



Autumn Term 2020

HPA Newsletter



Our website (www.haparts.co.uk) is regularly updated.
Please check class times.

CHANGE OF VENUE

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Hall have just informed us that they are not hiring out at present. Therefore, our Monday classes have transferred to Haslewey. (This does not affect Adult Tap).

Summer Show 2021

11th July, Princes Hall, Aldershot

To everyone's regret, our annual Summer Show this year had to be cancelled because of the Pandemic. Ever the optimists, we are looking forward to our 2021 Summer Show at the Princes Hall. The venue is provisionally booked, but all will depend on the behaviour of "The Virus", the population and the decisions of the Government.

Summer School 2020

Unfortunately, this also had to be cancelled because of Covid 19 regulations. However, Mrs Cantan organized some days of Ballet classes for pupils to catch up on RAD syllabus work. This proved both valuable and enjoyable.

PROCEDURES FOR DANCE CLASSES

Each hall we use has its own set of regulations, but the main similarities are:

There will be a separate entrance into the hall and exit from the hall.

Children 11 years and over have the option of wearing a mask if they wish. However, regulations allow anyone engaged in exercise not to wear a mask. Social distancing should be maintained.

Children must wait until they are allowed in. Children 11 and over should wear a mask even if they don't wear one whilst dancing.

Children may have their temperature taken when they enter.

Children should have their dance uniform ready under normal clothes. Ballet shoes may be put on in the hall but only in a designated area.

There are no waiting facilities available at present. If it is raining, and depending which hall is being used, parents might be able to wait in an entrance area or foyer but they must be wearing a face mask or visor.

Pupils may bring their own sanitiser but there will be tissues and sanitiser available.

We may not have the use of kitchen facilities. A bottle of water with the pupil's name on it should be brought to the class.

All belongings (e.g. ballet shoes / water bottles / sanitiser) must be taken away after the lesson. The hall will dispose of anything left behind.

Teachers will be wearing a mask / visor or both.

In some halls there may be only one toilet available for use. Pupils may only leave a class one at a time.

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Important Dates

14/09 Weekday Classes Begin
14/09 StageShine Begins
19/09 Saturday Classes Begin
03/10 Festival Group Rehearsals
31/10 Saturday 1/2 term
03/12 End of Term

Term Fees

Because we have to pay for the hire of halls at the beginning of the term, fees for all classes are due at the beginning of term. Please contact Angela if there is a problem paying fees.

This includes Weekly classes, Saturday Workshop and/or Festival Fees.

Currently, invoices are not issued for Classes - only for those who compete in Festivals, but this policy is under review since we have been receiving some fees very late.

Please ensure payments are made to the fees account:

Payee: Mrs Angela Cantan

A/c No: 24667760 (30-93-94)

HPA Classes

HPA runs a variety of weekday dance classes for pupils who may wish to take RAD Ballet exams and/or ISTD modern and Tap exams.

Saturday Workshops are based upon the RAD and ISTD syllabuses but are mainly for pupils who wish to perform in Classical Dance and Musical Theatre routines.

Unfortunately, at present, Covid 19 regulations do not allow indoor singing.

Details of fees and timings are available online at:

www.haparts.co.uk

and on the notice board inside the entrance to Hasleway on Saturday Workshop mornings.

Festival Season 2020/21

Group Rehearsal Timings

(Saturday Afternoons beginning October 3rd)

1.45 - 2.30pm Junior (4-8)	Festival Captain: t.b.c.
2.30 - 3.15pm Inters (9-12)	Festival Captain: Debbie Metcalfe
3.15 - 4.00pm Seniors (13+)	Festival Captain: Debbie Metcalfe

Rehearsals

Due to Covid 19 regulations, group rehearsals have to be no longer than 45 minutes. This is temporary and times will be extended when regulations permit.

British Arts and other Festivals

At the time of writing, no information has been received from any festival organisations.

For further details regarding festival work, please contact the Principal (Angela) or one of the festival captains.

Festival Agreement (Important)

Birthday parties, sleep-overs, pre-booked trips, etc. Please consider that being part of a Festival Team is not for someone with a busy social calendar. You will be asked to sign a form containing the following:

I understand that, as a member of the Festival team, my child is committed to all rehearsals during the festival season and should attend the competitions as requested.

I understand that, in addition to Festivals, my child may be asked to perform at local events, e.g. Charter Fair, Haslemere Festival and other similar opportunities.

If, for any exceptional circumstance, my child is not able to attend, as much notice as possible will be given to the Principal so that other arrangements can be made.

I am aware that if my child(ren) miss more than three festival rehearsals, without reasonable notice or explanation, the Principal reserves the right to replace them within the group team.

HPA SHOP



HPA's shop sells new and pre-used dancewear including exam regulation leotards and shoes.

Costumes for festivals can also be ordered but, please be aware that there may be postage & packing costs to be paid, if the costume has to be returned.

The shop will be open at Haslewey on some Saturday Workshop mornings. More details to follow.

Please check:

HPA's Facebook page.

The noticeboard inside the entrance to Haslewey during Saturday Workshops.

Our website: www.haparts.co.uk



HPA Hoodies/Onesies

The HPA Shop will be putting in an order for Hoodies and Onesies once we have started back. Different colours and sizes are available.



PUTTING ON A MUSICAL (6 - 14 years)

The lockdown and subsequent regulations put a premature end to our 2020 blockbuster. Undeterred, we begin rehearsals again on September 14th at Haslewey Community Centre from 5.10pm to 6.20pm. (£65 per term).

Sadly, no singing at present is allowed.

Free trial available. Email Angela: haparts@aol.com





Fundraising Activities

HPA's staff and organization team aim to provide the children with the best chance of showcasing their talent and performance skills at both the end of year shows and when competing at the various festivals around the country.

This comes mainly in the form of the teaching, nurturing, choreography and rehearsal which provides those children with the skills and the opportunity to shine.

However, as performance is theatre, it requires more than this to ensure that their dances are as professional as possible.

HPA has a large number of costumes available but, sadly, some of them are coming to the end of their usable life and it will be necessary to have a clear out and replace many of them with new costumes which will be at a cost. In addition, all the costumes are stored at facilities which have a rental cost and this fee increases regularly, even with negotiation.

Therefore, the HPA Events team plan to organize a number of fundraising activities over the coming year to raise money to replace costumes and props for the upcoming festival groups and summer shows. Details will be sent out when fundraising events have been organized or to ask for volunteers and/or contributions.

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Haslemere Performing Arts



AND FINALLY...Some (not too serious) Viral Thoughts!

At the moment, many of our classes will be slightly shorter. This is because we have to wipe down surfaces that may have become contaminated during the lesson. This has to be done before and after each class.

Should, I wonder, teachers be given a quick wipe over with a damp cloth soaked in 71% alcohol?

During the 1939-1945 war with Germany, the phrase, "Well, there is a war on." could be frequently heard when someone in authority was trying to explain shortages, deprivations and any kind of administrative fiasco. (Sound familiar?) Since 1945, those of a more mature generation can still be heard to say: "During the war.....".

Will these phrases continue to be used with "war" replaced by "pandemic"?

SAFEGUARDING Please be aware that when Haslemere Performing Arts puts on a dance show, musical theatre show or runs the summer school, we are required to follow very strict Child Protection procedures, so children must sign in to the venue and must not leave the premises until we are able to safely sign them out to parents/guardians.