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## *August 2024 Newsletter*

Hello All,

An update for your Summer Holidays – we hope your plans for the break this year go well and that the fine weather finds you all, no matter what you're up to!

Our last dance lessons for the Summer will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. We will return on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

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### **Medal Examination: – March and July 24:**

Thank you to everyone (students and teachers) who took part in 2 more successful days – and for working so hard to make this happen. Well done to all those that danced! You all did brilliantly and teachers are very proud of your achievements – as you should be yourselves. It was lovely to see everyone turned out so well!

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### **Lesson attendance:**

As you are aware our medal lessons are small – this allows us to concentrate on students, so they can work and prepare well for medal tests.

We understand that families need breaks and like to have holidays and days out sometimes but would very much appreciate please, that you advise either the School, via the website or e-mail or your teacher individually, if you are unable to attend any particular lesson.

In recent weeks we have had a few medal lessons with a nil attendance. It is appreciated that most students will let us know in advance but if we're aware that a lesson slot will be fully vacant, we can offer this elsewhere if we know in advance. Hall hire costs are expensive and we need to reduce void periods as much as possible to make the School an operational success.

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Our teachers all work full time in other roles and travel in some cases, quite a distance to attend lessons voluntarily – so to come to a lesson and find that no students attend can be frustrating for them and has a direct impact on maximum usage of hall time available to us.

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### **Social Dances:**

Our first Social Dance after the break will be Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Welwyn Civic Centre. Come and practice your newly learned steps and routines in an informal environment; meet friends and relax. As usual, teachers will be available to help and support if needed.

Tickets are £9.00 on the night. Free tea/coffee and cakes/biscuits will be available – please bring your own munchies, mugs, glasses if you prefer a bigger drink. Bring a friend ..... better still – bring 2!

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### **Summer Break:**

The last lesson before the break will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

Back at it again week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – we will be teaching:

Beginners:                Rhythm Foxtrot and Cha Cha.

Intermediates:        Tango and Jive.

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### **New Rainbow Classes:**

Starting Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at St. John's Hall, Hitchin. 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

For 4 – 8 year olds. A chance for the little-ies – to learn very basic moves and a fun dance – for each colour, and build their own beautiful rainbow to display!

All are welcome!

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## **For sale:**

Two pairs of children's dance shoes – worn briefly – grown out of! In very good condition and looking for a new home.

Pics below. We also have the shoes with us so please let us know via e-mail or catch us directly in lessons if you're interested – we will forward your contact details to the seller for the financial exchange.



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## **Next Medal Examination: Sunday 17th November 2024:**

This will be held once again at Welwyn Civic Centre. Details to follow.

Medal examination letters will be issued during October for those of our students ready to take their tests.

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## **New Medal lesson:**

We have availability for a new medal lesson on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. for 30 minutes. Come and join us.

Medal lessons are a way of improving your dancing - not just about footwork but also presentation, timing and technical details. Most of our students already learn the steps and figures required for early dance medals within social lessons – please don't feel that the medal 'arena' is scary or so different from what you already do. Our Examiners from the NATD are all human – they have all been where our medallists are and love to come to our examinations and see our dancers. They will make you feel welcome.

So, if you would like to be a contender for the Annual Achievement Award or just want to improve the quality of your dancing, please let Rodney or Annette know.

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## **Private/1:1 lessons:**

There have recently been a number of last minute cancellations which have an impact on the funding arrangements for hall hire. Therefore, from September onwards if you wish to book a private/1:1 lesson please make arrangements for payment at the time of booking.

This payment will be non-refundable in the event you are unable to attend your lesson.

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## **New Street Dance class:**

We are delighted to advise that we will be starting a new children's class on Saturday mornings at St. John's Hall, St. John's Road, Hitchin from 7<sup>th</sup> September. Start time will be 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes.. Suitable for ages from 8 to 16. Lessons are with our new Teacher Charlotte Francis who is joining us with suitable experience, qualifications and enthusiasm! See our website for further details.

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## **Updates to Website:**

We will be updating details for all items within this Newsletter and our Teacher profiles too, over the next few weeks so please have a look.

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## **Dates for your Diary:**

- Summer break.      17<sup>th</sup> August to week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.
- 7.9.24.              New Rainbow Class starting.
- 7.9.24.              New Street Dance Class starting.
- 7.9.24.              Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 26.10.24.           Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 17.11.24.           Medal Examination Session – Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 23.11.24.           Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
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