

Newsletter Autumn Term 2009

Welcome back! I hope you had a fantastic summer break. At TAPA we've been quite busy buying Academy House and getting lots of exciting new ideas and plans together. With all the new classes and events planned, it's going to be an exciting (and busy) year.

Show DVD – If you haven't ordered your DVD yet, please pick up a form from the school and get it back to us a.s.a.p as we need to get the last orders in very soon. Having now watched it, (a lot!) I can guarantee the exceptional quality. It is a lovely reminder of our best ever show.

Twitter – If you have a twitter account, click [here](#) to follow us and you will receive all the latest updates , such as: auditions, free classes, special offers and important dates that are coming up.

Facebook – We have our own page on Facebook which is regularly updated with audition success, new events and general chat about TAPA. Click [here](#) and become a fan.

TAPA PA!! – We have a steering committee working very hard at the moment to secure the beginnings of a Parents Association. After arranging a very successful Family Fun Day they are now working to ensure the Red Ball (21st November) will be a fantastic evening for all. If you would like to get involved with the PA or specifically want to help with forthcoming events, please contact TAPA on info@templeacademy.co.uk

Daytime classes – There are lots of new classes starting during the daytime for adults, professional dancers and singers, toddlers and parents and pre-school age children. Have a look on the link to see the full timetable. <http://www.templeacademy.co.uk//parents/timetable.pdf> . As a special offer, you can try your first class free of charge and then if you bring someone else you get half a term of classes half price and if you bring 2 new people – your first half term of classes are free .

AUDITION SUCCESSES – September 09

Sleeping Beauty at The Churchill Theatre. Congratulations to the many students who have auditioned successfully for upcoming shows. 5 children are taking part in Sleeping Beauty with Clare Sweeney at The Churchill Theatre. Out of 450 who auditioned, they chose 2 teams of 10 and 10 reserves. Our 5 are split into 2 teams and we have one little one on reserve. It's a fantastic achievement so well done to you all.

Wizard of Oz at The Churchill Theatre. There are also 6 TAPA students who are going to be Munchkins. West Wickham Operatic Society is putting Wizard of Oz on in November at The Churchill Theatre and all our clever kids are in the same team!!

Beauty and the Beast at The Harlequin Theatre. 2 of our seniors are performing with Linda Robson in Redhill. This is the 3rd year running they have been successful and we wish them both lots of luck this year.

Dick Whittington at The Stag Theatre. On Sunday we had great success at The Stag Theatre with 2 juniors, 6 intermediates and 1 senior dancer winning places to perform alongside Michelle Gayle. All the children are split into 3 teams so we will be making a few trips to The Stag this season! Well done all of you.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at The Assembly Rooms We have been asked to provide dancers and the choreography for this panto in December. There will be 6-8 students from TAPA performing in this production.

I think we can safely say we'll be 'panto-ed out' by January!!!

Before moving on, I have to congratulate all the children who attended the auditions and weren't picked this time. Well done for going and representing TAPA. I'm sure you did yourselves and TAPA proud. Don't give up though, there's always next time!

Upcoming Auditions – *English Youth Ballet* auditions will take place on Wednesday 10th February at Bromley High School. Please see notice board for more information.

<http://www.englishyouthballet.co.uk/auditions1.html>

Summer schools – We had two very successful and enjoyable Summer Projects. Children came and learnt excerpts from *Oliver* and *Mamma Mia* with professional performers and then put on a fantastic display of what they had learnt. Rob Kershaw (*Oliver* – West End) was so impressed by the kids here he offered them a backstage tour! We had a fantastic time and 23 of us went up to see the show and loved looking at the stage from a different viewpoint.

Red Ball – Get out your best frocks and dust off your bow ties we're having a Ball!! The evening will be a mix of great food, cocktails, lots of dancing and table games. Our main attraction that night is the fantastic jazz singer Atila and his stunning band. www.atila.co.uk. They will be playing live jazz and swing all evening for you to just listen or dance the night away. The date for your diary is **Saturday November 21st, 7.30pm at Keston Halls. Tickets for the event are £30.** More details will follow very soon and tickets will be available from reception. There are only 150 tickets for this event (that's just 15 tables of 10) so please be quick to avoid disappointment.

Musical Theatre production – This term (and 1st half of next term) the drama and singing department are putting on a show! It will be a mixture of a few popular musicals to be performed at a local theatre. As these departments are really expanding and the talent is so fantastic we wanted to show off that talent! If you want to be involved in this production, you will need to attend either a singing or drama class on a Friday evening. Auditions for parts are very soon but we can take new students for ensemble up to the end of this term. Please let us know as soon as you can if you would like to be involved with either the performing, backstage crew or chaperoning.

Christmas watching week – If you want to come and watch the classes that your children take then you are very welcome. May I remind you that whilst in the studio, younger siblings must be kept off the dance floor. We would also appreciate it if the room was as quiet as possible to avoid distracting the students.

To watch Ballet, Tap and Modern classes you may come in during the second to last week of term. That is week commencing Monday 30th November. Jazz classes will be the final week of term as they will be having assessments the previous week.

No watching for Singing and Drama classes as they are working towards a production.

Jazz assessments – At TAPA, students don't take exams in jazz so we felt it was important to give the students (especially those who only do jazz) something to aim for. We have previously had assessments and it worked really well with many students surprising us (and themselves) with the work they produced. There will be letter issued next week to everyone who takes jazz, explaining in full the way these assessments will run.

TAPA's got talent – Our usual choreographic competition is being plumped up this year as we are encouraging entries from the musical theatre department. Details will be on their way very soon with requirements, time limits etc. So start having a think about what you want to do – March 27th 2010 will be here before you know it!

Teachers – Please have a look on our website to see our current teaching faculty. This term I am very pleased to welcome Matthew Gregory as our new Singing teacher as Duncan is currently touring with a live ABBA concert. Matthew will be with us at least until Spring Term.

Performance Experience – We are still debating the show to choose but currently, Mamma Mia seems the favourite idea! If you have any suggestions, please let us know – we want to do what you want to do – so let us know. We do have a date secured though so please put **May 16th 2010** in your diaries. The 4 preceding weekends will be rehearsal dates.

Exams – Ballet, tap and Modern exams will take place in February and July 2010. Children who have been selected to take exams in February will be notified shortly.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	-	14th September – 12th December
Half Term	-	26th – 30th October
The Red Ball	-	21 st November
Watching week for Ballet, Tap and Modern	-	30 th November – 5 th December
Last week of term and Jazz watching week	-	7 th – 12 th December
Spring Term	-	4th January - 27th March
Half Term	-	15th – 19th February
Proposed examination dates	-	7 th + 14 th February
Choreographic Competition	-	28 th March
Quiz night	-	TBA
Summer Term	-	19th April – 17th July
Half Term	-	31st May – 4th June
Proposed examination dates	-	4 th + 11 th July
Fundraising event (any suggestions welcome)	-	TBA
Performance experience rehearsal dates	-	18 th 25 th April, 2 nd , 9 th , 15 th May
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