



# Jane Coleman School of Dancing

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## Dates for your diary

Autumn term

7th September

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17th October

### Half term

2nd November

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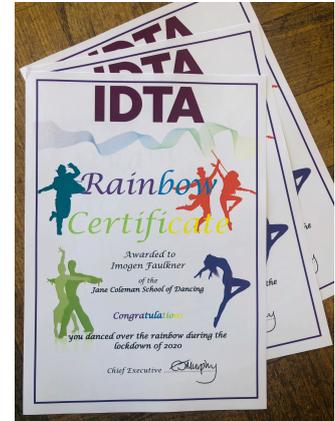
12th December

Please note that classes will not start in Burwash until 15th September due to hall renovations

Hello to all our lovely dancers and families!

We hope you are safe, well and enjoying a sunny summer holiday so far :-)

We've had some lovely classes this summer and it's been great to see some of you dancing back in the hall. We have also been able to present some of you with the **IDTA Rainbow certificate** for dancing online. This was a lovely idea from the IDTA to acknowledge those that had managed to keep dancing online. The rest will be presented in class when we see you.



We have spent a number of weeks creating a fresh new timetable that we feel gives every dancer the possibility to broaden their horizons within dance.

All classes in all venues have had the need to change times to allow for clearing and cleaning between each class, therefore you will find that your class time will be different. We are sure you will understand that this is a necessity in order to follow government guidelines and keep everyone as safe as possible. A risk assessment for each venue will be available for you to read on our website and placed within each hall. This will be modified as needed should guidelines change.



# Upcoming Events

## Strictly Dance Day

is back and is Strictly limited!  
Tuesday 27th  
October 2020



Please sign up via email to reserve your space. Times will be confirmed at the start of term

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Watching week will take place week commencing 7th December. This will depend on government guidelines and whether we are allowed to increase numbers inside our venues. We will aim to confirm as soon as possible.

### We have some general rules that apply for all venues:

- As there will not be an available space to change, we ask all dancers to arrive ready to dance 5 minutes before the class
- Only the parents of Tiny Tip Toes and Tip Toes children will be allowed to enter the venues, so that we can maintain social distancing. Dancers will need to be dropped off and collected on time. We are sure this might be a welcome change for some of you, to not have to wait around inside the venues.
- All dancers will need to bring one dance bag to put all belongings in and a full water bottle, as all kitchens are off limits.
- All venues have a hygiene table supplied at the entrance with hand sanitiser, please use this on entry
- Toilet areas are restricted to one in and one out
- We will also be providing a hygiene table for the dancers to use within the halls
- We will be following a one way system in every venue
- If you or your child is unwell please do not come to class, even with a cold
- Please read the risk assessment for each venue on our website for further details and if you have any queries, please get in touch

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Our new term will start from Monday 7th September and we will run a 12 week term for Autumn. Please note that Burwash classes will start on Tuesday 15th September and run a 11 week term due to village hall window renovations.

**Start of term - 7th September (15th September Burwash)**

**Half term - 18th October - 1st November**

**End of term 12th December**

We do still have a number of outstanding payments due from Spring term and online classes. We would really appreciate immediate payment of these invoices to allow us to finalise accounts. Please check your portal to see if you have an outstanding balance. As always, we are happy to discuss payment terms if you wish, so please let us know and we will amend your account for Class Manager invoicing.



### **IDTA Exams**

The IDTA are not releasing dates yet, but we have applied for the weekend of **30th & 31st January**

Will all students that were hoping to enter exams this summer please keep the dates free and we will confirm ASAP

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### **Exam dress rehearsal**

for all exam students in Burwash on

**24th January** at a cost of £5 per student.

Please keep the day free.

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Students taking exams and assessments will be confirmed by half term and we will also confirm whether you will be taking the exam or assessment version.

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Please note that we may need to arrange extra exam classes for some grades and these sessions will be confirmed by half term



We are very excited to say that we have introduced Character and National dance as part of our ballet classes from Preparatory level to Grade Two.

We feel this will be hugely beneficial for the dancers as it is such an important part of ballet and it is integral to much of the classical ballet repertoire.

Many other associations already include this as part of the ballet syllabus and we feel that it is something that has been missing from our classes previously. We are sure the children will feel the benefit of this addition when it comes to exam or show time!

This will mean that all ballet classes from Preparatory to Grade Two have increased to 45 minutes.

We have also provided a chance for your dancers to start **Tap & Contemporary Modern** in Burwash on Tuesday afternoons with Miss Rachel. Miss Rachel has huge experience with these styles and is loving teaching them. Unfortunately she has not previously had the opportunity, as we cannot tap in Sandhurst and Robertsbridge (hall rules). Come along and give it a go with a free taster class on Tuesday 15th September **Don't forget to book ASAP!**

Our Saturday morning classes in Stonegate with Miss Katie involve a mix of Contemporary and Lyrical Jazz for Junior and Senior levels.

