

TERM 2 AT RISING ASPIRATIONS!

Hello everyone!

Wow, do we have a jam packed term ahead! If you're new to RA, get ready for lots of exciting events and performance opportunities, as 2024 draws to a close.

From performance festivals, to (many) Christmas shows, and 'watching weeks' - every class has something special to work towards.

In 2025, RA turns 15! To celebrate, we've created a special showcase production for all 180 RA students, on Sunday 6th July. Please save the date! It's set to be our biggest and best show yet.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me directly - we pride ourselves on being approachable and supportive; whether your child is just starting their journey with us or is well and truly part of our RA family!

Here's to an exciting term 2!

Laura
Principal



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A CHRISTMAS STAR - STAGE 1 & LS SHOW

On **Saturday 7th December at 11.30am** our Little Stars and Stage 1 students will perform in our special 30 minute show, 'THE CHRISTMAS STAR' - how exciting!

The performance will take place at our in-house 150-seater theatre at GWA. The show is low key, but super festive and family friendly. The performance will be a stress-free experience for performers, with low level lighting, on stage assistance from teachers and a slower pace backstage. We felt it important to give our younger students this opportunity, to ease them into our large show in 2025!

Tickets (£3.00) are on sale from GWA reception on Saturdays. There will be NO Little Stars class on show day - Little Stars students should arrive at 10am. Stage 1 students to arrive at 9am.

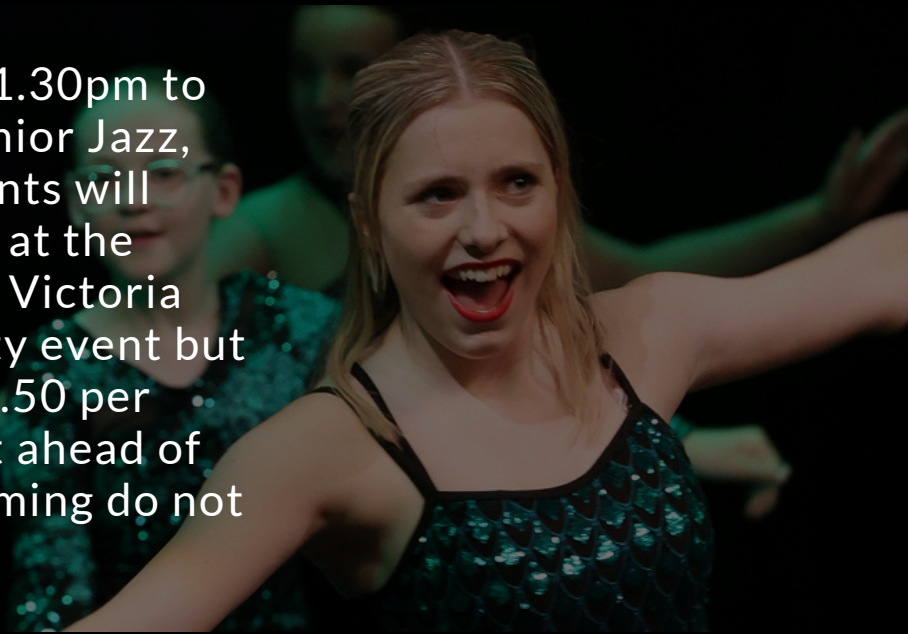
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY^A & BAKE SALE

We'd like to invite all our students to come along to sessions on **Saturday 14th December**, in **CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!** We'll also be hosting a bake sale and having a Christmas party in session time, to raise funds for our show term! Students are encouraged to join in the fun, with a £1 donation! We'll also be spending time on the 14th working on audition prep with Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3, for our 2025 show!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

On Sunday 24th November, 1.30pm to 2pm, our Stage 2, Stage 3, Junior Jazz, Senior Jazz, and RAMT students will perform on the MAIN STAGE at the Christmas Light Switch on, in Victoria Road. This is a free community event but there is a donation cost of £1.50 per person. Tickets to be brought ahead of time, online. Students performing do not need to purchase a ticket.



