



A big thank you to staff and chaperones who gave up their Sunday to help make the show work so well and well done everyone who performed and thank you parents and friends for coming to support the show!



Artemis hits the West End

On 14th October, 29 Artemis Studios singers and dancers descended on Her Majesty's theatre in London's West End to knock the socks off the audience!

Her Majesty's is the home to Phantom of the Opera, and students were privileged to be given five dressing rooms to share, which belonged to the cast.

Dance Company stunned the crowds with a Moulin Rouge Medley that caught the attention of the compare,

who held up the show to talk to our girls when they finished dancing! Dance Majors and Production dance took over the stage with a group number. This showed just how far some of our new dancers have come this term—really impressive!

The final performance was by our older choir (+1's and Theatre Company), who did a moving rendition of 'For Good' from Wicked. We chose not to mike the singers, and they made full use of the natural acoustics

in the theatre. Once again the compare stopped to talk to them commenting on the fact that not only were they the only singers not to rely on mics, but even adult pro's would struggle to do such a good job with or without modern technological aids!

We think all the performers were fabulous, and certainly made the competitors look bad, both on and off stage. Next autumn students will perform in London's prestigious Palladium Theatre.



New staff at Artemis

This term we welcomed several new staff members – we strive to keep our service to London college standards and that means employing the very best tutors.

Gemmah and Katy are our new Cheer-leading coaches, with over 15 years cheer and coaching experience, they have revolutionised our squad!

Within two weeks of joining us they had secured sponsorship for the girls, paying for US standard pom-poms and a personalised t-shirt towards the squad uniform. The squad will observe a competition in February and our generous sponsor will be paying for the girls and their parents to attend the event in Wales. They will be

competing in their first competition in July 2008.

In addition to the wonderful Stephanie who continues to teach ballet RAD grades 1-4, we have been joined by **Beth Redick**. Beth takes our private ballet students for classes on weekdays and from January, a grade 5+ class to include Pointe work for RAD ballet students. G4 students who feel ready to try Pointe work are also welcome – this class will be for improving technique and not just grades.

Beth has a sparkling career which has taken her around the world, dancing with the National Ballet of Canada, Birmingham Royal Ballet, English National Ballet and the Royal Ballet. She

is a treat for any serious ballet dancer to work with.

Bart Lee will be taking over Triple Threat dance and production dance from January, and continuing to direct Theatre Company later in the day. Dance Majors will have a tutor of their own to prepare them for the Lift Off festival in March – watch this space for details!

Uniform reminder

Most students now have their uniforms and are looking great! Our supplier is very fast (and local). We are not keeping stocks of the t-shirts or hoodies (they are made to order) so if you have not yet ordered yours there are still a couple of weeks until they are required for the schools shows (we need at least 5 days notice to ensure they are delivered on time). All students performing in the public events are asked to wear their uniform (partly because you look great and partly so events staff know you are with us and give you the correct access). A form was sent out and e-mailed out, but if you need another we keep a stock in reception – please ask for a copy.

In the news

Look out for six Artemis students in the **Bracknell News** and **Times** papers later this week! The kids were chosen to help promote the Victorian shopping event being held on 29th November in Bracknell. The children were dressed as Victorian ladies and gents and were joined by town centre regulars Bracken and Bramble (the shire horses) for the shoot. Everyone had fun despite the chilly weather and all were pleased to get paid for their posing!

Filming on "The Butterfly Tattoo"

by Alex Harvey-Brown



I was thrilled when I was asked to take part in extra work for 'The Butterfly Tattoo'. I thought it would be a great opportunity to get a little experience, considering I'd never been on a professional film set before. Not only that, but the filming was all night and I was with some close friends so I also saw it as an opportunity for some serious fun!

I arrived expecting to wait a while; I'd heard the stories of the hours upon hours of waiting that extras had to go through. I wasn't let down, after arrival we had to wait a good three hours before filming could even be considered, seeing as the weather was relentlessly poor. The wait, however wasn't as torturous as I'd expected – there was

canteen and plenty of room – talking and reading kept us adequately entertained.

When filming could begin, the rain hadn't stopped – so we all had to expect constant pauses, but it was great fun! I was selected to mingle with one of the main characters, and so got to have a nice chat with the film's villain!

