

Top Hat Chat

Message from the Principal...

Our final THC before Christmas.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Enjoy family time, love and friendships (whilst stretching of course!!)
And come back in the new year fresh as a daisy (and a little plumper)
ready to go again!

Wishing Miss Em all the very best with her baby (due 21st
December).

Thank you to all our teachers', pupils, and you the parents for your
continued love and support at Top Hat.

Big group hug!

Miss Julie



What we've been up to...



Check out our amazing new uniform!! We are absolutely thrilled with these new items and it is great to see so many of you already wearing them for class! We also have new onesies available, and the t-shirts and hoodies are still available! Have you ordered yours yet???

We should start calling ourselves the official sponsors of 'This Morning'. Yet more of our fab students have appeared on the popular Daytime TV programme (along with some of our parents and teachers!)



Hannah-Mai featured in a Halloween cookery segment (pictured above). And then modelling clothes for the perfect Bonfire Night, we had student Maya Denton with her brother and Mum, and students Ruby and Scarlett Fontana with their Mummy and Daddy (who some of you may recognise! (All pictured left)

On 21st and 22nd November we had 49 students take their ISTD Tap and/or Modern exams ranging from Primary right up to Grade 5. For 16 of those students it was their first ever exam, and they took to it like ducks to water!

The results are already in and they are **OUTSTANDING!!** Our highest marked student was Shareece Mwatutsa with 90% for her Primary Tap.

A huge well done to every single one of you!

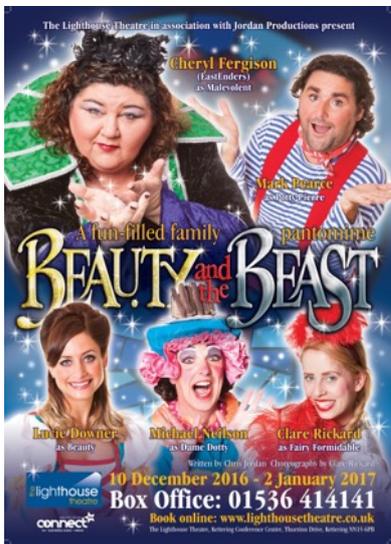


What we've been up to...



On 30th November 15 of our students travelled over to Leicester to take their ISTD Ballet exams ranging from Grade 1 to Grade 4! Results have come just in time for Christmas and we are thrilled to say that all students got either a Merit or Distinction! If you haven't received your result yet, you can expect a call from Miss Emma very soon.

On 3rd December 29 of our budding actresses took their LAMDA exams and enjoyed every minute! We are patiently waiting for the results to come in! We are hoping that those of you who worked so hard towards your LAMDA exams might want to enter some of the drama festivals we have coming up!



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| Sat | 10-Dec-16 | | 1.30 | 5.30 |
| Sun | 11-Dec-16 | | 1.30 | 5.30 |
| Mon | 12-Dec-16 | 10.00 | 1.15 | |
| Tue | 13-Dec-16 | Day Off | | |
| Wed | 14-Dec-16 | 10.00 | 1.15 | |
| Thu | 15-Dec-16 | 10.00 | 1.15 | |
| Fri | 16-Dec-16 | | 1.15 | 6.30 |
| Sat | 17-Dec-16 | | 2.30 | 6.30 |
| Sun | 18-Dec-16 | | 1.30 | 5.30 |
| Mon | 19-Dec-16 | 10.00 | 1.15 | |
| Tue | 20-Dec-16 | No Performances | | |
| Wed | 21-Dec-16 | | 1.30 | 5.30 |
| Thu | 22-Dec-16 | | 1.30 | 5.30 |
| Fri | 23-Dec-16 | | 1.30 | 5.30 |
| Sat | 24-Dec-16 | | 1.00 | 5.00 |
| Sun | 25-Dec-16 | No Performances | | |
| Mon | 26-Dec-16 | | 2.00 | 5.30 |
| Tue | 27-Dec-16 | | 2.00 | 5.30 |
| Wed | 28-Dec-16 | 11.00 | 2.30 | 6.30 |
| Thu | 29-Dec-16 | | 2.00 | 5.30 |
| Fri | 30-Dec-16 | No Performances | | |
| Sat | 31-Dec-16 | 11.00 | 3.00 | |
| Sun | 1-Jan-17 | | 2.00 | 6.00 |
| Mon | 2-Jan-17 | | 1.30 | 5.30 |

We are proud to have Top Hat students **Molly Entwistle, Summer Harte-Felce, Amalie Lines, Isabelle Lines, Ruby Tweed and Joely Wright** appearing in the Christmas Panto in Kettering this year! Ruby and Joely are in the blue team and the rest of the girls are in the red team, if you want to go along to see them!

