pm	Senior Musical Theatre	5:45pm	Inter Ballet	6:25pm	Inter Modern – 7:20
6:25pm	Senior Contemporary	7:00pm	Inter Tap	7:10pm	Grade 6 Modern
7:05pm	Acro 4	7:45pm	Adv 1 Modern	7:50pm	Standard 6 Ballet
7:45pm	End			8:35pm	End
	Thursday – Small Room at Oakley Village Hall	Keely/Olivia	Thursday – Oakley Village Hall		
4:00pm	Private Lesson - OG	4.00pm	Junior Jazz		
4:30pm	Grade 2 Ballet	4:30pm	Grade 3 Ballet		
5:05pm	Private Lesson BR & IH	5:10 pm	Acro 1& 2		
5:35pm	Pointe – Inter F				
5:50pm	Private Lesson IG & MC	5:50pm	Foundation Jazz		
6:30pm	Grade 4 Ballet <small>Alternating rooms</small>	6:30pm	Inter F Ballet		
7:10pm	Pointe Prep	7:10pm	Inter Jazz		
7:30pm	G5 or Inter F Pointe (Those not in Inter Jazz)	7:50pm	Grade 5 Ballet		
7:45pm	Private Lesson LW	8:30pm	End		

Pointe Prep & Pointe work-
Pointe Prep for Grade 4
Ballet students
Pointe Work – Inter on
Tuesday (if you can't make it
don't worry but if you can it
will help for your exam).
Grade 5 Students – You can
choose Monday or Thursday
(if you aren't in Inter Jazz.)
Inter F Students can pick
from the 5:35 or 7:30 class
on Thursdays. Please let me
know which class you will be
attending.

Happy Holidays and see you in the new year.

Keely, Olivia, Holly, Kieran & Holly

Dancewear and traditional PAD clothes –

<https://dancing-daisy.co.uk/product-category/dance-schools-logo-uniform/power-academy-of-dance/?affiliates=39>

New PAD clothes –

[Power Dance Academy – Malley Sport UK](#) – open again next year

(This shop is only open at certain times of the year to enable Bulk printing.)

Dance uniform in class is compulsory, the other PAD clothes are optional.