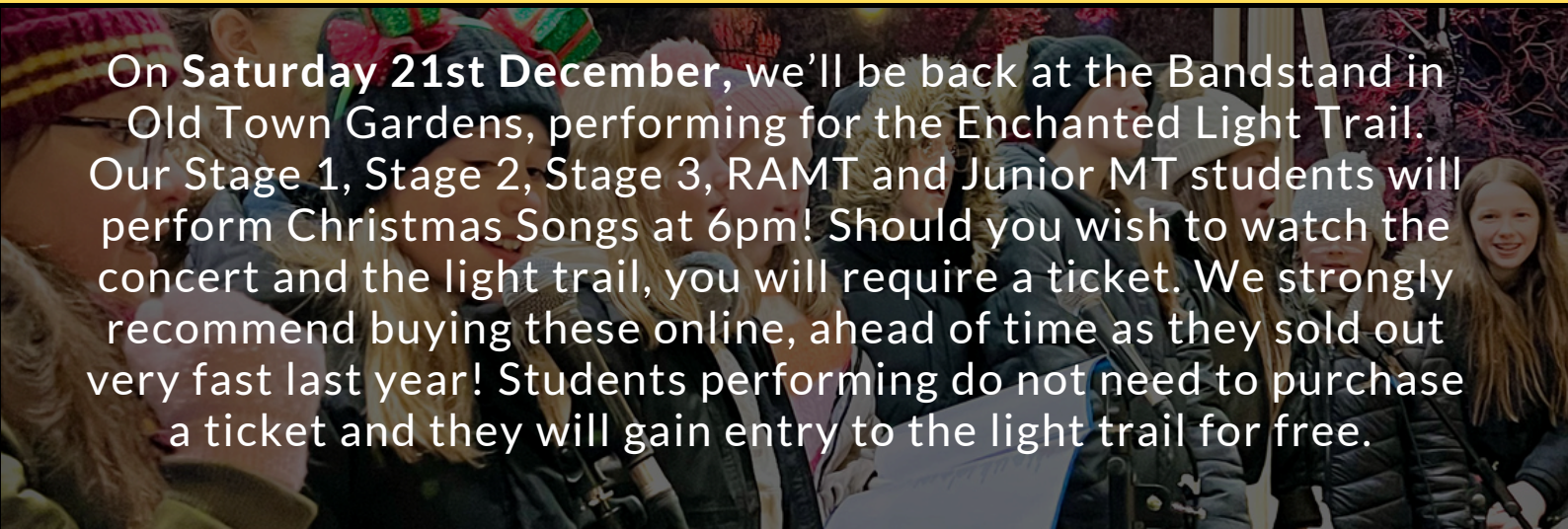
STEP INTO CHRISTMAS



On Saturday 30th November, our RA:MT and MT Juniors will join the UK Touring Production of STEP INTO CHRISTMAS, at the Wyvern Theatre. For one night only, our MT students will perform as a Children's Christmas Choir in this professional, festive and family friendly concert!

CONCERT AT THE ENCHANTED LIGHT TRAIL

On Saturday 21st December, we'll be back at the Bandstand in Old Town Gardens, performing for the Enchanted Light Trail. Our Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3, RAMT and Junior MT students will perform Christmas Songs at 6pm! Should you wish to watch the concert and the light trail, you will require a ticket. We strongly recommend buying these online, ahead of time as they sold out very fast last year! Students performing do not need to purchase a ticket and they will gain entry to the light trail for free.

