

THE HAMPSTEAD FACTORY

Drama, Dance and Singing Classes for 4-17's...building confidence for life

Summer 2011 Newsletter— Gloucester School

Dear Parents,

Well, what an amazing Easter holiday! The films have been a wonderful event to be part of and it has been such a success (over-subscribed in fact in every age group!) that it is now a fixed date for the HF calendar every year.

Our new website is now up and running and has been designed to be a *one stop shop* resource for parents, children and teachers. Make sure you check it for parent/child/teacher interviews which will be up and running on the new site very soon!

Being at the Film Studios is a great bonus for everyone and I am looking forward to offering extra types of classes—some which are just starting such as the new 'band' classes with Jasper for 14-17 year olds. There are also some great offers for parents to help boost our new school drama clubs, so together we can really go 'full steam ahead' for Hampstead Factory.

I am very excited about the wonderful plays the children will be performing this Term!

Take care..... *Laura x*



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Term Dates and Class Times

GLOUCESTER SCHOOL Sir Thomas Rich's School, Sports Centre, Oakleaze, Longlevens, Gloucester *turn right through gates and follow sports centre signs*

Class times:

'Little Angels' 2.05 pm to 4.00 pm

'Juniors' 2.05 pm to 4.45 pm

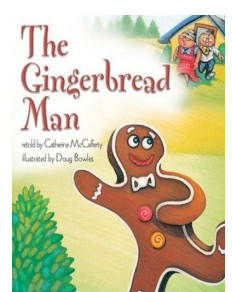
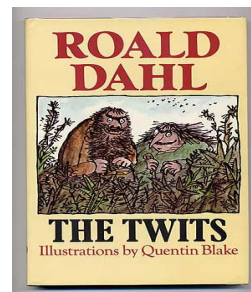
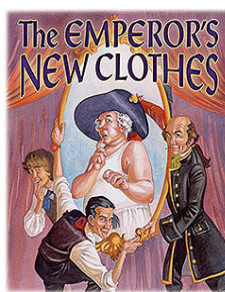
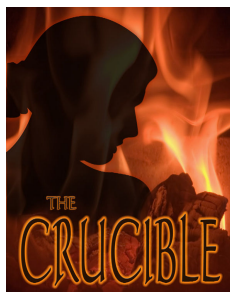
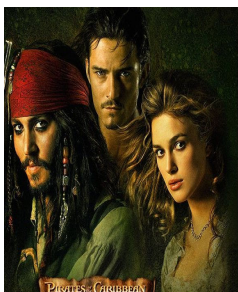
Seniors' 2.05 pm to 4.45 pm

Summer 2011

Saturday 7th May - Sunday 17th July
(Weekend off Saturday 11th June)

Autumn 2011

Saturday 17th September - Saturday 3rd





It's here!
Our all singing, all dancing
(the drama was in getting it up and running)
WEBSITE

Our new website has been developed to be a **one-stop-shop** resource for parents, youngsters and teachers to be able to access everything there is to know about what is going on at the Hampstead Factory. The website is available 24 hours a day, and we aim to keep it as up-to-date as possible. So whether you want to know term dates, class times or what FREEBIES are on offer, please visit us at:

thehampsteadfactory.com, and check out.....

Bring a Friend

Existing students, bring a friend along and when they enrol, to say thanks, we give you a £25 voucher for the end of term exam fee, an exam costume and 2 free tickets for the end of term show

Early Bird Offer

New students get 30% discount on first term fees if booking classes before the third week of any term in 2011

Flexi Classes

Does your child **LOVE** drama and singing but dance is a no no?!

Do they **LOVE** dance and drama but not so hot on singing?!

Well now they can enjoy creating their own class timetable with our new **Flexi Classes**.

Flexi Classes allows youngsters to join in with 2 out of the 3 classes of their choice every weekend. In addition to the classes they get to have fun socializing in their "class" break which means you get 50 minutes of EXTRA childcare while they enjoy time with their classmates! Clever hey... So what are you waiting for! Check out our Flexi Fees at the venue best for you!

For more info log on at www.thehampsteadfactory.com

Contact us

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Summer FILM School

Monday 29th August—Thursday 1st September 10am—4pm

Pirates of the Caribbean and your own Film Premiere!

This year's Summer workshop is going to be amazing. A film based Summer School for 7-17 year olds is being held at Cheltenham Film Studios, and the theme is *The Pirates of the Caribbean*.

The workshop will be open to students at a cost of £95, and for non HF students £120.

