



Show Letter!

Dear Parents/Guardians & Pupils,

Frogmore Dance School's Bi-annual Showcase is coming up fast and so I wanted to make sure that everyone has a copy of this information. **Please do take the time to read the entirety of this letter.** It is lengthy, but hopefully will answer all of your questions and we will all know what to expect for the show and will be well prepared.

Extra Rehearsals & Photoshoot:

Photoshoot & Costume Fitting - Sunday 10th April - At the normal dancing hall.

Please See attached timetable at the back of this letter

This is for all students. Group class photos will be taken in costume and is taking place at the normal dance hall. There will also be the opportunity to have individual/sibling photos taken should you wish by our photographer, Rolf Evans. These photos will then be available for purchase directly from Rolf on the show day itself. Rolf will also be taking on stage photos during the 1pm performance and the dress rehearsal of the showcase.

Finale Rehearsal - Saturday 30th April 15:00pm

This is for all students who wish to partake in the finale of the show. This is not compulsory for our younger students, however it would be lovely if we could have all our students onstage for the finale, for the presentation of the overall trophies in the 6pm show, and for all students to receive their participation medal. This rehearsal will take place at the **normal dance hall**. Costumes are not needed for this rehearsal and normal dance uniform should be worn.

(Please note that the costume for the finale will be the same as for their class number. If student's are in more than one number, they should wear their last costume for the finale unless told otherwise by me)

Full Show Rehearsal - Saturday 30th April 15:30pm- 18:00pm

This is compulsory for all students to attend so we can run through the show in its entirety for the first time and will run on from the finale rehearsal. This rehearsal will also be held at the **normal dance hall** & no costumes are needed. Please make sure student's have a bottle of water with them and a snack. Older students who have school exams coming up may bring study material with them, and are welcome to remove themselves from the main hall, to use one of the quieter rooms to revise until they are needed for their numbers.

PLEASE ENSURE SNACKS ARE NUT/SESAME/KIWI/EGG FREE

The show Day! Sunday the 1st of May at the Princes Hall, Aldershot:

Dress Rehearsal

This is for **all students except those in Preparatory ballet, Little Movers, Little Tappers, and Exam Prep Ballet.** The dress rehearsal will start at **09:30 prompt**. This is a full rehearsal with lights, sound, costumes, hair and make up. **Please make sure that your child arrives by 9:00 am and signs in with the helper on stage door.**

Your child should have hair and make up done, ready for their first number.

All students involved in the dress rehearsal will then stay on site for their lunch break so please send your child with a packed lunch. Can I request that no chocolate or fizzy drinks as these have a habit of finding their way onto costumes. Also NO NUT / SESAME / KIWI / EGG DUE TO STUDENT LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES

Running times - Sunday 1st May:

Student drop off for those involved in the dress rehearsal at stage door: 9:00 am (With hair and make up done)

Dress run: 09:30 am - 12:00 pm

Lunch Break: 12:00-12:30 : (Students to stay onsite and have a packed lunch)

Drop off at Side door for Preparatory Ballet, Little Movers, Little Tappers and Disney students: 12:30

Get Ready for 1st show: 12:30-13:00

1st Show: 13:00

Tea Break: 15:00 - 17:15 All students must leave the building and be collected via their allocated exit at 15:00

2nd show Drop off: 17:30

Get Ready for 2nd Show: 17:30-18:00

2nd Show: 18:00

Student Pick Up: 20:00 at allocated exit

Sign in & out:

All student's must sign in and out upon entering and leaving the building. This is so at all times I have a headcount in case of a fire. **Children will not be allowed to leave the venue with their costumes on or with anyone other than their parent, unless I have been told who will be picking them up before the show day and in writing.** I must also have written permission before show day for any of the older Students who are teenagers but under 18, wishing to leave the building without an adult in their tea break.

There are lots of facilities around the theatre and so the tea break should allow time for students to have something decent to eat between shows.

Allocated Entrance/Exit of building:

All students except those in Preparatory ballet, Primary Ballet, Little Movers, Little Tappers, and Prep Ballet Exam Class should be dropped off and collected at the **STAGE DOOR** which is to the rear of the building.