The classes will increase to 1 hour to allow us to develop the styles and delve a bit more into the technique of both forms. This will include a Contemporary barre, Contemporary centre work and Lyrical dance.

Please let us know if you would like to sign up, as space is limited! Priority to existing dancers





## IDTA Assessment Class Examinations

*What are they and what do you need to know?*

The Class

Assessments are considered by the IDTA and JCSD to be just as important as the full exam.

Candidates are required to know the work, but have the option to go into the exam with their teacher and have a choice on some of the exercises. They will not need to learn the whole grade, but will need to perform the dance to the required level.

This can be a better option if your child feels anxious about taking exams and they will still move onto the next grade.

We do not believe in pushing a child into taking an exam before they are ready, as it can affect the way they view exams for the future.

Please understand that if we decide that your child needs a bit more time in their current grade or can move up without taking an exam, it is purely because we have their best interests at heart

A big warm welcome to our new Catsfield dancers! It was so lovely to meet you on Monday 10th for our taster day and Miss Kate can't wait to get started with you in September :-)

We look forward to getting to know you and seeing you at our JCSD dance days.



## We also have the following classes for you to try.....

- Online Advanced 1 Ballet, Stretch & Tone with Miss Rachel - for those dancers that would like another class a week as well as their usual class, but cannot easily make it to a different venue or perhaps for those heading off to University!
- Classical Award Two in Robertsbridge with Miss Rachel - if this class is suitable for you, we will send you an invitation to join the class
- Grade Four Ballet with Miss Katie in Stonegate - please enquire to see if this class is suitable for you
- American Tap (intermediate level) with Miss Katie - this non-syllabus class has been running for a year now, but moving more toward the American style tap

## It's not all about the kids!

We have new dance classes for you too, including:

- Online Ballet Barre for those that struggle to make it to a class or just prefer the online version
- Burwash Beginner's Ballet - for absolute beginners
- Burwash Beginner's Tap - for absolute beginners
- Stonegate Barre & Stretch for 12+ evening session - ballet based workout
- Burwash Gentle movement class for over 55s
- Stonegate Beginner's Ballroom & Latin - for absolute beginners

**All this plus our existing adult classes, we hope there is something for all.**

**Please check the timetable for a class to suit you!**

## Tiny Tip Toes & Tip Toes Ballet

We have been busy creating a whole new syllabus for our Pre School dancers and have also made the decision to split these classes into **Tiny Tip Toes** for toddlers 18 months - 2.5 years with a parent and **Tip Toes Ballet** for 3 - 5 year olds. This will allow for each class to be tailored more toward the age group, with Tiny Tip Toes starting the foundations of dance through fun and Tip Toes Ballet becoming the Pre Preparatory syllabus class.

Please enquire to check which class your child will be taking and check website for more information



### Pointe Shoes

Unfortunately due to social distancing we have had to cancel our Pointe shoe fitting session with the current grade fives.

However, now that you have completed your demi pointe work training sessions (thank you for your commitment with online pointe classes) Miss Rachel is very happy for you to go along to Dancing Boutique individually to be fitted for your shoes. We have confirmed with the store that you have permission to have your shoes fitted. Please email us to confirm with Miss Rachel.

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Please remember your star attendance cards for when you start the term

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**Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to keep up to date on what's going on at JCSD**

**Remember you receive a discount for each extra class taken, up to 3 classes per week. 4th and 5th classes will be priced at the same discount as your 3rd class. For example:**

**Class 1 = £5.25 per class | Class 2 = £4.25 per class | Class 3 = £3.25 per class**

**Adult classes are discounted when paid termly and also receive a discount for multiple classes**

We are introducing an optional black ballet skirt for grade 5 and above. Please let us know if you would like to order one ready to start the term and please remember that we prefer that you use the school version rather than your own.



All uniform with the exception of shoes is available from your teacher. We recommend The Dancing Boutique in Tunbridge Wells for shoes to ensure that they are fitted correctly. While buying online may seem the easier option, they often need to be sent back due to poor fitting. We have a few 2nd hand pairs of smaller size tap shoes available for those that sign up for classes.

We are now taking orders for new uniform, so if there is anything you need, please let us know and we will endeavour to get it to you before the start of term.

We do ask that only the school uniform is worn in class and that hair is kept in the suitable styles as per last term. Hair should be tied back neatly and in a secure bun for ballet from Preparatory level.

Please note only Jane Coleman School of Dancing T-shirts and sweatshirts are permitted in class and are optional.



We hope that you have been keeping your bun skills up to scratch during lockdown :-)  
and now have some lovely new bun kit purses available with blonde or brunette grips, pins, bun net, hair bands and ballet ribbon to be used for class. It's everything you need for the perfect ballet bun including instructions and can be attached to your dance bag - £3