Dates: 29th August – 1st September from 10am – 4pm

Film Premiere: To be held at the Gloucester Guildhall, Eastgate Street, Gloucester

Saturday 15th October 7-9pm

Please note: This workshop is proving to be very popular, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

To book, either complete a booking form at class, or enquire through our Free Stuff section on our website thehampsteadfactory.com

FREE MASTERCLASS

4-17 year olds, HF students, and non-students welcome

With *Jenny Wren, a Professional Theatre Company*

Performing

Around the World in 80 days
On Thursday, 7th July, 5-7.30pm at
The Cheltenham Film Studios
Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham GL50 6PN

TO BOOK, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT
thehampsteadfactory.com
And log into the FREE STUFF page

Summer Show

Sunday 17th July—Guildhall, Eastgate Street, Gloucester

This year the 4-7 groups will be taking Trinity “Young Performer’s Certificates” and the 8-17’s will be taking “Musical Theatre in Production Certificates.” These are new exams to the Hampstead Factory, as youngsters never take the same exam twice. Trinity has specific time limits for exams:

4-7's Young Performers Act 1 (60 mins) =20 mins per group

8-11's Musical theatre in Production Act 2 (75 mins total) = (25 mins per group)

12-17's Musical theatre in Production Act 3 (75 mins total) = (25 mins per group)

There will be an interval between each act.

Rehearsal dates at Cheltenham Film Studios

Tuesday 5th July

4-7's 5.30pm – 7pm

8-17's 6.00pm – 8pm

Tuesday 12th July and Wednesday 13th July

4-7's 5.30pm – 7pm

8-17's 6.00pm – 8pm

Saturday 16th July

4-7's 9.00am – Midday

8-17's 9.00am – 6pm

Show on Sunday 17th July, some youngsters may need to be prepared to stay all day rehearsing in the morning and afternoon performance



New Music Course for 14-17yrs

Run by Jasper who has a degree in Popular Music from the University of Gloucestershire and who has recently been helping out in the HF office. This exciting opportunity is for 14-17yr olds who are interested in all things musical.

The workshop is designed for Teens to learn about different genres of music from Jazz to Hip-Hop, Classical to Metal and everything in between - but it will be completely up to you which genre comes next. The aim is to broaden your minds to all kinds of music that you may not already be entirely knowledgeable about or accustomed to. We will also have the opportunity to have a little jam with instruments in each session and will be working towards writing a piece to perform at your own personal Open Mic Night.

The course will start on Tuesday 24th May from 6.30 - 8pm at The Cheltenham Film Studios. It will last 10 weeks and the first 2 sessions will be free. Each session will be £2.50 per head - Please Bring Exact Change - with the added opportunity to get £5 off with a bulk purchase. (ie Pay £15 on the third session for the whole term rather than £2.50 per week which will cost you £20 in total).

Bring your instruments down and come and have some fun with music! We look forward to seeing you!

The PHANTOM of the OPERA

West End Show

West End Opportunity — 30th October

Ever wanted to perform in London's West End Her Majesty's Theatre - Well now you can!

Testimonial: " Thank you Laura and stella for my wonderful experience last week"- 8 year old Annaliese Goff Cheltenham school Oct 2010.

Hampstead Factory youngsters have again been invited to perform on one of London's most prestigious stages, Her Majesty's Theatre, home to the Phantom of the Opera! This is also open to non HF students (ability: must attend one regular dance class a week)

What age?

You must be between 4 and 17 years old.

Performance

30th October 2010, daytime rehearsals onstage and evening performance 7.30-10pm

Where?

Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, W1, London

Rehearsals

The rehearsals will take place each Monday from 22nd August until Monday 24th October - 6.30—8pm, at the Cheltenham Film Studios, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham,

How much?

£90 per child, payable by £30 non refundable deposit and two direct debit payments of £30 in Sept/Oct

This fee covers all rehearsals (above dates), a studio photoshoot, 2 costumes and one ticket for the show and also includes a free "Young Performers" T-shirt and baseball cap given to you at the theatre to wear for the show's finale.

Tickets:

You will receive one free ticket (2 extra tickets must be taken per student) £28.50 per ticket

How do we travel to London?

Parents must arrange transport for the student for rehearsals and on the show day. Many parents choose to use car pools within the school; others travel up by National Express. The day starts at 10.30 am and finishes at 10.30pm so be prepared for a long day and we recommend arranging a day-off school on the Monday. To book for this event please log onto our facebook page.

