

Welcome to
Pips Dance Academy



YOUR DANCE JOURNEY STARTS
HERE

WELCOME



WHO WE ARE

PASSION. INSPIRE. PERFORM. SUCCEED.

PIPS DANCE ACADEMY WAS FORMED IN CHALFONT ST PETER IN 2019 BY HUSBAND AND WIFE DUO - SCOTT AND PIPPA, TO PROVIDE ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WITH EXCELLENT DANCE TRAINING. WHILST HAVING A 'DANCE FOR ALL' ETHOS, PIPS ALSO PROVIDES INDUSTRY LINKS AND GIVES STUDENTS MANY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES.

WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT YOU NEVER STOP LEARNING AND THAT YOU LEARN SOMETHING FROM EVERY EXPERIENCE.

ALONGSIDE OUR PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES, YOU CAN TAKE PART IN LOCAL FESTIVALS AND TAKE EXAMS WITH RAD AND NATD IF YOU WISH TO TAKE THESE. YOU WILL GAIN EXPERIENCE IN A WIDE RANGE OF STYLES AND CAN ALSO STUDY GCSE DANCE. WE ARE A REGISTERED ARTS AWARD AND LAMDA CENTRE.

GET IN TOUCH TODAY!

IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, DANCE ENTHUSIASTS HAVE A PLETHORA OF OPTIONS AT PIPS TO EXPLORE THEIR PASSION ACROSS VARIOUS STYLES. FROM THE CLASSIC ELEGANCE OF RAD BALLET TO THE RHYTHMIC COMPLEXITY OF TAP, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERY DANCER. JAZZ AND STREET DANCE CLASSES OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENERGETIC EXPRESSION AND URBAN FLAIR, WHILE CONTEMPORARY CLASSES INVITE DANCERS TO EXPLORE INNOVATIVE MOVEMENT AND ARTISTIC INTERPRETATION. FOR THOSE DRAWN TO THE STAGE, MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES PROVIDE A FUSION OF DANCE, DRAMA, AND SONG, CULTIVATING VERSATILE PERFORMERS. ADDITIONALLY, ACRO CLASSES OFFER A BLEND OF DANCE AND GYMNASTICS, ENHANCING STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, AND AGILITY. WITH OPTIONS TAILORED TO ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS, INCLUDING OFFERING GCSE DANCE. PIPS DANCE ACADEMY ALLOWS BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DANCERS TO JOIN A VIBRANT DANCE COMMUNITY WHERE CREATIVITY FLOURISHES AND TALENTS ARE NURTURED.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU JOIN US

OUR VALUES ARE PASSION. INSPIRE. PERFORM. SUCCEED - AND WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON OUR DANCE FOR ALL ETHOS, HELPING EVERY STUDENT - REGARDLESS OF ABILITY - ACHIEVE THIS DURING THEIR JOURNEY WITH US.

WE ARE A DANCE SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER AND WE CALL OURSELVES A FAMILY. WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON NURTURING CHILDREN IN DANCE AND PERFORMANCE, BUT IN DOING THAT WE BELIEVE IN ENHANCING THEIR JOURNEY WITH OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF A WEEKLY CLASS OR TWO.

WE WANT TO SEE THEM DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS BUT ALSO MORE IMPORTANTLY THEIR CONFIDENCE AND COMMITMENT SKILLS. MANY OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE ON TO APPLY TO PRESTIGIOUS DANCE COLLEGES (STELLA MANN, URDANG, CREATIVE ACADEMY AND MANY OTHERS).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE PIPS FAMILY AND HOPE YOU HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS WE DO!

DANCE FOR ALL!

WE OFFER YOU INCLUSIVE AND INSPIRING DANCE TRAINING IN ALL GENRES, FROM HIGHLY EXPERIENCED AND QUALIFIED TEACHERS, TO ENSURE EACH STUDENT REACHES THEIR POTENTIAL AND IS ALWAYS ACHIEVING.

YOUR CHILD WILL BE GREETED BY AN EXTREMELY APPROACHABLE TEAM OF FRIENDLY TEACHERS WHO AIM TO BUILD CONFIDENCE IN ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.

EACH CHILD WILL FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG TO OUR DANCE FAMILY AND THEY CAN CHOOSE CLASSES TO TAKE AS AN ENJOYABLE HOBBY, OR WE CAN OFFER THEM A MORE INTENSIVE AND ELITE PATH WHERE WE ENSURE THE STUDENT ACHIEVES EXCELLENCE.

WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF STAFF WHO ARE ALL EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD. THEY ARE FIRST AID AND SAFEGUARDING TRAINED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE OPERATE A 'HANDS ON' POLICY WHEN TEACHING, MEANING THAT WE MAY ADAPT/MOVE STUDENT'S BODIES IF WE FEEL APPROPRIATE TO THEIR LEARNING. IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THIS, THEN PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY TO A MEMBER OF STAFF.

OUR DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD IS PIPPA FISHER-COLDWELL, PLEASE SEE HER WITH ANY CONCERNS. MELANIE HENRY AND PIPPA FISHER-COLDWELL ARE ALSO OUR MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS.



WE ARE MORE THAN A DANCE SCHOOL- EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES

WE OFFER CLASSES IN BALLET, TAP, JAZZ, STREET, CONTEMPORARY, MUSICAL THEATRE, ACRO, PRODUCTION, GCSE ALONGSIDE PRIVATE LESSONS.

ALONGSIDE OUR CLASSES WE OFFER EXAMS, REGULAR PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES AND AMAZING EXPERIENCES. WE DO OUR MAIN SHOW IN JANUARY EACH YEAR AND HAVE AN ANNUAL PIPS PARTY IN JULY. WE ALSO DO A SUMMER SCHOOL MUSICAL EACH YEAR AND REGULAR CAMPS. WE OFFER REGULAR THEATRE TRIPS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GET INVOLVED.

WE OFFER ARTS AWARD AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME AMBASSADORS AND HEAD STUDENTS.

ALTHOUGH THE TEACHING OF DANCE IS OUR FOCUS; PROVIDING PERFORMANCE, EXAMINATION AND WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES, WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE IS OUR EMPHASIS ON THE MENTAL WELL-BEING AND ENRICHMENT OF OUR STUDENTS. OUR AMBASSADOR TEAM ARE AVAILABLE TO TALK TO STUDENTS AND WE ALSO HAVE A 'WORRIES, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS' BOX AT THE ACADEMY.

OUR AMBASSADORS CREATE A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER THAT INCLUDES WHAT THE ACADEMY HAS DONE OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH, BIRTHDAYS THAT HAVE BEEN CELEBRATED AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. CLICK ON EACH MONTH ICON BELOW TO VIEW THE NEWSLETTER.

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO FEEL PART OF THE PIPS FAMILY AND ENJOY COMING TO CLASS AND MAKING FRIENDS.

WHEN JOINING PIPS EACH STUDENT IS GIVEN A LANYARD IN WHICH THEY CAN EARN BADGES FOR THEIR DANCE WORK, BUT ALSO SPECIAL BADGES FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND WITHIN THE DANCE SCHOOL AND RECOGNISING YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL.

ONE OF THE BADGES WE HAVE IS STUDENT OF THE MONTH. WE ALSO HAVE A PARENT GOVERNOR GROUP WHO HELP WITH FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS.



UNIFORM AND ATTENDANCE

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR THE APPROPRIATE UNIFORM TO ALL THEIR CLASSES.

PERSONALISED PIPS UNIFORM ITEMS CAN BE BOUGHT FROM KITBOSS. OTHER UNIFORM ITEMS CAN BE BOUGHT FROM THE PIPS STORE. THE PASSCODE FOR THIS SITE IS PIPS OR FROM DANCERS BOUTIQUE SHOP IN AMERSHAM.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT ATTEND CLASS, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN. ONLY WHEN THE DANCE SCHOOL CANCELS A CLASS WILL AN ALTERNATIVE DATE OR REFUND BE OFFERED.

WE REQUIRE WRITTEN NOTICE, OF A HALF TERM, IF YOU DECIDE TO ADD/REMOVE ANY CLASSES. NO REFUNDS WILL BE PROCESSED. TEACHERS WILL ALWAYS MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES OR QUERIES YOU MAY HAVE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU LET A MEMBER OF STAFF KNOW, IN ADVANCE, IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A DISCUSSION AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR A TEACHER TO TALK TO YOU.

WE DO NOT ALLOW PARENTS TO WATCH CLASSES AS WE ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO WATCH CLASS AND FILM SECTIONS WHEN NECESSARY.

PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT THE AGE RANGES FOR OUR CLASSES IS AN INITIAL GUIDE, HOWEVER WE WILL MAKE A JUDGEMENT ON THE MOST SUITABLE CLASS ONCE WE HAVE SEEN THEIR ABILITY.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THE CORRECT UNIFORM AND FOOTWEAR FOR CLASS- THIS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER 'UNIFORM'.



BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

WE HAVE VERY HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF OUR STUDENTS, WHICH INCLUDES THEIR BEHAVIOUR DURING CLASS.