Preparatory ballet, Primary Ballet, Little Movers, Little Tappers, and Prep Ballet Exam Class students should be dropped off and collected through **EXIT 2**.
Please see attached map for further details.

Prep ballet, little Movers, Little Tappers & Prep Ballet Exam Students may be picked up at the following times (in the interval of each show) should you not wish them to partake in the finale or presentation:

1st show time: 14:00

2nd show time: 19:00

If this is what you chose to do, please make sure your child is signed in and out of the building, and please let me know in writing before the show day, that this is what you wish to do.

Things to bare in mind:

I understand how important it is for parents to document their child's show, however I ask that audience members do not film or take photographs during the show. The 6pm show will be filmed by an external company and DVDs will be available for purchase following the show via their website.

The show day can be quite chaotic, especially in the changing rooms. I would suggest that each student, particularly if in more than one number, has a plastic box with their name on it, that they can keep everything in. ie, hairspray, brush, comb, make up, food, drink, costume accessories, tights, shoes etc. This will hopefully prevent loss of possessions.

Please make sure all personal items are named. Please do not allow students to bring anything valuable with them on the day. Frogmore dance school and the theatre cannot take responsibility for anything that is lost or stolen.

Please make sure students have a spare pair of tights (if they are listed as a costume extra and that all tights are named!)

Please note that there is **no eating in costumes, unless covered up**. I would suggest bringing a dressing gown, or zipped jumper/onesie that can easily be placed over costumes without messing up their hair.

Can I ask that all hairspray onsite is non-aerosol, ie the pump kind. This is in consideration for our student's who have asthma.

Please make sure that your child brings a packed lunch and plenty of water as it is a long day! And anything they wish to bring to keep themselves occupied while not dancing.

I would ask that students DO NOT BRING colouring felt tips as this does not come out of costumes.

Please also remember NO chocolate, coloured drinks or fizzy drinks in the dressing rooms.

NO NUT / SESAME / KIWI / EGG ON SITE DUE TO STUDENT LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES

Those younger students who are not onsite for the dress rehearsal and lunch need only bring a snack and water.

Costumes:

The costumes will be collected at the photoshoot. Worn for photo's and then taken home with you. You will then bring these to the theatre on the 1st of May.

Please could you make sure that costumes are hung up if appropriate.

The costumes are all expensive to buy and so I would ask that you take care of these, and please return them on the show day in the same condition that they were hired to you.

Please do not arrive to the venue wearing your costume! This is to prevent costumes being damaged in any accidents or spillage's that may occur on route to the venue. The costumes will then be left with us at the theatre on show day.

When bringing costumes on the day, please either make sure that they are in your child's named box, or hung up in a named dress bag to prevent confusion on the day with everyone changing at once.

Once the student's have performed their numbers for the last time, our show helpers will pack the costumes into plastic boxes for me, and tick off the items on a sheet. This is to save me chasing costumes after the show.

Most of your child's costume will be supplied with the exception of shoes and tights, and perhaps a few other items, **please check below.**

With regards to '**show tights**', those of you who have done a show before will know what these are. For the rest of you, these are flesh coloured tights that prevent the dancers legs from looking 'washed out.' They should be **Toast** in colour and have a shimmer. They are stirruped so bare feet can still be worn while wearing the tights.

These can be ordered through me and cost £7. Show tights are only needed for those dances that state *show tights* in the *Extra's needed* section below.

Our older students who need to wear bra's under their costumes, could you please make sure they are flesh coloured, and strapless if your costume requires this. An alternative is a body stocking which can also be ordered through me and cost £13. These are also a great idea for any students who feel conscious when getting changed.

Older Students may wear a flesh coloured thong with parents approval.

If knickers are worn under leotards, ballet tights or tutus. These should be of suitable size and colour so they do not show under costumes, or creep out of leg lines so they can be seen. This is also where the body stocking can be useful as it solves this problem. If your child is happy to go knicker-less under tights, then this is also fine.

