

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO OUR WINTER NEWSLETTER!

2013 was another packed year, with so many exciting performances and successes! We **won awards and trophies**, had **exceptional exam results**, introduced **new classes** and teachers and met some wonderful **professionals** who helped students get that little bit closer to their dreams.

2014 promises to be another busy time, with **competitions, opportunities to perform** outside of regular classes and shows (including with the **National Theatre**) and of course our annual summer show - which this year will be a week long **festival of one-act plays** at the Studio Theatre at South Hill Park (14-20th July 2014). This festival will be partly produced by **Medusa**, our teen theatre company, giving them an insight into production. It will also mean every **Triple Threat** group has their own special performance evenings, where they can be in two contrasting plays, written or selected for them, with each in a lead as well as supporting roles. This is a little different from our usual large production, but we feel it is important to keep things fresh, and also show the young actors that different venues offer the actor different challenges and opportunities. In 2015, we will be producing another large musical (written especially for the students) and will alternate from now on between a large whole-school musical show and a week long festival of smaller plays each summer.

Also in 2014, our **competition Hip Hop dance and Stunt Cheer companies** will be competing at International level again, and will also be dancing at **Disney World in Florida** in October! A special treat!

Keep reading, and do visit the websites so you don't miss a chance to shine!

Niki Robinson

Director



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Spring 2014

Term starts: Tues, 7th Jan
Half term: Mon, 17th Feb –
Mon 24th Feb
Term ends: Sat, 5th Apr
LAMDA exams: First weekend in
Feb (dates TBC with LAMDA)
National Theatre Connections:
Feb half term (reh), March (show)

Summer 2014

Term starts: Tues, 22nd Apr
Half term: Mon, 26th May –
Sunday 1st Jun
Term ends: Sun, 20th July
Summer show: 14-20th July
International Dance comps:
12-13th July 2014

Winter 2014

Term starts: Tues, 22nd Apr
Half term: Mon, 26th May
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Sunday 1st Jun
Term ends: Sun, 20th July
Disney Performance:
Thurs 31st Oct
Christmas show: Sun 14th Dec

2013 IN REVIEW...

In **February** we took our annual **LAMDA Acting and Musical Theatre exams**, with every student gaining at least a **Merit**, and most one or more **Distinctions** as well. For some Medusa students this also meant UCAS points, which are really helpful in uni applications. In early 2014 all our Triple Threat students, Medusa and Adult Acting as well as solo and duo actors will once again take these exams. In 2014, for the first time, this will include our tiniest actors, our Beginners Triple Threat children, who are aged just 5 - 8. We wish everyone luck, and we know you will all do well!



In **March** of 2013, Medusa teens travelled to Oxford to perform in a large musical theatre showcase, where the organisers were blown away by their professional attitude and performance!

Also in **March**, our General Manager, Gemah Allen was nominated by parents and won a Pride of Bracknell Award from the Bracknell Regeneration Partnership! As well as the award, she was given an iPad - which made her very happy!

In the **July** 2013, our junior Hip Hop dance company - **JV Stars** - brought home a first place win again from the International Championships - the second year in a row they are National Champions in their division. We now have a **junior training team** for under 15's who would like to prep for a place on the competition companies.



Also in **July**, we presented '**Ghost Station**' at the Kenton Theatre. The show had a flood of amazing feedback, including fan mail from the general public! Really well done to the whole cast for bringing the show to life. In 2014, the Triple Threat, Medusa and Adult Acting students will host a week long festival of one-act plays. Each night two plays will be performed by each group.



Again, in **July**, our two Hip Hop Companies performed at the Marvellous festival in Reading - and provided dance workshops for the children of the 6000 audience members!

In **August**, we held our annual Summer Schools. This year, the teen group, who were studying film and TV acting and production, took a field trip to London where they shot a documentary. They also worked with **Jackie Tyson** of Alchemy for the Eye, who is make up artist to stars like **Justin Bieber** and **Alice Cooper**, as well as providing all the make up for the X Factor.

In **August** several Triple Threat students took part in **The Windsor Globe Festival** - where they took the roles of the Princes in Richard III working alongside a cast of six professional actors. The show was so successful it is being performed again next year in another venue.



In **September**, our stunt cheer team, Artemis Elite, secured sponsorship for their brand new custom made uniforms from local software company Sellemore. The team is still looking for a further 8 members for 2014 competitions - so do call to audition!



In **October**, the JV Stars performed in the Wilde Theatre as part of the 'Missed Out' Halloween special show. In 2014, they, along with their senior company ASA, and Artemis Elite, our stunt cheer company, will perform at **Disney World in Florida**! They will present a 25 minute showcase on Halloween itself for family, friends and the Disney audience! The teams have already

stated fundraising.

In **November**, Triple Threat performed on the bridge outside the studios to warm up the crowds for the Christmas lights switch on. The performance also included solos from Artemis graduate Kiaya Brace, who now presents a racing show on Sky.

Parents had the opportunity to see some of the exam work at our **Christmas show** in **December**, which once again proved so popular we had two performances, one with the pre-teen classes, and another of the teen and young adult.





