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# Margaret Howard Theatre Schools

## Autumn Newsletter 2020

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Dear Parents,

I would like to start by sending huge congratulations to all of the MHTS Pupils for a fantastic academic year filled with plenty of memories and achievements. Everyone has worked so hard with commitment and dedication and I am so proud of everything that both our pupils and the MHTS Team have achieved. The MHTS Team is committed to respecting all advised safety measures and to supporting pupils as we continue to move through this unique and difficult time.

As we move forward, we are ensuring that the correct protocols are put in place, not only to provide a safe environment that is clean and secure but an effective and relaxed space to enable our pupils to return to classes back in the Studios where possible.

Right at this moment it is difficult to predict with certainty how life will unfold and whilst we are planning we will be flexible to react to any necessary changes and will continue to follow the advice from the Government.

We will be offering Zoom links to any pupil who needs to continue shielding or has to isolate at any time during the term. Please keep in touch in this regard so that we can ensure you receive the correct information and Zoom links for any classes pupils may need to attend "live" from the safety of their own home. These will be sent as required.

Whilst we are looking forward to the Show in February to be held as usual and in The Radlett Centre we cannot be certain until it reopens and we can assess the situation. We have back up plans! Other regular events are planned and scheduled and we all hope that normality will return or at least a normality we can handle. Please look at the Year Planner and keep the special dates in your diary!

Invoices for the Autumn Term have now been released and the deadline has now passed to change or remove classes. We now require a half term of notice or fees in lieu once written notice is received.

Please read the following newsletter carefully as it contains important information and advice as we start the new academic year as well as exciting events coming up throughout the year ahead.

I hope you have had a fabulous break and we are all looking forward to seeing everyone again when we return on Monday 14th September.

Best Wishes

Michelle

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## MHTS Studio Safety & Etiquette

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### DANCE STUDIOS & CHANGING ROOMS

#### MH Studios

Please can all Pupils arriving for class at MH Studios use the entrance corresponding to the Studio in which their first class starts. Please see below:

**Studio 1** - Please use the green 154 door situated at the far end of the car park

**Studio 2** - Please use the Main MHTS Entrance at the front of the building

**Studio 3 (upstairs) & Tutorial Room** - Please use the MPAA Entrance situated at the front, on the far right of the building.

This door will be accessible from 4pm each day or at least 5 minutes before the timetabled classes begin. Parents are not permitted to enter the building and the Changing rooms MUST not be used to change or store any belongings.

Please make sure you are clearly visible at the designated collection point so we can let your child leave the building. If your child is leaving on their own a written consent via email MUST be given in advance to [admin@margarethoward.co.uk](mailto:admin@margarethoward.co.uk)

All water bottles MUST be personal to each pupil and/or labelled with their name clearly on the side. No plastic water bottles will be allowed.

It is vital that all rubbish is disposed of using the bins provided and all Pupils must respect the building at all times. If you need to gain access to the building please ring the MHTS Office Door Bell and Linda will be able to assist you.

#### The Bushey Centre

Please use the entrance on the far right of the building, at the end of the car park, classes will be in the Main Hall. The entrance can also be accessed via the gate from Bushey High Street opposite Koh-I-Noor Road. The same safety measures as those for MH Studios have been put in place so please adhere to these new rules at all times.

Our Policies and Protocols can be found via our website, please familiarise yourself with these rules by clicking [HERE](#).

At MHTS we are striving for excellence and we ask that you help us by ensuring that Pupils arrive on time for their classes, appropriately dressed and with tidy hair. All of these things contribute to the training that we deliver and to the discipline that is so important in the Performing Arts world.

For any lost items, we have a lost property basket stored in the stairwell by the Changing rooms in MH Studios, please make sure to contact us if your child is missing any items of clothing, drinks bottles, shoes etc.

# MHTS Track & Trace

Pupil registers will be taken at the start of every lesson and these will be used for Track and Trace purposes if required. All other visitors to the building will be asked to check in through our digital system.

## 2020 - 2021 Year Planner & Timetable



### TIMETABLE CHANGES

The 2020 - 2021 Year Planner and Autumn Timetable is now available to view on our [Website](#)

At this time, all our upcoming events, exams and performances are provisionally booked in but please make sure to make a note of all of these to avoid any clashes and disruptions as we move through a busy yet unpredictable year ahead.

Please check this new Timetable carefully, we have had to make essential changes to enable those who have taken or will be taking exams to attend their correctly graded classes and to ensure that our pupils are able to safely work in a socially distanced environment.

### POLITE REMINDER

We have a full Timetable of classes and we require a half a term of notice in writing to cancel or change a class. Please do not "tell" a Teacher as the message does not always arrive and often the information is incomplete or incorrect.

Please send an email to [enquiries@margarethoward.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@margarethoward.co.uk) stating the classes that you wish to stop and when. If notice is not given then fees for the half term of notice will be charged and become payable.

This applies to everyone and can only be waived under exceptional circumstances.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

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## Important Car Park & Parking Notice

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We now have a covered waiting area situated at the front of the car park allowing for MHTS parents and pupils to wait outside before and after classes staying sheltered from the weather as we start to enter the winter months. Please adhere to the 2 meter social distancing guidelines when in this area and wear a mask should you feel the need to.