Those who require pink satin ballet shoes with ribbons for the show: please see Verity to be fitted. **If you purchase Satin shoes elsewhere, please ensure ribbons match the tone of the ballet shoe satin.**

Make up:

All dancers wear make up on stage to highlight their facial features under the stage lights and prevents them from looking 'washed out'

I would ask that student's wear foundation, blusher, and natural tones of eyeshadow with black mascara and red lipstick. Older students may wear Black eye liner.

Boys should wear a small amount of bronzer.

Younger students: I understand that mums may not want their child to wear make up due to their age. I understand this point, and would like to make a compromise so that they don't look washed out. A little bit of bronzer, rather than foundation, blusher, and a natural palate eyeshadow. Don't worry about eyeliner, mascara or lipstick. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hair:

I understand that students who are in more than one number may not have time to change their hair. So following the success of previous showcases I have decided for **all** girl student's to have their hair in half up half down.

Start with the hair loose and brush all hair backwards. Section off the top half of hair from the top of the ears to the crown, smooth this section with a brush and hairspray and secure with a hair tie that matches the students hair colour. If you cannot do this, please just let me know and I will make sure that our show helpers are aware and will be able to help with this on the day.

Please send your child to the show with their own named hairbrush, hair ties, grips, make up etc.

All fringes and fly away hairs must be secured back with hair grips, hairspray or hair gel.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED OTHER THAN THEIR COSTUME?

Preparatory Ballet: Pink Ballet tights, Pink Ballet shoes with elastic

Little Movers: N/A

Little Tappers: White ankle socks & Black Tap Shoes

Mini Freestyle: N/A

Freestyle B-G: Show Tights

Freestyle G+: Show Tights

Musical Theatre Level 4 & 5: Black Fishnets, Black dance heels (Character shoes or New Yorkers)

Prep Grade 1 Modern:

Prep Grade 1 Tap: White ankle socks & Black Tap shoes

Grade 1 Modern: Show Tights

Grade 1 Tap: Black Socks & Black Tap Shoes

Inter Jazz & Advanced Jazz: Show Tights, trainers/high tops/boots/jazz shoes & anything else you have chosen to personalise the costume

Musical Theatre Level 2: N/A

Musical Theatre Level 3: Show tights, white ankle socks and black Jazz shoes

Grade 2 Modern: Show Tights

Grade 3 Modern: Show Tights

Grade 2 Tap: Show Tights, Black Tap shoes

Grade 3 Tap: Show Tights, Black Tap shoes

Grade 4 Tap: Black Fishnets, Black Tap Shoes

Grade 4 Modern: Show tights, Ballet shoes.

Grade 5/6 Tap: Black Footed Tights (Opaque), Black tap shoes

Grade 6 Modern: N/A

Acro Level 1: N/A

Acro Level 1.5: Show Tights

Acro Level 2: Show Tights

Acro Level 3: Black socks, Black Jazz shoes

Street Dance (all classes): Clean Trainers (ideally black) & Black Trainer Socks

Prep Exam Ballet: Ballet tights, Leather Ballet shoes with elastic

Primary Ballet: Pink Ballet tights, Pink Leather Ballet shoes with elastic

Junior Jazz: Show Tights

Improvers Jazz: Shoe Tights, Black Jazz shoes

Grade 1 Ballet Class 1: Pink Ballet tights, Pink SATIN Ballet shoes with Elastic

Grade 1 Ballet Class 2: Girls: Pink Ballet tights, Pink SATIN Ballet shoes with Elastic
Boys: Black Ballet shoes with white tights

Grade 2 Ballet Class 1: Girls; Pink Ballet shoes with elastic and Pink Ballet tights.
Boys: Black Ballet shoes with white socks

Grade 2 Ballet Class 2: Pink Ballet tights, Pink SATIN Ballet shoes with Elastic

Grade 3 Ballet: Pink Ballet tights, Ballet shoes with Elastic

Grade 4 Ballet: Pink Ballet tights, Ballet shoes with Elastic

Grade 5/6 Ballet: Black footed tights (Opaque) Black Jazz boots on loan from FDS

Contemporary: Black Blochsox

Opening: Black Fishnets Tights, Black dance heels (Character shoes or New Yorkers)