Artemis on the move in 2014! With the regeneration of **Bracknell** now well underway, we will be moving the main school studios in 2014.

We have also applied to become a '**Community Interest Company**' - half way between a charity and an ordinary company (and not-for-profit). This will enable us to apply for more grants than previously, which will help us to grow and offer students even more opportunity to learn! The directors feel that this is the right way forward for the school and will enable us to extend our services. We currently invest everything we take in fees (after the horrid VAT) back into the company, with the Director taking only a minimal salary to ensure we offer students as many opportunities as we can. We do still need to fill any empty spaces in classes to help with the very large increase in costs the move will incur (our rent alone will rise by at least 100%!) - so please tell your friends about us. Don't forget we accept Childcare Vouchers - it all helps.

We know we will be in the current Bracknell studio until Easter at least, so all of the next term. It is likely we will have to move either at the end of summer term, or over the summer break. Our new home will be within a 5 minute walk of the current studios.

We are currently looking at two options - a unit which would be our new permanent home in Princess Square (the mall), and if needed a temporary space in Langley Hall (next to the Church on the Ringroad). We are in negotiations with the investors who own the town, and hopefully we will be able to update you all soon on which site we will go to. If we are unable to finance the Princess Square site, we will be in temporary accommodation until 2015 (so for three terms max) when other options will become available in the new town.

As soon as we know anything, we will let you know. Please rest assured the classes will all continue and staff are all on board!



Artemis have once again been selected to take part in the **National Theatre Connections project**.

We have selected one one-act play 'Pronoun' from 10 brand new works, to develop and perform, competing with other youth companies from the UK.

The cast will be made up of **Medusa and Triple Threat Advanced students (aged 13-19)** who want a project above and beyond their LAMDA and summer show, who will initially meet during **February 2014 half term** to work with directors on the piece. The group will then continue rehearsing (on Sundays or weekday evenings, dates tbc with participants

around their commitments) until they premiere their work at **South Hill Park Studio Theatre on 7 & 8 March**. Directors from NT Connections will come and review their play, and give feedback. The show will then transfer to a larger regional theatre for one day in April (London or Oxford), where our show will form one act of an evening paired with another school performing a different one act play.

The judges will assess each performance nationally, and one version of each of the ten plays will be invited to perform at the National Theatre itself!

This is a superb chance for our **young actors** to try new work, **have a say** in the look and feel of the play, take on **production roles** and push themselves to perform!

The opportunity is outside of normal Triple Threat and Medusa class times to allow everyone to work together, and also Windsor students

to be able to take part.

Each student will need to contribute £100 to take part (which will include two tickets to their local performance) and sell an additional 2 each (minimum) to help cover the £3500 basic running costs of the event. Artemis staff involved will each donate 100 hours of work.

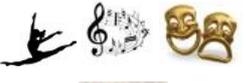
The project needs a cast of 17 students (named parts), and demand is likely to be strong. We already have several cast reserved.

Call to book your spot in the New Year!



Outline timetable Spring 2014

Please see the website for detailed information

Day	Class	Category	Day	Class	Category
Tuesdays 4.00-8.30pm	Ballet, Tap and Modern for 3 to Teen, Graded dance classes (Allied School of Dance)		Fridays 4.30-5.15pm	Street Dance for 4-6 year olds	
3.30-8.30pm	Private Singing & Music lessons		5.15-6.15pm	Street Dance for 7-10 year olds	
Wednesdays 4.00-5.30pm	Artemis Petite - Acting, dance and singing for 3-5 year olds		Saturdays - Bracknell 10.15-11.00am	Street Dance for 4-6 year olds	
7.00-8.30pm	Adult group acting class (age 18+)		11.00am -2.20pm Beg & Int 11.00-3.30 Adv	Triple Threat - Acting, Singing and Dancing for ages 5-15	 
6.00-8.00pm	Hip Hop/Street Beginners and Intermediate level - ages 10-15		2.30 - 6.45pm	Medusa Teen Theatre Company - Acting with Musical Theatre for 15-21 year olds	 
5.30-7.00pm	Private acting classes		3.30-5.00pm	Baby Steps to Broadway - Musical theatre preparation class for ages 8-15	 
5.30-6.30pm	Private dance classes		5.00-7.00pm	Artemis Elite - Stunt cheer squad - ages 10+	
Thursdays 5.00-7.00pm	JV Stars - National Champions - Advanced Hip Hop Company ages 11-15		10.00-11.00am 4.00-5.00pm	Private Singing & Music lessons	
7.00-9.00pm	ASA - National 2nd Place: Senior Advanced Hip Hop Dance company - ages 14-24		Saturdays - Windsor 1.30-4.30pm	Triple Threat - Acting, Singing and Dancing for ages 5-15	 
5.30-7.00pm	Private dance classes				

 Street/Hip Hop Dance	 Traditional Dance/ Musical theatre	 Acting/Drama	 Music/Singing	 Musical theatre	 Stunt Cheer
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