Please remember parking is strictly prohibited anywhere on the premises during drop off and pick up. Several residents who live behind our building have designated spaces allocated to them and therefore none are available for use by us at any time.

We really don't want parents to get parking tickets or be the cause of any parking disputes and advise that all MHTS parents use the Car Park on what was The Bushey Country Club site which offers free parking for up to 2 hours or alternatively, any adjacent roads with free parking available.

If you have any issues gaining access to the MH Studios or The Bushey Centre please ring the School Office on 0208 421 8008 and we will be able to assist you.

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## Uniform Orders

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DON'T FORGET! All Pupils must be seen wearing our MHTS Uniform in ALL classes and is available to purchase via our website.

### NEW TERM = NEW START

#### Ballet Classes

All Pupils who attend Ballet MUST wear a MHTS Leotard with Pink Ballet Shoes and hair styled into a classical Ballet Bun.

Pre-Primary - Grade 1 - Turquoise Leotard, Ballet Skirt with White Socks (Optional Black Cardigan)  
Grade 2 & Above - Ballet Leotard with Ballet Tights

#### Modern, Tap & Jazz Classes

All Pupils who attend these classes MUST wear a MHTS Leotard with Black Footless Tights and appropriate footwear for each genre. Hair MUST be tied back off face at all times.

Grade 2 Modern & Above - All Pupils who attend MUST purchase foot thongs to wear in class, during

### **Acting & Singing Classes**

All Pupils who attend these classes MUST wear a MHTS T-Shirt and Black leggings or Joggers with Black Plimssoles.

### **Musical Production Classes**

All Pupils who attend these classes MUST wear a MHTS T-Shirt and Black leggings or Joggers with Black Plimssoles and/or Jazz shoes (Leotards MUST be worn to MP if you attend other dance classes within the School)

### **Hip Hop & Street Classes**

All Pupils who attend these classes MUST wear a MHTS T-Shirt and Black leggings or Joggers with suitable trainers.

All Uniform will be available to collect from Linda in the School Office between 2pm - 6pm Monday to Thursday during term time (payment MUST be made before any Uniform can be collected)

Please use the link to our Online Form below to place your order

[Click here to place your order -](#)  
[Please note we are only accepting payments via PayPal at this time](#)

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unsure which garments should be worn in each class please email enquiries and we will be happy to assist.

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## **Shows & Event Dates For Your Diary**

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### Important dates for your diaries

#### Autumn Term

MHTS Show Registration Opens - Saturday 24th October  
MHTS Christmas Party & Awards Evening - Saturday 5th December  
(October Half Term - Monday 26th October - Sunday 1st November)

***Christmas Holidays - Sunday 29th November - Sunday 3rd January***

#### Spring Term

MHTS Show tickets on Sale - Monday 4th January  
MHTS Show Tech & Dress Rehearsal - Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th February  
MHTS Show Week - Monday 8th - Saturday 13th February  
Buddy Week - Monday 15th March - Saturday 20th March  
MHTS Open Day - Saturday 20th March  
(February Half Term - Monday 15th February - Sunday 21st February)

***Easter Holidays - Monday 29th March - Sunday 18th April***

#### Summer Term

MHTS Got Talent Show tickets on sale - Monday 10th May  
MHTS Got Talent Show - Sunday 13th June

(May Half Term - Monday 24th May - Sunday 30th May)

*Summer Begins - Tuesday 6th July (Monday 5th is a replacement for May Bank Holiday)*

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## ISTD/LAMDA Exam Dates For Your Diary

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Please be aware that ALL Pupils who attend an ISTD syllabus class will be considered and entered for the relevant exams, should their teacher feel they are ready.

You will be informed a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the session if your son/daughter is to be entered. However in the meantime, please avoid making any arrangements on the allocated dates below.

### Autumn Term - 2020

ISTD Exam Coaching Week - **Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December**

ISTD Modern & Tap Exams are due to take place on  
**Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December**

ISTD Ballet Exams are due to take place on  
**Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th December**

### Summer Term - 2021

LAMDA Acting Exams are due to take place on  
**Wednesday 30th June**

ISTD Exams Ballet, Modern, Tap & Commercial Exams are due to take place on  
**Tuesday 13th - Friday 14th July**

Details of coaching dates and times will be available nearer the time and your exam fees will include coaching where necessary.

All Exam results take between 4-6 weeks to arrive and will be given out by the relevant teachers during classes. Certificates and Mark Sheets will be kept and distributed together once we receive them all from the ISTD.

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## Can You Help?

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In anticipation of our annual February Show, we are looking for two volunteers to join our costume team. Don't worry! You don't need to be able to sew, we just need you to be organised and able to sort, collect and distribute costumes.

If you are interested please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

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## Welcome Back!

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Our MHTS 2020 - 2021 year commences on Monday 14th September and we can't wait to see everyone back to classes. More information regarding all our upcoming events and performances will be confirmed as soon as possible!

And finally ....

[CLICK HERE](#)

to inform us of any recent health issues that may affect your child attending classes at MHTS.