Once the clock hit around half three in the morning however, we all began feeling the fatigue and started to desire our beds above anything else. The final scene was completed before the break of dawn, despite the torrential rainfall, and we made it home; cold, wet and tired, but if we can cope with that – bring anything on I say!



Term Dates 2008 Saturday classes

Term starts: Sat, 5th Jan
Half term: Sat, 16th Feb
Easter holiday: Sat, 22nd Mar
Last day of term: Sat, 5th April

Weekday classes

Term starts w/c: Mon, 7th Jan
Half term w/c: Mon, 18th Feb

End of term w/c: Mon, 31st Mar

Easter Holiday

Easter falls mid-term this year. We are closing for Easter Saturday but there **will be classes on Good Friday.**

Upcoming Shows Spring/Summer

Lift Off Dance Festival, South Hill Park 18th March.

Euro AMTC

For those of you who have expressed an interest in UK AMTC, we can now confirm dates! The event will be held in Disneyland Paris from 18th November 2008 for 6 days. Artemis director Niki will be scouting the south from December for additional talent and launching a local media search from new year. All places need to be reserved by February at the latest. We will be holding a special parents evening for anyone who would like more details or to take part. We can proudly confirm that Niki has been given scholarship places worth more than \$20,000 to allocate to our students who have already attended one of the American AMTC conventions.

This specialist convention is for actors, models, singers and dancers who are ready to not only work professionally, but audition and compete in front of some of the worlds most influential casting directors and agents. The UK version of AMTC will feature guests from the US including FOX, Nickelodeon and MGM and UK talent specialists such as Pippa Hall and Sue Jones. In all more than 150 UK casting specialists will attend. Scholarships to the best European schools will also be on offer to successful competitors.

If you are interested in finding out more, and have not yet put your name on the list - please ask at reception. AMTC is not for everyone – it is very hard work and requires a great deal of commitment from both parent and performers – please be reassured if it is not for you, it will not effect your place in the school in any way! All training takes place outside of normal school hours.

Avalon the Musical - March 2008
Workshare - March 2008
Into the Woods - July 2008
Variety Show - July 2008

Show calls for Christmas

Thursday 22nd November

Dance Company & Production Choir
Christmas lights, Bracknell Town Centre
Call: 4.30 @ Artemis; Show: 7.45 approx.
Collection 7.00 @ Artemis

Thursday 29th November

'Victorians', Junior Choir, Production Choir, Production Dance & Dance Majors

Victorian Shopping Night, Bracknell
Call: 5.30 @ Artemis; Collect: 7.00

Saturday 8th December

End of term workshare @ Artemis
7.30 – 8.00 Parent's class!
8.00 – 9.30 Saturday student's workshare

Thursday 13th December

Dance Majors, Soloists & Cheer squad
Christmas Carnival, Bracknell Town Centre
Call: 4.30 @ Artemis

Saturday 15th December

Dance Majors, Theatre Company, Production Choir & Production Dance
Town Centre performances: 1.45
Artemis Open Day: 10.00 – 4.00

OPEN DAY – Saturday 15th December 2007

Come along to our open day on 15th December from 10 am until 4 pm. We will be running sample Triple Treat classes from 10.30 and cheer, street, theatre company and other classes in the afternoon.

Avalon cast members will be riding through the town on horses in full

medieval costume to help promote the show - worth seeing! Bring friends and have a fun full day while mum and dad buy the Christmas presents!

Don't forget, if you sign up a friend to a class you get money off your own course when they pay – leaving even more money for presents! Sign up sheets are available to guarantee places in popular classes.

Changes and new classes for spring 2008

Youth theatre and youth dance - these two classes have now been merged to a more manageable 90 minutes. The **Friday evening youth theatre** will also be merged into this class as participants are so close in age.

Friday beginners jazz street will now move to Saturday mornings.

New/additional classes

There will be new time-slots available for **private singing** classes to accommodate the waiting list. These will

run on weekday evenings and additional times on Saturdays.

A new **street class** for intermediate & advanced dancers will run on Wednesdays.

Pilates for adults will begin on Thursday lunch times - you must be 16 + to join this class.

Ballet – Beth will be offering a grade 5 level class to include Pointe work for RAD students. Older grade 4 students who are ready to begin Pointe are also welcome to join.