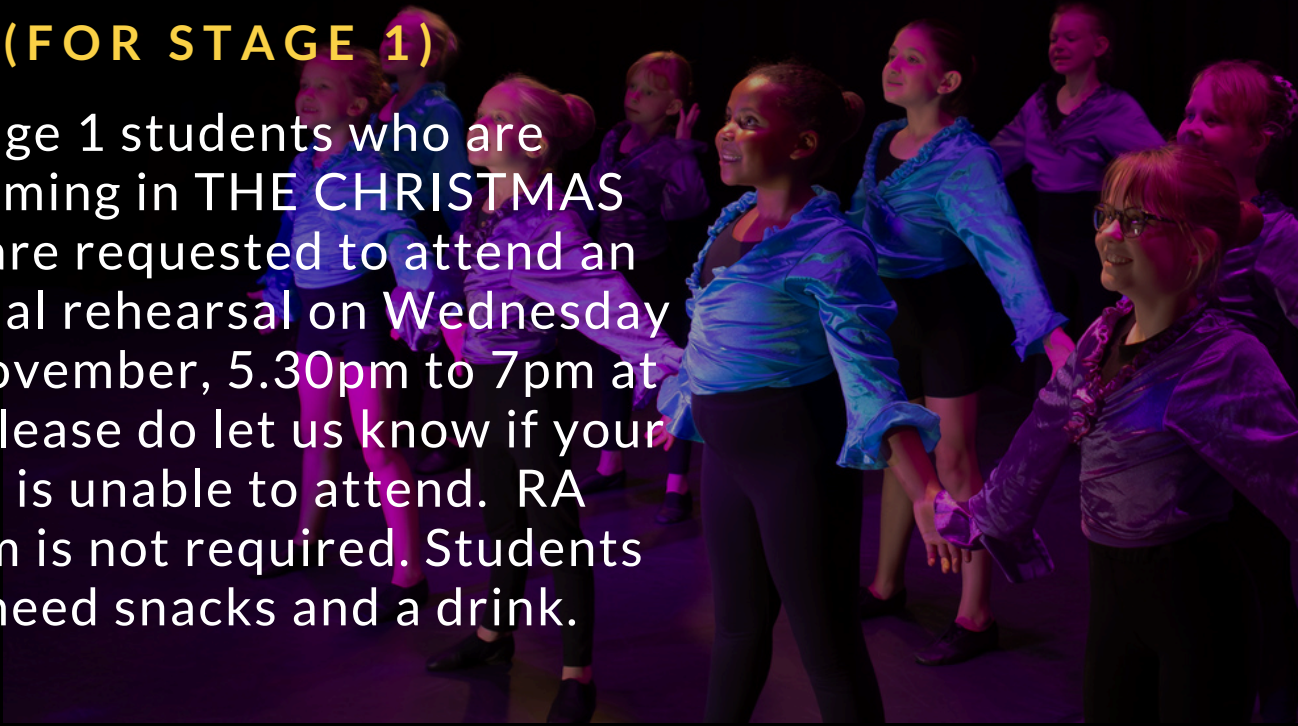


A BUSY TERM AHEAD!

STAGE 1 - EXTRA SHOW REHEARSALS

(FOR STAGE 1)

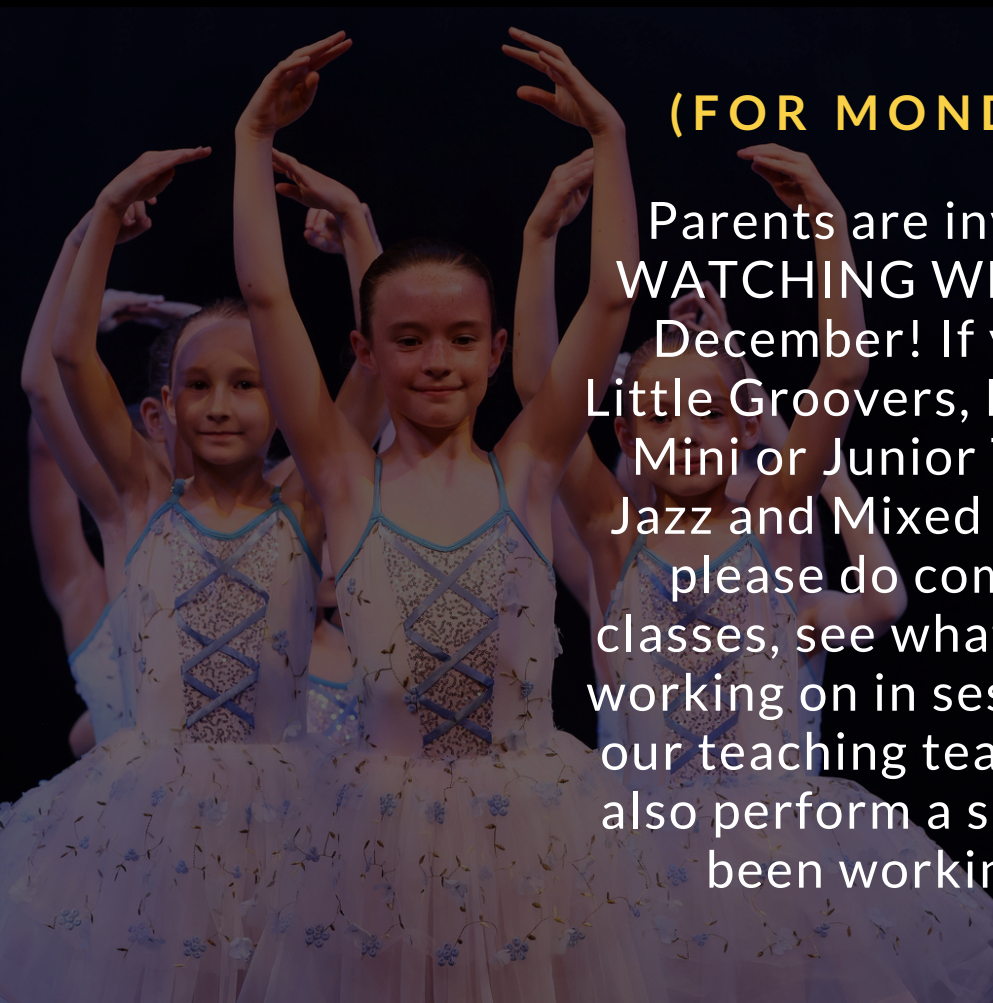
Stage 1 students who are performing in THE CHRISTMAS STAR are requested to attend an additional rehearsal on Wednesday 13th November, 5.30pm to 7pm at GWA. Please do let us know if your child is unable to attend. RA uniform is not required. Students will need snacks and a drink.