Booking

HF Students: If you would like to book a space for any of the above workshops please request a place through Laura Whittard on the weekend (your school manager). A £30 deposit is required at the time of booking with your child's name, HF school they attend and workshop on the back of the cheque. The cheque is non-refundable, unless we have not reached minimum numbers for the workshop, in which case it may be cancelled and your deposit returned. We regret that no space can be booked without a cheque.

Non HF Students: You can book through our website thehampsteadfactory.com

Hampstead Factory Extras

The HF Agency

ALL Hampstead Factory pupils can have a free online CV. If you do not yet have one please email the office (it is an automated system so please don't call) to request one. Photographs can be uploaded from home, and will still be approved by the office. This change is due to casters ideas on what is seen as acceptable for photographs changing and the need for them to see colour photographs instead of black and white.

Agency Success

Congratulations to Olivia Lennon, who is going to continue her voice over recording for "Team Umizoomi" on Nickelodeon Junior in 2011

Birthday Parties

New!

See our new website for information on how to book one of our *fabulous* new themed birthday parties!

1 Hour Performance Party
Model Photoshoot Party
Film, Camera, Action, Party

Drama Clubs—help us spread the word and receive £50 high street Vouchers OR Half a term's fees worth of tuition

We have been running a very successful Drama Club at Glenfall Primary School in Cheltenham for the past few years.

We are hoping to develop more Drama Clubs, and we believe that with the support of our committed parents who are already familiar with the quality of our work, we will have a strong chance of proving to head teachers the merits of running a Hampstead Factory Drama Club in their School.

If you are interested in spreading "The Hampstead Factory" word, please speak to Laura or call the office (01242 234664) and leave a message for Liz Dovey our new Drama Club Co-ordinator.

Private Lessons

As well as group lessons in drama, dance, singing The Hampstead Factory offers private or shared lessons. Private lessons can be taken in drama, dance, singing or a combination of all three; musical theatre. Taking private tuition in any of the above skills can lead to examinations in Trinity Guildhall or LAMDA and to other opportunities such as performing at the Cheltenham Festival. Grade 6, 7 and 8 Trinity Guildhall examinations are recognised by UCAS and points from 20 to 60 are awarded depending on the level of achievement gained.



Keeping in touch

We realise that telling everyone what's going on and keeping in touch is really important, so to make sure you don't miss anything these are the ways you can find out exactly what's going on at the Hampstead Factory.

The logo for The Hampstead Factory, consisting of the text "THEHAMPSTEADFACTORY" in a white, bold, sans-serif font on a dark purple rectangular background.

THEHAMPSTEADFACTORY

Our new website is here! All the most up-to-date information on what's going on at HF,

including all Free Stuff, will be available at thehampsteadfactory.com



facebook

We will be making sure that our facebook page is current and up-to-date, and we are working on all sorts of ways that you can link in with the HF. Just search for *The Hampstead Factory* in the groups section of facebook

twitter



Yes, we'll be twittering away at www.twitter.com/hamsterfactory



Weekend Manager

Don't forget if you can always talk to your school's manager on the weekend, who will be happy to try and resolve your query on the day or to pass any matters back to the office if needed.

Hello andgoodbye

We are saying goodbye to Tina in the HF office. Tina has been an amazing support during her time in the office, but she will now be concentrating leaving us to return to her hometown near Cardiff. We wish her much luck in her future endeavours.

We would like welcome Liz Dovey, who is our new Drama Club Co-ordinator and Jane Powell our new Marketing Person.

Join the HF Crew

We are looking for those of you who would like to help us on performance days and at the cinema events to help with make-up, costumes, backstage and chaperoning.

If you are a parent, HF student or non-HF student of 16 or over and interested in being part of our crew, please call the office or speak to Laura on weekends. Come and be part of the "HF Crew".

Direct Debit Payments

All our direct debit payments are done through Eazy Collect. If you have a query over whether you have paid for the term or what dates your payments take place you can call Eazy Collect direct on **08456 444410** and their staff will be happy to help you. Payments can vary depending when your child started, but you will get advanced notice from Eazy Collect of your payment schedule.

SummerTerm leavers: For children who won't be returning from the Summer Term, written notice must be received at the Hampstead Factory by no later 20th July 2011 or fees in lieu will be requested.

Why? A place is automatically booked for a child and all work for the term is created in the holidays for each specific group. Work has to be carefully re-worked for the term when we have not been notified of a child leaving.