

# Pat Steel

## School of Dance

**SPRING TERM  
2025**

### Welcome to the Spring Term newsletter!

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are enjoying the warmer spring weather as we start the second half of the Spring Term.

Our Saturday venue at BCA always looks so perfect in the spring sunshine and the daffodils and crocuses are in full bloom as you come up the long drive. We are so lucky to have this venue to dance in, so please enjoy it!

### Fees

A reminder that we have had to implement a raise in fees from Easter 2025 due to higher overheads. Our prices have not changed since Autumn 2022 and we will do our utmost to keep any increase to a minimum.

### Watch Week

The teachers are excited to show you everything the children have been learning this term. Please come along on the 'watch week' at your branch to appreciate and support the young dancers. We ask that you turn phones off and enjoy engaging on the session. Senior students are notorious at telling you not to come, but we want you ALL to feel welcome!

End of term watch weeks are on:

**Monday March 31st at Holtspur & Braywick**

**Thursday April 3rd at Holtspur & Braywick  
(Braywick Grade 8 watch week on March 20th)**

**Friday April 4th at Holtspur**

**Saturday April 5th at BCA**

## Summer Term Dates

All of our term dates are on our [website](#):

<b>Mondays:</b> Braywick Leisure Centre Maidenhead  Starts: Apr 28th No class on May 5th or 26th Ends: Jul 21st	<b>Tuesdays:</b> Holtspur Scout Hut, Beaconsfield  Starts: Apr 22nd No class on May 27th Ends: Jul 15th	<b>Thursdays:</b> Holtspur Scout Hut, Beaconsfield  Starts: Apr 24th No class on May 28th Ends: Jul 17th	<b>Thursdays:</b> Braywick Leisure Centre Maidenhead  Starts: Apr 24th No class on May 28th Ends: Jul 17th	<b>Fridays:</b> Holtspur Scout Hut, Beaconsfield  Starts: Apr 25th No class on May 29th Ends: Jul 18th	<b>Saturdays:</b> BCA, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead  Starts: Apr 26th No class on May 24th Ends: Jul 19th
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## Spring Term Exams

Many of our junior dancers are taking their first exams this term in Class Exam Ballet and Tap with the NATD (National Association of Teachers of Dancing) . Whilst exams are not compulsory, they are a wonderful record of achievement, and the children are made to feel very special on the day itself. We wish our junior dancers lots of luck as they begin their exam journey with us.

We also have a set of RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) exams this term and wish all of our Seniors taking their Grade 8 exam, all the very best for this final grade. It honestly feels like no time has passed since they were the juniors, taking their first grades.

Exam information and how the different boards assess candidates can be found [here](#):

RAD Ballet exams are taking place on Wednesday  
March 19th

NATD exams and medal tests are taking place on  
Sunday March 23rd

ISTD Modern and Tap exams will take place on  
Sunday May 11th, plus 4 more dates in June/July to  
be arranged

## Summer Term Exams

We have at least a week's worth of summer exams in Ballet, Modern and Tap, so the majority of classes will be working hard towards these goals. We do ask that practice is undertaken at home, just as you would expect for a music exam, and will provide resources to assist with home learning.



## Ex-pupil Success Stories!



Emma Kate Nelson has just finished appearing in a wonderful production of 'Hello Dolly', choreographed by Stephen Mears, at The Lido in Paris. Emma Kate has consistently worked since graduating from Laine Theatre Arts and has

appeared in Starlight Express, The Sound of Music, The Producers, 42nd Street, and A Chorus Line to name but a few of her many appearances in the West End, Paris, Germany and Broadway.



Amy Croall, having graduated last summer from Performer's College, obtained her first job dancing at Alton Towers, straight into Polar Express over the Christmas period, and has now been offered a part in the Harry Potter studio tour's summer

extravaganza 'The Triwizard Tournament', as a Beuxbaton student. Congratulations Miss Amy!



Oscar Ainscough has started his second year with the Royal Danish Ballet and has just performed in Sleeping Beauty. Rehearsals will start soon for a brand new ballet production of The Great Gatsby, choreographed by Arthur Pita and Oscar

will perform the lead role of Jay Gatsby. His past teachers and I are all so proud of Oscar, especially his mum, our very own Miss Jeanette!

## Adult Ballet

These classes take place on a Saturday morning at BCA – 2 levels are offered- 9am for dancers with previous experience and 10.15 for new adult beginners to ballet. Tuesday's 10-11am in Beaconsfield is for adults with previous dance experience.

All of our adult classes are taken by Miss Candy, Principal of the Pat Steel School of dance

## A Final Word

I hope I get to see as many of you as I can at the watch weeks at the end of term, but if I don't see you in person, thank you for making our dance school the special place we love so much. I look forward to the next 2 terms of exam preparation and hope we can encourage and inspire our young dancers to fulfil their potential and develop a love of dance, which will stay with them for life.

Best wishes,

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