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Autumn 2025

Dear Parents,

We've had a lovely and busy term filled with growth and progress. The students have been working hard on strengthening, elevation, stamina, stretching, and much more—all while having plenty of fun along the way! We've also been focusing on performance skills, which is such an essential part of a dancer's journey. It's been wonderful to see how much the children have enjoyed expressing themselves through movement and developing their stage presence.

Autumn timetable -Please note that the class times/ days will remain the same for Autumn 2025, so that they work back-to-back. Please be assured that pupils will have a chance to have a break between classes, where necessary, therefore please ensure that your child brings water and a healthy snack – thank you.

AUTUMN TERM 2025 PAYMENTS

Please note the deadline for payments is **SATURDAY 12th JULY 2025**. Please note that for the time being, we are not using Class4kids. We have had a number of payments that have not been sufficient, as some people have been using the incorrect discount codes so we have now decided to put the payments through the school's account and unfortunately, we will have to add an extra £10 payment for insufficient payments. Please check that the standard and non-standard classes are in separate payments.

Please note that places are limited and therefore places cannot be guaranteed if not booked by the 12th of July and a £10 late fee will be charged.

The Schools Account Details:-

Karen Forbes School of Dance.

Account No: -02451506

Sort Code: -309477

Have a lovely, restful summer.

Best wishes

Karen

EXCITING NEWS

ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL

Congratulations to Alexa and Holly, who have secured places as Junior Associates at The Royal Ballet School. Additionally, Holly and Jazmin, from the new branch of Karen Forbes School of Dance in Southsea, have been offered virtual and waitlist places. We wish them all the best of luck!

ROYAL BALLET & OPERA

Japan's National Ballet company makes its UK debut with its acclaimed production of Giselle by Miyako Yoshida, former Royal Ballet Principal and the company's artistic director. Olive was selected from the Royal Ballet School to be a cover. Well done, Olive!

TRING PARK

Well done to Amelia, who has been offered a place at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts in 2025!

LONDON CHILDREN'S BALLET

We are very proud of Dilara, Olive, Ella and Alexa, who have secured a place with the LCB production for 2025. Also, well done to Josephine, who secured a place with the LCB touring company.

NATIONAL YOUTH BALLET

Well done to Olive, Holly and Amelia for securing places with the National Youth Ballet 2025 season.

SURREY YOUTH BALLET

Congratulations to Ella, Emilia and Evie who secured places with the Surrey Youth Ballet 2025 season. We are very proud of them!

ENGLISH YOUTH BALLET

Congratulations to Alice and Holly, who have secured places with the English Youth Ballet in Portsmouth. These are the first pupils from the new branch of Karen Forbes School of Dance in Southsea to audition for a ballet company and to be granted places. They will be performing at the Kings Theatre in Southsea.

BALLET EXAM RESULTS

Well done to all the children who took their ballet examinations in March, and out of 23 candidates, 19 got distinctions and 4 got merits.

We are so proud of all of our pupils and their achievements – Well Done!!

EXAM DATES FOR AUTUMN 2025

Please note there will be some modern, tap and a small amount of ballet exams. It could be any of the November weekends or possibly the first two to three weekends of December, so please keep those dates free. Unfortunately, at the time of printing, we are unable to give you any confirmed dates, as the ISTD have not printed them yet. Whilst regular attendance does not guarantee an entrance to an exam, it is imperative. Please note that there will possibly be a few extra lessons for some of the classes.

VENUE DETAILS

Venue details for the Autumn Term remain the same:

- **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays** – classes remain at **St Mary's Church Hall**.
- **Saturdays** – All classes will take place at **St Mary's School, Russell Road, Wimbledon, SW19 1QL**. Parking is available at the school as long as it is pre-booked via the 'Just Park' app. The school car park is accessed via Pelham Road. There are also numerous pay and display car parks in the area, including Centre Court Car Park.

AUDITIONS

Please note that children who apply for dance auditions are requested to ask for consent from the school or they could lose their place.

APPLICATION DEADLINE & DISCOUNT

Please note that refunds are not available once classes have been booked. To qualify for the discount, applications must be received and payments **cleared by Saturday, 12th July 2025**.

We will not chase for payments - if not received by this date, we will assume you no longer require the place.

There will be a £10 surcharge for payments received after Saturday, 12th July 2025. Classes booked after this date will not be eligible for the discount, nor will they be guaranteed a place. Please note that places need to be booked by the deadline to allow for appropriate planning.

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AUTUMN TERM APPLICATIONS – Notes for Guidance

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

As places are limited and demand is increasing, to ensure you have a place for next term please follow these simple steps.