****THESE EXTRAS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE PHOTOSHOOT ON THE 10th APRIL AS WELL AS THE SHOW**

****Show Tights, Ballet Tights, Ballet shoes (Leather / Satin / Canvas) Ribbons, Jazz shoes, Fishnets, body stockings, heels, can all be purchased from Verity - A SPARE PAIR OF TIGHTS IS A MUST & ALL SHOULD BE NAMED**

****I suggest flesh body stockings for all students aged 8 years above, or for anyone who is self conscious when getting changed. These are a flesh coloured leotard that can be worn under all costumes.**

Show / Fishnet Tights £7

Ballet Tights £7

Body Stocking £13

Jazz Shoes: £24.95

Satin Ballet shoes £16-£18

Leather Ballet shoes £11.50

Canvas Ballet shoes £18.50

Ribbon £3.50

Helpers:

Thank you to those who have volunteered their time to help backstage and supervise the students in the dressing room. I really do appreciate it. The show wouldn't be able to happen without you.

Only these authorised helpers will be allowed in the changing room and back stage. This is due to the venues fire restrictions and also for safeguarding. All authorised helpers will be provided with a lanyard stating their allocated helping area and whether they are DSB checked or first aid trained.
Helpers, please see the helpers information sheet for more information about the day and your allocation.

Tickets:

Tickets are on sale and can be ordered from <https://stagestubs.com/gb/frogmore-dance-school/frogmore-dance-school-celebrates-the-movies>

Tickets are selling well and so please do not leave it to last minute to purchase tickets.

Tickets will not be available to buy on the door at the performances.

Parking:

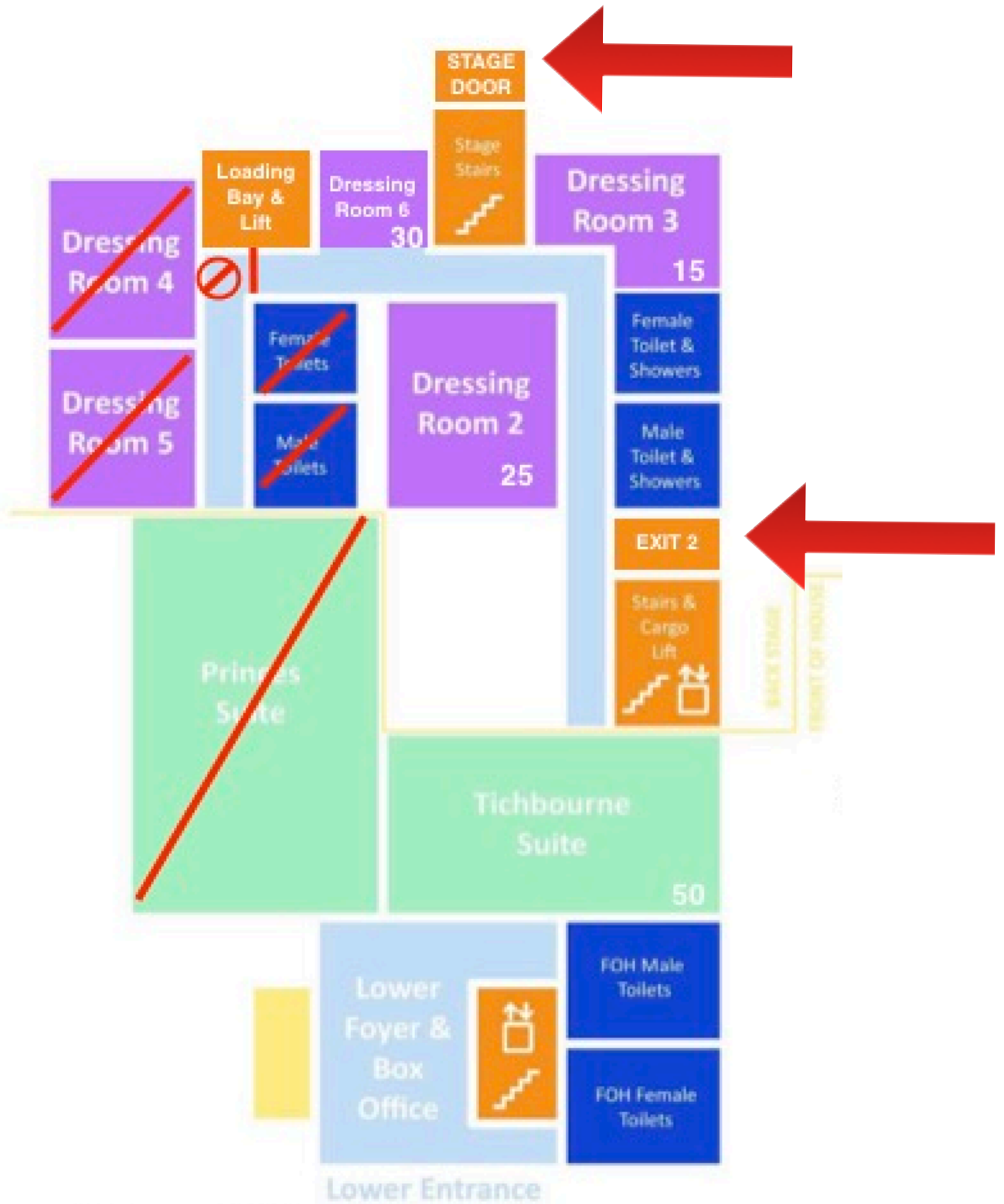
The Princes Hall advises that their patrons use the high street multi storey car park. Please do not park your car at the stage door area when dropping off students as this can cause major congestion
further information can be found online at www.princeshall.com/carparking

