

# WELCOME! HERE COMES TERM 1!

Hello everyone!

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and look forward to welcoming you back at RA this September!

To those who are joining us new this term, a big welcome to you!

We have a fantastic term ahead, with our incredible teaching team planning a range of engaging, high energy, inclusive and fun sessions for our students. As always, we strive to help our young performers soar; developing their performance skills and pushing them to be their very best in and out of class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please always feel free to get in touch with me directly - I can't wait to get started with an exciting year ahead, and look forward to seeing lots of you soon!

*Laura*

Principal



# TERM 1 AT RISING ASPIRATIONS

## TERM 1 - SEPTEMBER

RA sessions resume from **Wednesday 4th September**, for a **7 week term**. Sessions return to our 'normal format' of fun, technique, skill learning and confidence building. This is a great opportunity for students to come back from the summer refreshed, ready to learn new skills and participate in fun, inclusive sessions with ease.



## 'DREAM COME TRUE' DAY

We'd like to invite all our Main School students to take part in our 'DREAM COME TRUE' day on **Saturday 12th October**, during session time. Students are encouraged to dress up as the character they'd most love to play (either on stage, tv or film) or their dream role! Our sessions will be themed and prizes for the most creative costumes!



## LITTLE STARS THEMED SESSIONS

We're very excited to be offering three themed sessions for Little Stars this term, during normal session time! Students are welcome to come along dressed up!

Saturday 21st September  
**Fairy & Pirate Lagoon** - *Fairy or Pirate costumes*

Saturday 5th October  
**Teddy Bears Tea Party** - *PJS or onesies*

Saturday 19th October  
**Glow Party** - *Bright colours or neon outfits*



# EXCITING INFORMATION

## THE CHRISTMAS STAR

On **Saturday 7th December**, our Little Stars, Stage 1 students and Beginner Ballet students will all perform in 'THE CHRISTMAS STAR' - how exciting! This will be a low key, but super festive and family friendly performance, at GWA in our 150 seater theatre. Tickets (£3.00) will be on sale soon. Each performer will also receive a free digital photo in costume! Further information regarding costumes and times will be sent out this term.



## VOCAL SHOWCASE COMPETITION

Our Vocal Showcase Competition will take place on **Sunday 2nd February 2025**, at the Arts Centre! All students, of all ages are encouraged to take part or to come along to support their friends! More details regarding categories (age based) and time slots will be sent nearer the time. This is a really lovely and inclusive opportunity for singers to participate in an in-house 'competition'; performing for friends, family and RA teachers. Please save the date!



## SHOWCASE DVDS

A reminder that you can still order digital downloads of our SUMMER SHOWCASE from: <https://fystv.uk/raa>.

DVDS are no longer available (deadline has passed), but there are lots of other great options for digital download.



# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We've been invited to participate in TWO fantastic Christmas events this year! These events are optional but always lots of fun! We will send out 'sign up sheets' for those who wish to get involved!



## OLD TOWN XMAS FESTIVAL

We've been invited to take part in the OLD TOWN XMAS FESTIVAL on **Sunday 24th November** performing on the Main Stage in Victoria Road as part of their Christmas lights switch on!

We'd love for the following classes to perform:

- Main School
- RA:MT
- MT Juniors
- Junior & Senior Jazz

## ENCHANTED LIGHT TRAIL



We've been invited back to sing at the ENCHANTED GARDENS LIGHT TRAIL in Old Town Gardens - date TBC! Students from MAIN SCHOOL, RAMT & MT JUNIORS will all perform! All spectators must purchase a ticket - this includes both the concert and the light trail. Students performing do not need to purchase a ticket.

Students will sing Christmas songs, show songs and a few solos. It has been a really lovely, festive concert in previous years but is always quite chilly so wrap up warm!



# CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER

If your child is interested in joining any of our other sessions, please can I ask you to enrol (or book a free trial) via our website!

**RECOMMEND A FRIEND SCHEME:** Don't forget, you'll receive £10.00 off your invoice for every student who enrolls after your recommendation! Please direct parents to sign up for a free trial on our website! Classes are filling up fast!

Our sessions include:

## MONDAYS

Beginner Dance (3-5 yrs), 4pm to 4.45pm  
Mini & Junior Ballet (6-11 yrs), 5pm to 5.30pm  
Mini & Junior Tap (6-11 yrs), 5.30pm to 6pm  
Mini & Junior Jazz (6-11 yrs), 6pm to 6.45pm  
Mini & Junior Street (6-10 yrs), 6.45pm to 7.30pm

## WEDNESDAYS

Inter & Senior Street (11-18 yrs), 5pm to 5:45pm  
Inter & Senior Ballet (11-18 yrs), 6pm to 6.45pm  
Inter & Senior Tap (11-18 yrs), 6.45pm to 7.30pm  
Senior Jazz (11-18 yrs), 7.30pm to 8.30pm

## THURSDAYS

Junior Musical Theatre (6-11 yrs), 5pm to 6pm  
RA:MT (12-18 yrs), 6pm to 7.30pm

## SATURDAYS

Little Stars (3-6 yrs), 9am to 10.15am  
LAMDA Acting & MT, (6-18 yrs), 9am to 10am  
Main School (6-18 yrs), 10am to 1pm

*Please note that our private singing/acting lessons and our festival team (invite only) are both full.*



# SAVE THE DATE

We have a super special '15 Year Anniversary' show scheduled for **Sunday 6th July 2025** at the Wyvern Theatre! All students from all classes will participate in our celebration of 15 years of RA!


More details coming soon!








## NEW STREET DANCE CLASS



We're pleased to be adding an older street dance class (ages 11-18), to our timetable from September!

This new, exciting class will take place on:  
**WEDNESDAYS, 5pm to 5.45pm at GWA!**



Our Street Dance sessions, specifically for teens, explores commercial and street jazz technique, with high-energy warm ups, cool choreography and feel good floor work to get your body moving! Children develop confidence, lose inhibitions, gain expression and team work skills, in a fun and engaging environment!