1. Please make sure that standard and specialist classes are paid separately to standard discount classes and please read the timetable clearly so that you can work out what the costs are of the classes.
2. All payments should be received by **Saturday 12th July 2025**.

Any applications received after the deadline date (**12th July 2025**) may have the payment returned, and applicants automatically placed on to the waiting list. Applicants on the waiting list will be informed of the availability of places during the week before term starts. **Fees will be higher and there will be no guarantee that there will be places available.**

UNIFORM

Please note – Tap, Modern and Contemporary – please contact The Ballet Boutique, Wimbledon to order the new leotard. ***The Ballet Boutique, 146 Merton Road, SW19 1EH - 020 4530 8899 - info@ballet-boutique.co.uk <https://ballet-boutique.co.uk/>***

Ballet uniform from Grade 4 onwards-We are looking into new leotards and researching leotards that will not be discontinued in the future, so please do not buy any new leotards yet.

Modern-During normal class term times, the **seniors** can wear the pink footloose ballet tights as opposed to the black, as there is no time to change between classes, but for exams, they will need black footless tights. **Juniors** need to have the leotard, bare legs and bare foot during term time, but for exams they will need black footless tights.

Black convertible or footless tights should be worn for **Modern/Contemporary**. Black convertible tights should be worn full-footed or regulation black dance socks worn with footless tights for **Tap**. **Nail varnish is not allowed.**

MEDIA REMINDER

All information can be found on the KFSD website <http://karenforbesschoolofdance.co.uk>
To contact us please email karenforbesschoolofdance@gmail.com

Don't forget that our Facebook page and Instagram is up and running. Please visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/KarenForbesSchoolofDanceLondon> and like us or follow us on Instagram @KarenForbesDance.

AUTUMN 2025 - TERM DATES

**TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2025 – SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025
(12 Weeks)**

Half Term: Monday 27th October 2025 – Saturday 1st November 2025

Monday 15th September 2025 – Monday 1st December 2025 (11 Weeks)
Half Term – Monday 27th October 2025
St Mary's Church Hall

3.30 – 7.00	Coaching by prior arrangement
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Tuesday 9th September 2025 – Tuesday 2nd December 2025 (12 Weeks)
Half Term – Tuesday 28th October 2025
St Mary's Church Hall

4.00 – 4.45	Class by Invitation (£126.00 for 12 weeks) **
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4.45 – 5.30	Grade Five Ballet
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5.30 – 6.15	Grade Five Ballet
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6.15 – 7.00	Grade Six Ballet
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7.00 – 7.45	Grade Six Ballet
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Wednesday 10th September 2025 – Wednesday 3rd December 2025 (12 Weeks)
Half Term – Wednesday 29th October 2025
St Mary's Church Hall

4.00 – 4.45	Pre-Primary Ballet
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4.45 – 5.45	Advanced One Ballet – please inform Karen by July 2nd if you are interested – payment on application direct to school bank account
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5.45 – 6.15	Pointe Work (£105.00 for 12 weeks) **
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6.15 – 8.15	Intermediate Ballet (£372.80 for 12 weeks) **
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Saturday 13th September 2025 – Saturday 6th December 2025 (12 weeks)
Half Term – Saturday 1st November 2025
St Mary's School – Russell Road, Wimbledon

7.30 – 8.15	Grade Four Ballet	7.15-8.00	Grade Six Tap – (£279 for 12 weeks) ** <i>payment direct to school account please</i>
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8.15 – 9.00	Grade Four Ballet	8.00-9.00	Grade Six Modern** (£183 for 12 weeks) **
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9.00 – 9.45	Intermediate Ballet** (£139.80 for 12 weeks)	9.00-9.45	Grade Four Modern
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9.45 – 10.30	Intermediate Ballet** (£139.80 for 12 weeks)	9.45-10.30	Grade One Modern
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10.30 – 11.15	Grade One Ballet	10.30-11.15	Contemporary & Stretch
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11.15-12.00	Grade One Ballet	11.15-12.00	Grade Two Modern
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12.00- 12.45	Grade Three Ballet	12.15-12.45	Grade One Tap – please let Karen know by 2nd July 2025- Price on application
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12.45 -13.30	Grade Three Ballet		
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**** Please note these classes are either highly specialist or are an incredibly small group which is reflected in the price****

***These specialist classes are priced individually and do not count towards the multi-session discounts. Vocational class costings are subject to the teacher, venue and number of students in the class.*