I think that is everything, if I think of anything else I will let you know in due course. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I would appreciate if this could be done through email to info@frogmoredanceschool.com so not to take away any class time.

Also, don't forget to like our *Facebook page*, and the *Frogmore Dance School Family Group*. Just search *Frogmore Dance School*. The Facebook page and Group will be kept up to date with announcements that are show related.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this letter, I hope you are all as excited about the show as I am.

Kind Regards, Verity & the team.



Ground Floor



Photoshoot Timetable

Please arrive 15 minutes before your allocated class time to allow time to collect & change into your costume. Parents should remain with younger students in order to help them change.

A group photo will be taken for each dance and individual or siblings photos can also be taken if you wish and if time allows.

Please ensure costumes are returned back into their given packaging. You can then take these home. You will then bring them with you on Show day (1st May)

Please come to the photoshoot with your hair and make up done as laid out in the showcase letter.

Photos will be available to purchase through our Show photographer, Rolf Evans, on show day in the foyer at a discounted show day rate. They will also be available to purchase following the show from his website. On Stage photos will also be taken throughout the shows which will also be available.

8:45	Preparatory Ballets - Tuesday & Saturday
9:00	Exam Prep Ballets
9:10	Little Tappers
9:20	Little Movers
9:30	Pre Grade 1 Modern
9:40	Grade 1 Modern
9:50	Pre Grade 1 Tap
10:00	Grade 1 Tap
10:10	Mini Freestyle
10:20	Junior Musical Theatre
10:35	Primary Ballet
10:50	Grade 1 Ballet Class 1& 2
11:05	Grade 2 Ballets Class 1& 2
11:20	Grade 3 Ballet
11:30	Junior Jazz
11:45	B-G Freestyle
11:55	Grade 2 Tap
12:10	Improvers Jazz
12:20	Acro Level 1 & 1.5
12:35	Grade 3 Modern

12:40	Grade 2 Modern
12:55	Grade 3 Tap
13:10	Street Dance
13:20	G+ Freestyle
13:30	Acro Level 3
13:40	Musical Theatre 4&5
13:50	Musical Theatre Level 2
14:00	Acro Level 2
14:15	Grade 5/6 Tap
14:25	Grade 4 Tap
14:35	Musical Theatre Level 3
14:45	Grade 4 Modern
15:00	Opening
15:15	Inter/Advanced Jazz
15:30	Grade 6 Modern
15:45	Contemporary
16:00	Grade 4 Ballet
16:10	Grade 5/6/Inter Ballet
16:25	
16:45	FINISH