On 16th December we managed to squeeze in 7 little ones for their ISTD Ballet Exams in Leicester, our final exam entries of 2016! We are looking forward to receiving the results in the new year!



FESTIVAL NEWS

Some of our Festival competitors travelled up to Leicester in November and they came back with plenty of medals! A huge well done to everyone who took part, improving every time you step foot on that stage!

The Arts Festival of Dance Leicester - November

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| Baby Novice Modern | Daisy Humpherston | 3rd Place |
| Baby Novice Tap | Daisy Humpherston | 1st Place |
| Junior Novice Lyrical | Jenny Hartnett | 1st Place |
| Junior Novice Ballet | Beth Pritchard | 3rd Place |
| Junior Novice Song and Dance | Maggie Shaw | 1st Place |
| Inter Open Song & Dance | Joely Wright | 1st Place |
| Inter Open Song & Dance | Emilia Hammond | 3rd Place |
| Inter Open Lyrical | Emilia Hammond | 2nd Place |
| Inter Open Ballet | Emilia Hammond | 3rd Place |

Every Festival closes with a Bursary Section which is hand-picked by the adjudicator and includes 12 of her favourite acts that she wishes to see again (from the entire festival). These acts then compete against each other to be crowned the Bursary Winner. Our very own Jenny Hartnett was asked to perform in the Bursary with her beautiful Lyrical solo and we couldn't be prouder of her! Unfortunately, no place for Jen this time but this is just the start for her! And no doubt we shall be seeing more of our stunning performers on that Bursary Stage soon!

Leicester Singing & Drama Festival - November

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| Solo Acting 11yrs and under | Evie Dark | 2nd Place |
| Solo Acting 11yrs and under | Hannah Bright | 3rd Place |





Hi,

We would like to thank you for all the support this term. Our first two events were a huge success and we really couldn't do it without the parents, teachers and children of Top Hat. A special mention to those parents and teachers who give up their time to come and help set up and run the event. We really are incredibly grateful.

Our Halloween Party raised just over £500 in October.

And our Christmas party last weekend managed to raise just under £1100!! (Big thank you to the lovely Santa Claus for coming and making the time to see our children.)

We topped off 2016's fundraising with Top Hat's Carol Concert last night. A great way to finish a brilliant term! It was great to see you there!

Next year will bring through lot's more exciting events- please contact us should you have any fundraising ideas or if you would like to get involved! thsupport@tophattheatreschool.co.uk Next Meeting- January (Date to be arranged)

From all the FOTHS

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!

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Star Pupils

Toni Amato is Miss Julie's Star pupil.

She is an all round superstar! 100% commitment in class and has really progressed with her dancing this year! Very proud, keep up the hard work! Well Done!

Poppy Sherlock is Miss Emma's Star Pupil.

For her dedication, perseverance and hard work in her dance classes. Well done Poppy!

Remaya Barnes gets the title from Miss Tracey.

She has come on in leaps and bounds! She has mastered her one spins and her technique. Well done Remaya, keep up the good work.

Mia Birch gets Miss Kelly's vote.

She has really come out of her shell this term and is always pushing herself to improve. What a Superstar!

Oliver Finnegan wins it for Miss Soeli.

He is always enthusiastic and tries his hardest. Very well-mannered in lesson and a great role model for the younger boys.

And last but not least, **Ruby Massey** wins it for Miss Jodie.

Ruby is very enthusiastic and is showing real improvements in her training. She also loves to help others out too! Big well done!



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Another busy term in the lives of our Top Hat Family! Well done to everyone on your achievements!

Now go and have an amazing Christmas and we will see you in the new year!

Emma Reeder x