



CDTA SEPTEMBER REGISTRATION NEWS 2021

Autumn Term begins: Monday 20th September 2021
Half Term: 25th October 2021
Term Ends: Fri 3rd December 2021

WELCOME BACK

Wow what a busy end to the term we had with three days of exams and finally getting the opportunity to perform our long awaited show 'There's no place like home'. What an exciting week we had in the Rhoda McGaw theatre in Woking. I think we were all in shock that we actually managed to get to the Saturday night without having anyone test positive with COVID. We got great feedback and more than anything there was such a special feeling in the theatre, a buzz of excitement from everyone involved including all the technicians and front of house staff that the theatre was opening its doors again to a live audience. I was overwhelmed with the gratitude and thanks I received from everyone involved and I am so proud we all pulled together to get the show performed. Well done to everyone involved. I am sure like me you can't wait for the DVD!

NEW COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES

I am pleased to say a lot of the restrictions we had in place since September last year are now not a regulation for this year. At last we won't have to dance in our boxes and we can once again teach at full capacity. I want to assure people that we will still be cleaning touch points at the start of every evening and that we will be advising all students to sanitise their hands when entering and exiting the church rooms. We will also be keeping rooms well ventilated by opening windows to keep fresh air flowing, if you don't yet have a CDTA hoodie now might be the time to get one as we head into the Autumn term. We may now all use the main entrance to the church rooms rather than the fire exit doors to the car park, please however try not to congregate in the reception area of the church rooms and keep your distance where possible. Finally if we have a positive case within the dance school you will be contacted if deemed as a close contact and as per the new guidance all under 18's and those who have had a double vaccine, will not be asked to self-isolate but to take a PCR test.

OPEN AFTERNOON

Thursday 16th September 2021 – 3.00pm – 5.00pm

I am delighted that we will be able to host our open afternoon this year after missing out last September. This is a great opportunity to get yourself some second hand uniform bargains or order new uniform or branded CDTA clothing. You can also just pop in to say hello or ask about new classes you might like to sign up to. Come and join us for a cuppa and a biscuit and get excited about what this academic year has in store.

SHOW REVEAL 2022!

Thursday 16th September 2021 – 5.30pm – 8.00pm

I can't quite believe it (I must be mad) but we have a new show to prepare for! Yes we have the theatre booked for the week commencing Sunday 6th February 2022. After our open afternoon we will be inviting all our Year 3 students and above to come and watch the last show with us and then I will reveal the theme of the new show! What will it be?

Come and find out!



TAPATHON 2021

An annual event we can rely on! Come and get your tap shoes on with us and raise money for BBC's Children in Need whilst also attempting to break a new World Record. It is great fun and you get a 'funky' t-shirt as a memento. Please ask Miss Jasmine for more details, open to all tappers including friends and family, the more the merrier.

MISS VERITY

It was so lovely having Miss Verity helping out with exams and the show last term and we were both really hoping September would be the perfect opportunity to welcome her back to teaching. We met to chat about her recovery and when would be a good time to return and she has been advised to wait a little longer to ensure her health continues to improve and so she doesn't rush back into it too quickly. I am pleased to say she is keen to still be involved as much as she can, helping out with exams and show work and also providing cover if and when needed.

NEW TEACHERS

Miss Sharon – Singing



Sharon Duggan has had 22 years of experience teaching singing and performance and has taught for ACM, Hurtwood house, Cranleigh Arts Centre and West Sussex Adult Community Learning as well as being the choral director of the Cranleigh Community Choir. We are very excited to welcome her to CDTA and offer singing lessons on a Monday to those students who want to improve their singing and learn more about their voice.

Miss Kath – Musical Theatre/Drama, Commercial, Modern/Tap

Kath Harman graduated from The Urdang Academy in 2018, gaining a Level 6 National Diploma in Professional Dance and Musical Theatre. She has performed on the Carnival Cruise Ship and is currently studying for her ISTD teaching qualifications in both Modern and Tap. We are excited to have her join the team to teach Musical Theatre/Drama and other classes on a Thursday. She also lives in Cranleigh so a perfect addition to CDTA.



CLASSES THIS YEAR!

SINGING, MUSICAL THEATRE AND DRAMA CLASSES ARE BACK!

I am pleased to say we have added Singing, drama and Musical theatre classes back onto the timetable! We will have a Junior and Senior singing class on a Monday and a Junior and Senior Musical Theatre/Drama class on a Thursday. If you are interested please email me to sign up!

A NEW YOUNGER BRONZE JAZZ CLASS

One of my personal favourites is Jazz and I am pleased to offer a new bronze jazz class for our younger students age 8+.

A NEW YOUNGER CONTEMPORARY CLASS

Contemporary is great for those dancers who would like to explore music and movement in a more expressive and creative way. I feel for some of our younger students who currently take Modern and are keen to develop their dancing skills more, this is the class for them. Contemporary dance at CDTA is not a set syllabus class and explores a lot of improvisation and how the body moves. If you are in Grade 2 Modern you may now sign up to this new class.

BALLET FREWORK AND POINTE CLASS

If you are in Grade 4 Ballet or above you may join the Ballet freework and pointe class.

Miss Tamara will assess when you are ready to get your first pair of pointe shoes depending on strength of ankles and core strength. Many of our students in this class have now been invited to purchase their first pair of pointe shoes which is always an exciting shopping trip. This class is also a great addition to your graded ballet class and will help you improve your ballet technique, strength and knowledge of Ballet overall.

INTERMEDIATE FOUNDATION BALLET

Is Ballet your love and you would like to develop your Ballet performance and skill more? If you are in Grade 4+ you may now take a major Ballet examination class. Alongside your graded classes the RAD also offer vocational ballet

syllabi for those dancers who have a passion for Ballet and want to develop their performance and technical skill more. This is a set syllabus class but it includes pointe work in which is part of the examination whereas the graded syllabus does not include pointe work.

COMMERCIAL CLASS

I know a few of you are now keen to join our commercial class after seeing it in the show. I am pleased to say we have space for those wanting to join this class.

ADULT CLASSES

I am pleased to say we now have 4 adult classes on the timetable, these are; Beginners Tap, Advanced Tap, Adult Fitness and now an adult Ballet class. If you fancy trying something new or finding more exiting ways to keep fit, then these classes are for you!

FEES

After an increase to the fees for the last two years I have decided that the fees will remain as £71.00 for a 30 minute class, £83.00 for a 45 minute class and £95.00 for an hour class. We do have lots of classes that are at reduced rates or even half price when taken alongside a Graded class and don't forget we also have a 5% family discount which now applies to all members of each family and a 5% discount for students who take any 3 or more classes with us. Our CAP on fees is remaining frozen at £550.00 per term, so this means once you hit this you can do as many classes as you like without any extra cost. For those who do a lot of classes with us this really makes a big difference!

OUR NEW CDTA APP

You may know that over lockdown I set up a CDTA App to try to help me stay in touch directly with the students. This is our own private space (not like Instagram and such like), where we can easily share information directly with CDTA members. It also allows us to post videos and music which will be very useful for exam work, display routines and show work. If you would like to join the App you need to search for Dance Life in your app store, it is a purple icon with white writing and then search for CDTA. I will then accept your member request.

DON'T FORGET WE ALSO HAVE OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Website Address: www.cranleighdance.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: send a friend request to Jasmine CDTA to access our personal school account – pupils of the school only. Or share our Facebook Page 'Cranleigh Dance and Theatre Arts' to friends and family to publicise the school.

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