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# Top Hat Chat

Message from the Principal...

We have reached the end of our penultimate term for this academic year already, which means one thing...  
Next term is all GO GO GO for the show, VERY EXCITING!!

Good luck to the team representing Top Hat at Disneyland Paris over the half term break, I'm sure you will do us all proud and have the time of your life in the process!

Can all parents (and students) please get yourselves organised as we approach our busiest (and favourite) time of the year. Check the website for compulsory show rehearsal dates and check the costume list that was sent recently.

I hope everyone has a fab half term, and I will see you all back in classes the week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, ready to smash our last term before summer, and knock everyone's socks off with our 'POPTASTIC' show!

*Miss Julie xxx*





Hello Top Hatters!

Thanks to everyone who attended our Fashion Show, we raised £245! Well done to Sharon Burn for organising this! You can see from the photos that everyone had a fab time!

As did the sleepover crew who raised £415! And this had a massive boost from T & C Constructions (Clare Fletcher-Brown's husband Tom's business) who matched the total and added a further £400 to that total! So that's a huge £815 that went towards the Disney trip!

And raising £216 to pay for the Kids Disney T-Shirts were our fab students and parents who washed the cars of Northampton back in April! Well done all!

This year we will be supporting the charity 'Different Strokes' with our raffle at the end of year show.

Kate Glennon has managed to raise us a whopping £520 by selling on our old costumes! Well done you!

Caroline Karabin has put a notice up at St Albans for people to volunteer their help backstage at the show. Please register your help here (and only here). Thanks!

### **Northampton Carnival (11th of June!)**

Decorating is in full swing with Tabitha and her team of year tens. The list of children going on the lorry and walking behind was sent out a few weeks back; shout up if you haven't seen it! The lorry is full but there's no limit to the amount of students walking behind (Secondary school age only) so let us know if you want to join the fun!

### **Summer Fete Party! 16th of July at The Spinney Hill Pub**

It is going to be a brilliant afternoon of fun and games and a great way to end an amazing year! Please email [thsupport@tophattheatreschool.co.uk](mailto:thsupport@tophattheatreschool.co.uk) if you would like to volunteer your help with the fete! Any small businesses can also have a stall for £10 so spread the word!

### **The next FOTHS meeting will be at the beginning of July - Date & Venue TBC**

Every one is welcome to join us to prepare for our final year meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has come and supported us at an event, has paid for a raffle ticket or made a donation, we really are so very grateful.

The FOTHS Team.

# Star Pupils

**Hannah Bright** is Miss Julie's Star pupil  
She is doing so well in her classes and picking things up very well!  
Well done Hannah!

**Sophie Hartnett** is Miss Emma's Star Pupil  
She is always so polite and very enthusiastic. She is picking up the steps very well! Excellent work Sophie, keep it up!

**Ruby Tweed** gets the title from Miss Tracey  
Ruby has had a great attitude with the setting of the show routine, has been very polite and worked her socks off! Well Done!

**Lily-Rose Welsh** takes it for Miss Em  
Lily-Rose is oozing with performance quality in Tap now that we are in full swing with the show work. Works hard, listens and always smiling! A pleasure to teach!

**Amelia Finnegan** wins it for Miss Soeli.  
So polite and listens very well! A pleasure to teach!

**Maggie Shaw** gets Miss Kelly's vote.  
For always giving everything 100%. Great facial expressions and energy in class!

And last but not least, **Ella Tweed** wins it for Miss Jodie.  
Ella has taken very well to the new ideas in the acro class, she listens and actively takes on board the feedback given and never refuses to attempt a skill!!



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Editor's  
note

My favourite part of putting together Top Hat Chat, is looking through all of the photos of our happy, smiley students and parents, all mucking in together! It's wonderful to see such a great team spirit!

This term has been book ended with festivals, with lots of work going on in the background towards getting our end of year show looking fabulous! A pretty quiet term compared to some, so not loads to report on this issue.

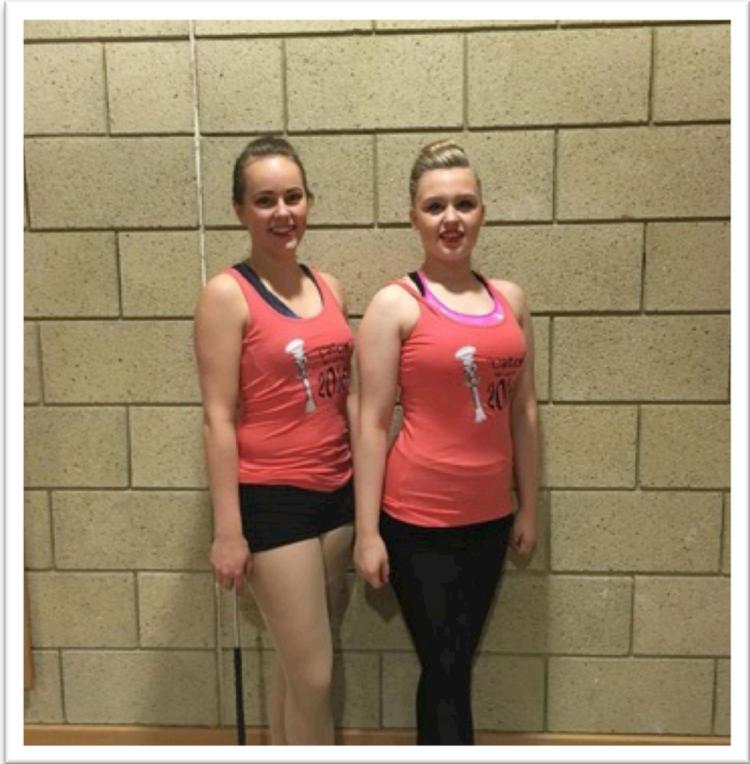
As always, please keep all of your updates and info coming in on Facebook or via email so I may keep everyone up to date with the school's successes and victories and any other business!