WATCHING WEEK - MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

(FOR MONDAY DANCERS)

Parents are invited to join us for WATCHING WEEK on Monday 9th December! If your child attends Little Groovers, Mini or Junior Ballet, Mini or Junior Tap, Mini or Junior Jazz and Mixed Street Dance - then please do come along to watch classes, see what children have been working on in session times and meet our teaching team! The children will also perform a short routine they've been working on this term!



EXCITING THINGS FOR 2025!

VOCAL COMPETITION 2025

Our Vocal Showcase Competition will take place on **Sunday 2nd February 2025**, at the Swindon Arts Centre!

All students, of all ages are encouraged to take part or to come along to support their friends! We will send sign up sheets and age categories over the Christmas break. This is a really lovely and inclusive opportunity for singers to participate in an in-house competition; performing for friends, family and RA teachers. All performers will receive feedback and a certificate.

Please save the date!



RA PERFORMS AT SADLER'S WELLS

On **Sunday 27th April 2025**, we'll be taking a handful of RA students to perform at the prestigious **SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE IN LONDON**, to an audience of 1500!

Our RA:MT, Senior Jazz and Junior Jazz students will perform in 3 routines, in a special variety show featuring theatre schools from across the UK! We are so excited for our RA gang to perform at such an incredible venue - a stage which has had performances from the English National Ballet Company, Merce Cunningham, Matthew Bourne, Ballet Rambert and many more!

Further information has been sent via email.



CINDERELLA AT THE WYVERN

Our incredible ADI has successfully auditioned for a role in the WYVERN THEATRE'S panto production of CINDERELLA!

We will be arranging an RA TRIP to support Adi on **FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER** at 7pm. Tickets are discounted to £17.50 (for RA students and parents). Students aged 8+ may attend without parental supervision, but parents are very welcome to join!

If your child would like to attend, please pop me an email by 31st October.



Starring Coronation Street's LISA GEORGE as Fairy Godmother, BEN GOFFE as Buttons and Swindon's Favourite Dame, the hilarious DAVID ASHLEY as Dame Molly Miggins, Cinderella is the hilarious family pantomime suitable for all ages, with tons of slapstick comedy, plenty of audience interaction and stunning musical numbers that you are guaranteed to be singing for days.

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!

Our Saturday Theatre School & RA:MT students will take on principal roles, whilst all other classes will feature as dancers and singers in the ensemble (and do not need to audition).

**AUDITIONS:
SATURDAY 11TH
JAN 2025**

