

Top Hat Chat

Message from the Principal...

Welcome back to a new term, I've missed all of your little faces. Hope you've all had a lovely summer, I'm looking forward to an exciting new term.

We are hoping to go to Disneyland Paris to perform again next year! This is an amazing opportunity, any Top Hat student is welcome to join us on this fabulous trip! We had a blast when we went in May this year! Details and dates to follow, keep your eyes peeled!

Please can we start the new school year as we mean to go on with the correct uniform and properly fitting footwear! The way the pupils are dressed and groomed makes a real difference to their attitude and behaviour in class.

We are planning an exam session in November, date tbc, you will be notified over the course of this term if your child is ready for this session.

Just a polite reminder, particularly for the Acro classes on a Friday, can all parents please refrain from entering the hall. If pupils could leave their belongings outside the hall that would also be preferable. Thank you!

Miss Julie



What we've been up to...



PERFORMING AT DISNEYLAND PARIS!

Despite the wet weather, the Disney team well and truly made the most of this opportunity! They owned the stage and had a blast venturing around the Disney Parks!

Who is joining us next year???

GOING AROUND THE WORLD AT THE NORTHAMPTON CARNIVAL!

We had our fabulous feather girls, a beautifully decorated float, gorgeously costumed pupils, parents and staff and a great performance at the end!!

A huge success all round!



SHOWING YOU WHAT WE CAN DO!

We had our annual show on 9th July and boy did our pupils smash it out of the park! Ant Maxted captured some beautiful images backstage, of which I simply cannot choose a selection to include in here. Just in case you missed the pictures of Facebook, here is the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.1048911245144082&type=3>

ENDING THE FINAL TERM WITH A BANG!

We finished the school year in true Top Hat Fashion with our fab Summer Fete! But not before having fun, games and fancy dress in the last Saturday morning classes!



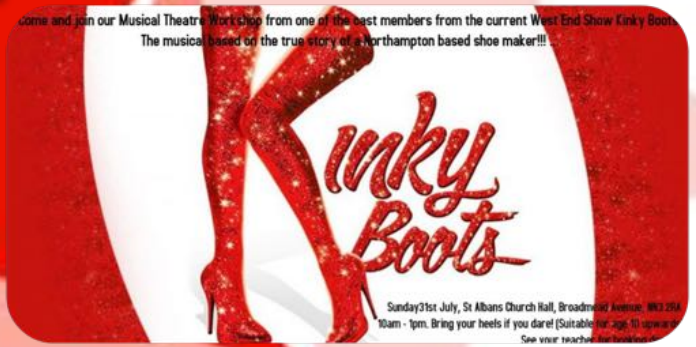
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STEPPING OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE!

Some of our pupils, along with some new faces, decided that they didn't need a summer break, and were well and truly put through their paces at our Dance Moms Style Summer School, lead by 3 of Scotlands BEST!! There was literally blood, sweat and tears, but they all kept coming back for more, and secretly enjoyed it... I THINK!

During the week of Summer School, some of the pupils (and Miss Julie) took our guest teachers to see Kinky Boots on the Westend, in preparation for our AMAZING Kinky Boots Workshop, taken by one of the stars of the show!!



PERFORMING AT FRANKLIN'S GARDENS

Northampton played host for one of the legs of the Rugby Singha Sevens on 29th July and we were absolutely honoured to be asked to perform! We gave them some old faithful routines, along with some freshly learnt ones from Summer School! And of course our statement feather girls were there!



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AUDITIONING FOR THE CHRISTMAS PANTO!

Congratulations to Summer Harte-Felce, Molly Entwistle, Ruby Tweed, Isabelle Lines, Amelie Lines, Joely Wright, and Lucy Mumford who is a reserve, for successfully auditioning for The Christmas Pantomime at Lighthouse Theatre in Kettering. The audition was tough, with a high standard of dancers, lots of applicants and difficult choreography. So well done all who attended! And those who were not successful, let's move on to the next one and think FABULOUS!



BRANCHING OUT!

Some of our pupils have achieved great things over the summer!! Pictured top left, clockwise from left to right, Chloe Moriarty, Joely Wright, Alessia Maxted, Jennifer Hartnett and Hannah-Mai McMahon all auditioned to become Ballet Girls in the West End's Billy Elliot! Well done to all, particularly Alessia who reached the final stages, only just missing out on a place!

Declan Fletcher-Brown, Lottie Major, Jace Cassidy Lothian and Jay-Jay Prince Lothian have all appeared in Tesco's 'Back to School' television advert!

Jay-Jay also gained himself a place at the MJ Academy, where boys aged between 9-14 are trained for 3 months at weekly classes, so that they may audition to become the young Michael Jackson in 'Thriller Live'! At the end of the 3 months, a final audition takes place to see who gets the part (they usually take around 6 boys from each audition).

We know that Jay-Jay is through to the final audition stage which takes place at the end of September and we wish him the best of luck!



FESTIVAL NEWS



Top Hat students have continued to represent the school at Festivals, with a Fabulous 1st Place for Maggie (in blue) and amazing 3rd place for Chloe, Joely and Maggie (far left) with their Song & Dance Trio. Not to mention stand out performances from all of our entries! Well done all, you never fail to impress!



**We managed to squeeze
in a few exam sets amidst
all the show hustle! And
the students did not
disappoint!!
100% pass rate yet again!
62% Distinction
24% Merit
14% Pass**



Top Hat Twirlers

Megan Rowles performed at the European Twirling Championships in France back in July as part of the Envoy Artistic Twirl Group. They made it into the finals and were placed 6th.



Caitlin Jilbert performed with The England Team in Sweden for the World Championships. They gave a fabulous performance and came 9th. Caitlin also had the honour of being the England flag bearer in the opening and closing ceremonies.



Well done to both of you!!

The next Twirling competition is on Saturday 17th September - this is for teams and freestyle. GOOD LUCK!



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Editor's
note

What a jam packed edition this has been! Partly because I didn't pull my finger out at the end of the last term so this is actually covering 3 months instead of 2!

To make sure nothing is missed off the next edition, please keep me posted with any successes via the admin email address.

Em x