NO UNNECESSARY OR HURTFUL BEHAVIOUR IS TOLERATED IN ANY CLASSES OR AT ANY EVENT WHERE YOU ARE REPRESENTING YOURSELF AND PIPS.

ANY BEHAVIOUR DEEMED TO BE UNACCEPTABLE WILL RESULT IN A TEMPORARY BAN FROM CLASS.

IF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR PERSISTS WE WILL REVIEW AND CONSIDER A PERMANENT REMOVAL.

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE ASKED TO RESPECT ALL PIPS STAFF AND OUR LESSON ETIQUETTE - NO ONE APART FROM PIPS STAFF ARE ALLOWED IN CLASSES WITH THE CHILDREN.

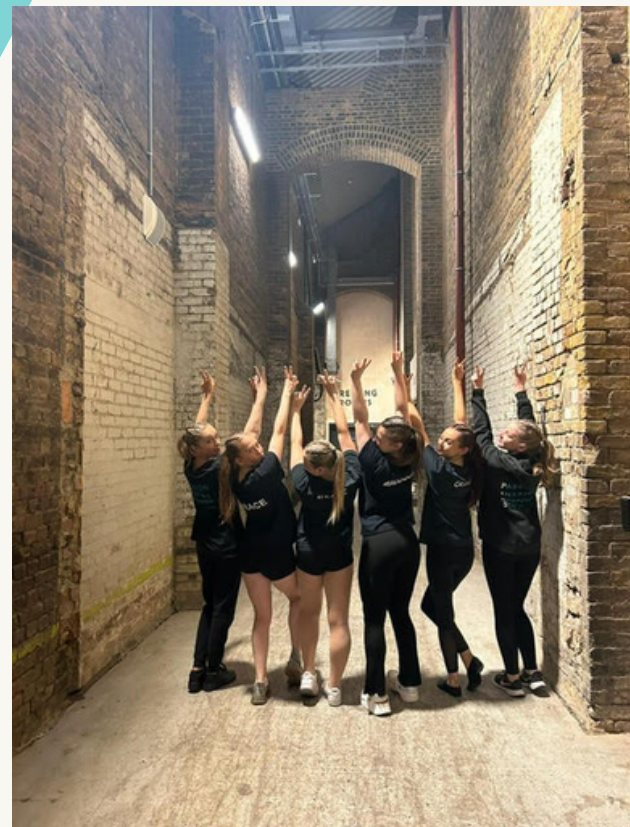
ANY BEHAVIOUR IMPACTING OUR STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF CLASS WILL BE ADDRESSED WITH THE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS.

POLICIES AND T&C'S

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE READ ALL OUR POLICIES. BY SIGNING UP TO PIPS YOU AGREE TO ALL THE POLICIES- THESE ARE ALL AVAILABLE ON THE POLICIES PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE

BY SETTING UP GOCARDLESS YOU AGREE TO ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT.

BY SIGNING UP TO CLASS MANAGER YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE. THIS ALSO ENCOMPASSES THE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REQUIRING YOUR CONSENT.



FEES AND COMMUNICATIONS

BELOW IS SOME INFORMATION FOR YOU REGARDING ALL ADMIN ... PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE READ THIS AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL PIPS@PIPSDANCEACADEMY.CO.UK

CLASS ALLOCATION

CHILDREN ARE PLACED IN CLASSES BASED ON AGE AS A FIRST STEP - FOLLOWING A TRIAL WE WILL ADVISE OF THE BEST CLASS FOR THEIR ABILITY.

CHILDREN WILL BE MOVED UP WHEN THE TEACHERS RECOMMEND THAT THEY MOVE AND NOT BASED ON AGE.

CLASS MANAGER PORTAL MEMBERSHIP

ONCE YOU HAVE JOINED OUR FAMILY WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN UP TO THE 'CLASS MANAGER PORTAL FOR CUSTOMERS' APP.

THIS PROVIDES YOU WITH ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED ON THE CLASSES THAT ARE COMING UP AND ALL THE INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR INVOICES AND DIRECT DEBITS.

THE CLASS MANAGER APP WILL PROVIDE NOTIFICATIONS OF CHANGES TO CLASS VENUES ETC.

WHATSAPP PARENTS/GUARDIANS GROUP

WE HAVE A WHATSAPP GROUP FOR ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF OUR STUDENTS. THIS IS TO ALERT YOU TO ANY VENUE CHANGES, EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES ETC. IT CAN ONLY BE USED BY THE PIPS MANAGEMENT TEAM.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

ALL CLASS FEES WILL BE INVOICED 3 TIMES IN THE CALENDAR YEAR TERM 1:
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER
TERM 2: JANUARY - APRIL
TERM 3: MAY - AUGUST

ALL BANK HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE CHARGES.

