



## NEWSLETTER 14, SPRING TERM 2010

### Welcome back to another term at the Maple Academy of Performing Arts!

Term dates for the Spring term are:  
Term begins: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
Half-term: 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Term finishes: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break!

The Maple Academy Great Shelford Christmas Showcase was unfortunately postponed due to weather conditions. We will be having a second "Christmas" in January, the date will be confirmed as soon as possible with letters reaching parents when this decision has been made.

I'd appreciate it if all parents/guardians could keep hold of the costumes until the showcase.

Many thanks.

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## Used dancewear for sale

Burgundy leotard, size 3, £4.00

Pink satin ballet shoes with ribbons, size 6, £3.00

If you have any second-hand dancewear you would like to sell, let me know the details by 8<sup>th</sup> February and I'll include it in the next edition.

These words will be useful to any student thinking about taking an ISTD ballet exam:

*Demi – half*

*En dehors – outwards*

*Chasses – to chase*

*Passes – to pass*

*En croix – in the shape of a cross*

## Interesting website links

[www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com)

[www.new-adventures.net](http://www.new-adventures.net)

[www.morphoses.org](http://www.morphoses.org)

[www.balletblack.co.uk](http://www.balletblack.co.uk)

[www.istd.org.uk](http://www.istd.org.uk)

[www.balletboyz.com](http://www.balletboyz.com)

**Check out the Maple Academy website at**  
**[www.themapleacademy.com](http://www.themapleacademy.com)**

where you can find information about classes, how to enrol  
and much more!

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If you would like a copy of the music used during lessons to practice with, please bring along a blank CD to your class and I will copy one for you.



Members of the Jazz class perform at the Chairman's Charity Concert at the Maltings in Ely.

The Maple Academy were very privileged to be asked to be one of only six groups to perform on the night. We were well represented with jazz, tap, contemporary and ballet dances being shown. All of the dancers had smiles on their faces and really enjoyed the atmosphere backstage as well as on stage.

I also felt very fortunate to be involved with a further two groups (I choreograph for Soham's Viva Youth Theatre and Ely's Transformers Theatre Group).

The Chairman's Charity Concert is an annual concert which supports a different charity each year and the groups chosen are always associated with that particular charity. This year's charity was Clicsargent, in memory of Liam Fairhurst.



Scene from the Snowman, choreographed by Robert North.

As part of the Christmas celebrations the Maple Academy organized trips to see the Snowman, choreographed by Robert North at the Peacock Theatre. It was a wonderful show with a huge amount of energy, colour and even some wire work! The choreography was a beautiful piece of story telling and the costumes were very cleverly devised.

The Snowman was ideal for younger students, but not wanting to leave the older students out we also went to see Swan Lake, choreographed by Matthew Bourne. This was a fabulous take on the traditional ballet with an added bonus as a Maple student was able to watch a friend perform with the New Adventures. The costumes and set are particularly good and certainly add to the sense of occasion.

I look forward to organising next year's trip which will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010.