

April 6th 2020.

Dear Parents and Students

MFDA UPDATES

Well, now that we are over the shock of having to adapt our lives while we navigate safely through our global pandemic...we would like to bring you up to date with what the MFDA and PIPPA'S Team has been working on for our students.

RAD 2020 EXAM TOUR

We have officially written to the Royal Academy of Dance Examinations Co-Ordinator to request that our exams are pushed back to the first week of December 2020. They have responded to say this is possible and we will start to plan towards this new tour date in September. The RAD have officially stopped examining globally until April 30th 2020 and this date is still under review.

MFDA DANCE COMPETITION

We strongly feel it is time to get our children moving again and so we would like to engage and encourage ALL our dance students (and any parents) to join in our dance competition this month!!! Miho, Jane and Truth will be sending out a further email on the guidelines of the competition this week, so please watch out for our further information on how our students may enter. We thought this would be a fun and creative way to occupy some of their time while at home.

RE-OPENING OF MFDA AND PIPPA'S GYM

We are eagerly awaiting our governments recommendations on when we will be able to re-open our doors to our students, parents and members. We will of course ensure that whatever the case, we will continue to observe our policies on hygiene, cleanliness and social distancing for some months to come.

As we await guidance from our government, we would like to get your feed back on the possibility of offering the following to our students:

- A. A Summer Dance/Acro and Musical Theatre Camp to be run between June 15th and July 31st. If we can get an idea of how many students (existing and new) who would be interested, we would like to start planning, so that we have a fabulous 6/7 weeks with our students. We are offering this with the line of thinking that most of our parents would prefer not to travel this summer due to the world health crisis and the uncertainty of travel.
- B. Should the schools NOT re-open and the government advise that we may operate within certain guidelines then we would also be willing to run a special dance and acro program during the day. We would have a limited number of places for obvious reasons but we would be able to have two sessions per day (one morning and one afternoon). The sessions would be a minimum of three hours. This of course is subject to what unfolds in the next couple of weeks. Your constructive feedback would be very much appreciated.
- C. Would you be interested in online classes, if we are not able to re-open by May 1st 2020.
- D. Should the schools re-open by the 1st of May we would go back to our regular timetable. However, the length of TERM III would be shortened.

Miho, will send out a further email so we can get your feedback on point A, B and C. We trust you will all endeavour to respond, so that we can plan and meet the needs of our students and of course our parents.

We do hope this email finds you and your Families, healthy and happy. Finally, thank you for your continued love and support through these unprecedented and challenging times. Like everything in life, it will pass and we will come through this with a positive mind set and with gratitude for all the blessings we have been given.

Best,

Pippa and Team



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