ALL CLASSES THAT ARE NOT RUNNING DUE TO OTHER PIPS EVENTS WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE CHARGES.

ALL FEES WILL BE COLLECTED BY DIRECT DEBIT USING GOCARDLESS. PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE 1ST OF EACH CALENDAR MONTH WITHIN THE TERM. IF THIS FALLS ON A WEEKEND OR BANK HOLIDAY IT WILL BE TAKEN ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE WORKING DAY.

ALTERNATIVE DATES ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF PIPS MANAGEMENT AND DISCUSSED SEPARATELY.

IF YOUR DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT FAILS YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE GCL FEE THAT PIPS INCUR DUE TO THE FAILURE - THIS WILL IMMEDIATELY APPLY.

FEES AND COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

THERE IS AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF £20 FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS WHO START WITH PIPS - WHICH REDUCES TO £15 PER YEAR THEREAFTER. THE £5 ON SIGN UP COVERS THE LANYARD THAT WE GIVE TO ALL STUDENTS WHICH THEY NEED TO WEAR TO ALL LESSONS.

THIS WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR GOCARDLESS ACCOUNT WHEN YOU CREATE IT.

THE ANNUAL FEE COVERS ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS - AWARDS FOR PROGRESSION AND ACHIEVEMENT, BADGES TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARIES WITH PIPS ETC.

ALL TEACHERS WILL PROVIDE ANNUAL FEEDBACK REVIEWS FOR ALL STUDENTS.

PIPS COMMUNICATION

WE TRY TO MINIMISE THE EMAIL COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS BY PROVIDING A WEEKLY UPDATE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH WEEK. THIS HAS ALL THE INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE WEEK AND THE MONTHLY EVENTS. IN ADDITION WE ISSUE A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING ALL THINGS PIPS.

WE WILL NOT CHASE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE OFFER - THEY WILL APPEAR IN THE UPDATE.

THE UPDATE WILL INCLUDE OCCASIONS WHERE STUDENTS CAN DRESS UP IN CLASS FOR THINGS LIKE WORLD BOOK DAY - ENSURE YOU READ THE UPDATE SO YOU DO NOT MISS A THING!

PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHECK YOUR JUNK WHEN YOU JOIN TO ENSURE YOU DON'T MISS AN EMAIL!

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @PIPSDANCEACADEMY



IMPORTANT DATES 24/25

→ **SEPTEMBER** ←

5TH- MADHATTER'S
TEA PARTY TRIP
9TH- FREE TRIAL WEEK
29TH-HOTSHOT COMPETITION

→ **OCTOBER** ←

3RD- STARLIGHT EXPRESS
TRIP
26TH- ELGIVA SHOWCASE
28TH- HALF TERM WEEK
30TH- HALLOWEEN CAMP

→ **NOVEMBER** ←

3RD- BDO COMPETITION
17TH- TAKE THE STAGE-
WYCOMBE SWAN
30TH- UKSDC- HARROW

→ **DECEMBER** ←

7TH- XMAS PHOTOSHOOT
9TH- XMAS JUMPER WEEK
10TH- SWAN LAKE TRIP
13TH- CUPCAKES&CLAUS
20TH- END OF TERM

→ **JANUARY** ←

10TH-12TH- ANNUAL SHOW-
ELGIVA
27TH- TRIAL WEEK

→ **FEBRUARY** ←

17TH-21ST- HALF
TERM/CHESHAM FESTIVAL

→ **MARCH** ←

3RD- WORLD BOOK COSTUME
WEEK
8TH/9TH- MOVE IT TRIP
24TH- WEAR A HAT WEEK

→ **APRIL** ←

7TH-18TH- EASTER
14TH-17TH- HONEYCOMB
FESTIVAL/EASTER CAMP
21ST- TRIAL WEEK
22ND- PIPS BIRTHDAY
28TH- STYLES WEEK

→ **MAY** ←

5TH- BANK HOLIDAY
26TH- HALF TERM

→ **JUNE** ←

2ND- GCSE WRITTEN EXAM
28TH- FEAST DAY

→ **JULY** ←

EXAMS
4TH- SUMMER PARTY
3RD-12TH- DWC
11TH- END OF TERM

→ **AUGUST** ←

SUMMER CAMP FROM
18TH

PLEASE NOTE DATES ARE CONTINUOUSLY ADDED/CHANGED

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THANK YOU!

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO DANCE WITH US.
WE CANNOT WAIT TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF
OUR FAMILY AND SEE YOU THRIVE!