Em x

# Top Hat Twirlers

Megan Rowles and Caitlin Jilbert are competing in the British Open at Preston this weekend (28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May). Megan is doing the Artistic Twirl group, which they will be doing at the European Cup in July. Caitlin will be doing the England Team, which they will be performing in the World Championships in August. Caitlin will also be doing a solo freestyle. We wish them the best of luck, go out and smash it

The next Twirling competition is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September - this will be for teams and freestyle. If you wish to compete in the individual freestyle event, please ensure that you see Miss Julie or Miss Tracey for private lessons to set the routines as soon as possible. Also, you may want to book the Premier Inn, Lowerstoft before they charge higher rates!

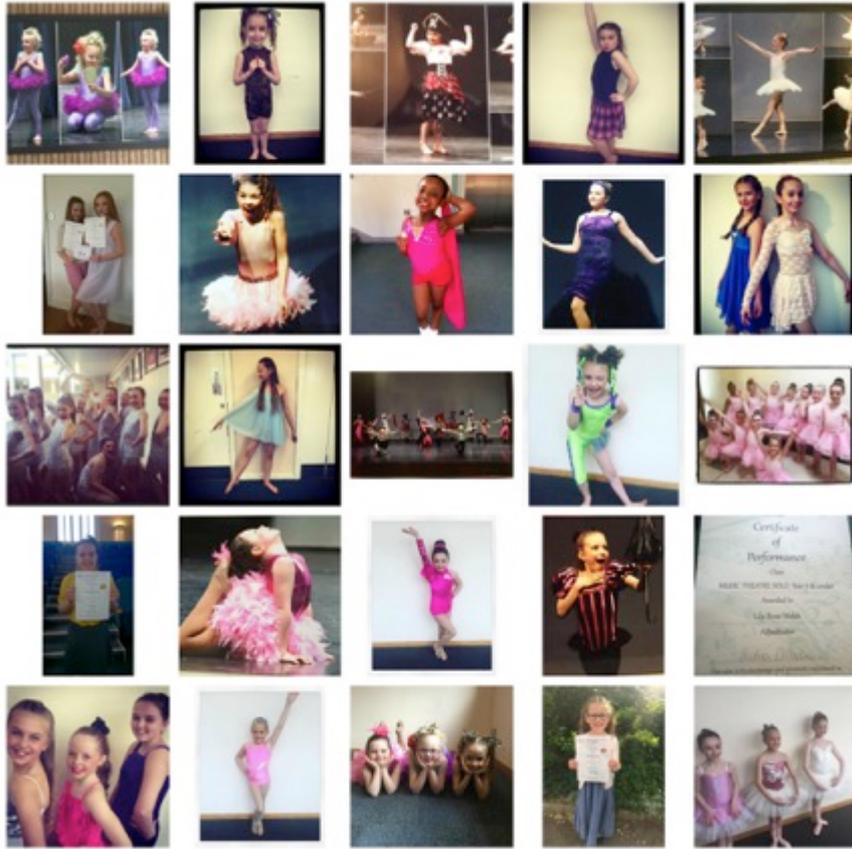


## ACRO!

Just a little note about the fantastic new acro classes. Miss Jodie has bought in a new format which involves much more of what the students wanted, the opportunity to throw themselves about risking life and limb!

All jokes aside, the students are SAFELY learning endless amounts of tricks and their confidence is soaring! There are still a few spaces in some of the classes, email [admin@tophattheatreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@tophattheatreschool.co.uk) to register for the class!

# FESTIVAL NEWS



You guys have been busy representing Top Hat at Northampton Festival at either end of this term with lots of All England Qualifiers, some great feedback and some medals thrown in too!!

- Molly Entwistle and Summer Harte-Felce - Drama Duet - 1<sup>st</sup>
- I Love Paris - Group - 1<sup>st</sup>
- Alycia Goredema - Tap solo - 1<sup>st</sup>
- Amelia Purcell - Drama Solo - 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Evie Dark - Poem - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Those of you without medals this time, your next performance could be the one! Don't give up, head up, smile, stretch those feet, and do yourselves proud each and every time!

We are so proud of every single entry into the Festivals, regardless of marks and or medals, you are all superstars!

## BALLERINAS

This term we had a little set of Primary Ballet girls go off to do their exam in Bicester. We patiently await the results which we're sure will be fab!

We also had Jenny Hartnett and Chloe white auditioning for The Royal Ballet Junior Associates in Birmingham! The girls were very happy with their audition (and why wouldn't they be?!) and we eagerly wait to hear if they were successful sometime in July! Eek!