- Please note that the following classes are **NOT** included in the standard class multi-class discount: Grade 1 tap Invitation Class Intermediate Ballet Grade 6 Tap Pointe Work Advanced One Ballet Grade 6 Modern

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

N.B. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE CORRECT AMOUNT IS PAID ON TIME OR PLACES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

All classes that are missed must be paid for or places will be lost. Please note that specialist grades will now be charged at a fixed price no matter how many classes, like most institutions, as they are small classes and vocational. Please, therefore adjust prices accordingly. The difference in pricing reflects the number of pupils in the class, venue fee and the teacher taking the class. We reserve the right to adjust pricing if numbers in a class reduce at any point. We reserve the right to cancel or change class times at any point. **NO refunds will be given.**

Fees per individual student - INTRODUCTORY/SPECIALIST (VOCATIONAL) CLASSES ARE PRICED SEPARATELY AND MUST NOT BE ADDED TO THE PRICES. ALL SPECIALIST (VOCATIONAL) CLASS COSTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO THE TEACHER, VENUE AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN CLASS.

1st class **per week** if paid in advance £10.50 per class= £126.00 for 12 weeks
2nd class **per week** if paid in advance £10.00 per class= £246.00 for 12 weeks
3rd class **per week** if paid in advance £10.00 per class= £366.00 for 12 weeks
4th class **per week** if paid in advance £9.75 per class= £483.00 for 12 weeks
5th class **per week** if paid in advance £9.75 per class= £600.00 for 12 weeks
6th class **per week** if paid in advance £9.50 per class= £714.00 for 12 weeks
7th class **per week** if paid in advance £9.50 per class = £828.00 for 12 weeks
8th class **per week** if paid in advance £9.25 per class = £939.00 for 12 weeks
9th class **per week** if paid in advance £9.25 per class = £1050.00 for 12 weeks
10th class **per week** if paid in advance £9.00 per class= £1158.00 for 12 weeks
11th class **per week** if paid in advance £8.75 per class= £1263.00 for 12 weeks
12th class **per week** if paid in advance £6.00 per class= £1335.00 for 12 weeks

Please note the following classes are NOT included in the standard class multi-class discount: Grade One Tap, Intermediate Ballet, Pointe Work, Grade Six Tap, Invitation Class, Advanced One Ballet and Grade Six Modern.

PRIVATE LESSONS (NEED TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE AND THERE ARE NO REFUNDS)

£46.50 PER CLASS - 45 MINUTES PER CHILD

£52.00 PER CLASS - 45 MINUTES PER ADULT/MAJORS/VOCATIONAL

EXAM CLASSES & EXTRA LESSONS

PLEASE NOTE THAT PRICES WILL BE DIFFERENT AND DEPENDENT ON VENUE FEES, THE TEACHER TAKING THE LESSON AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE CLASS.

1. Please note: extra classes, like examination or coaching classes must be paid for prior to the class.
2. Please note: Exams are not applicable to all pupils and Karen Forbes School of Dance reserves the right to withdraw and/or enter pupils at their discretion at any stage.
3. Pupils undertaking ballet exams from Grade One upwards will need to attend two classes per week – please note exams are not compulsory.
4. Please note there will be no refunds under any circumstances – make up classes will be offered where necessary.
5. Children who miss class will not be able to make them up, unless by prior arrangement.
6. Existing pupils please note that should their booking and payment not be presented by the closing date, their places will be lost.
7. Neither the school (Karen Forbes School of Dance) nor the hall will be liable for the loss or damage of any property belonging to the pupils.
8. Parents and Guardians of children under the age of five are requested to remain on the premises i.e. in the corridor or in the room, in case they are needed during class.
9. As is the case in any dance class, physical contact from teachers with pupils is an essential part of the lesson in order to rectify posture.
10. If any unforeseen circumstances arise causing a class to be cancelled, a suitable alternative class will be arranged at the schools discretion and no refunds will be offered.
11. Discounted prices are only available if classes are booked in advance by the appropriate date.
12. Any student wishing to attend external auditions must obtain prior consent from Karen Forbes or they may lose their place in the school.
13. Karen Forbes School of Dance reserves the right to refuse application to pupils or remove pupils at the schools discretion.
14. If a pupil has an injury, even if sustained elsewhere, the school must be informed so that we can take appropriate precautions.
15. Whilst every effort is made to keep children safe when dancing injuries can still be sustained, as with any area of exercise, and neither the school (Karen Forbes School of Dance), individual teacher or the hall will be liable for injuries sustained during classes.
16. Pointe Work: for students undertaking Pointe Work we must stress this must only be undertaken with the supervision of the teacher and never outside the class.