



SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

EXAMINATIONS 2022!

We are currently working towards our annual MASD examinations which as usual will be held towards the end of the year. Although the word 'Examination' sounds big and scary - the examiners are lovely and friendly and try to make the children feel as relaxed as possible! Our younger pupils (Babes and Primary) have a helper in the room with them to show them what to do and everyone takes part in groups of 3 or 4 so they are never on their own! By the time the exams come round we will have done lots of practice in class so everyone will be fully prepared - so if you are planning on taking exams please try not to miss too many lessons!!



I will shortly also be sending out you tube links to videos of the routines for extra practice at home.

Our proposed exam dates for your diaries are as follows:

BABES: Saturday 26th November (AM)
PRELIM: Saturday 3rd December (AM)
JUNIORS 2: Sunday 4th December (PM)
INTERMEDIATES: Thursday 1st and 8th December

PRIMARY: Sunday 27th November (PM)
JUNIORS 1: Saturday 3rd December (Early PM)
JUNIORS 3: Saturday 3rd December (Late PM)
SENIORS/ADV: Monday 5th and 12th December

Exam letters will be going out in a few weeks time to inform you of the examinations each pupil will be entered for, further details about the exam process and the cost. If you could return these promptly I would be very grateful as timetables cannot be produced until I know numbers wishing to be entered for the examinations. The dates above are my proposed timetable but if you are unable to make the allocated date I may be able to slot you into a different session if you let me know ASAP. Likewise within each session I can allocate early or late times if necessary. If you know you do not wish to take the exams this year please advise as soon as possible to help with my organization and to save me producing exam paperwork for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask!

ATTENDANCE

As mentioned above – as we head towards examinations it is important that pupils do not miss too many lessons. Pupils with frequent absences may not be put forward for the examinations.

Some of our classes are now reaching capacity again so a reminder of our 3-week policy. If you are absent for 3 weeks without informing me, I will offer your space to the waiting list and you may have to wait until there is space to re-join.

COMMUNICATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

OCTOBER HALF TERM!

Saturday 22nd and 29th October

BABES, PRIMARY & PRELIM as normal.

JUNIORS 1 – 1.00-2.15pm

JUNIORS 2 & JUNIORS 3 – 2.15-3.45pm

This is different to letters that went out earlier in the year due to changes in class sizes.

SHOW DATES

We do have provisional dates for our Grand Theatre Show next year so please pencil these in your diaries

Our performances will be:

Sunday 11th June 2023 at 6pm

Sunday 18th June 2023 at 6pm

(With a Full Dress Rehearsal Sunday 21st May)

Babes, Primary, Prelim, Juniors 1 & Juniors 2 perform in one show only. Juniors 3, Inters, Seniors and Advanced will perform in both show dates.

AMY'S CONTACT DETAILS

I can be contacted via any of the following methods.

Txt/WhatsApp: 07834163746

via the Facebook page 'AJS Dance'

or Email: amy@ajsdance.com.

Amy xx

CLASS ATTIRE!

While we do not have a set uniform for classes at AJS please can I remind you that clothing must be suitable for dancing. Please be aware that pupils doing acrobatics will be going upside down!! A leotard with tights/leggings would be our preferred attire if possible.

After attending classes for a few weeks, pupils should also bring dance shoes with them to every lesson.

Required shoes are Black Ballet Shoes, White Tap Shoes and Black School Pumps or Jazz Pumps for Babes, Primary and Prelim.

Split sole Black Ballet Shoes, White Tap Shoes and Black Jazz Pumps for Juniors/Inters/Seniors. With the addition of Tan Jazz for Inters and Seniors. Please get in touch with me to order any shoes or dancewear items.

SALE!

SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER

We will be holding a sale of dancewear and shoes on Saturday 1st October from 10am.

We will have both new and second hand dancewear and shoes for sale at bargain prices. Kit yourself out for the upcoming exams!

We will also have some stock of our new uniform items for you to purchase or you can place orders on the day.

If you have any old shoes/dancewear to donate please bring them to class.

All funds raised will go towards the show!

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Diary dates and latest newsletters can also be found on our website www.ajsdance.com

Our Dance Association can also be found on social media:



'Midland Academy of Stage Dancing'

AJS Dance pupils are regularly featured on their pages!!

HOODIES AND T-SHIRTS

I am now taking orders again for hoodies and t-shirts

ORDER BY 1st OCTOBER

Available in Pink or Black with embroidered name included

Prices below for Children's sizes and Adult sizes:

Hoodies - £17.50/£20.00

T-shirts - £12.50/£15.00

Zip-up Hoodie - £20.00/£25.00

Sizes available: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-13 or Adult sizes S, M, L, XL

Order forms will be available to collect on the door or message me with your order. We have sample sizes for you to view or we can fit them for you.

Payment via cash or bank transfer by Saturday 1st October.



These can make ideal Christmas gifts and we can arrange in secret if you let us know!!