

Welcome to our Summer 2023 Newsletter! We've lots to tell you about - lots that's happened since our Spring Newsletter - and some very exciting things coming up.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING!!

Our 2022 Social Impact Report was Published

We know that dance can change people's lives, improve their physical and mental well-being and provide a fantastic source of friendship and community spirit. But we think it important to continually evaluate this and report on what our students and dance participants themselves think - and so please do take a few minutes to read the report (which is on the website) if you haven't already.

Move Momentum March was a Great Success

Our annual Move Momentum March fundraising campaign was an amazing success. Thank you to all our students and class participants who took part - and to all who so generously donated.

Overall, we raised **£2787.55** - so thank you, everyone!

Our Stanmore Academy class did a 10k Scavenger Hunt solving clues on a walk that took them from Winchester's King Alfred's Statue to the top of St Catherine's Hill (with a quick pit-stop for a chip refill...). We had a fabulous oboe recital from John Salter, who had his GEMS colleagues bopping away, and other GEMS dancers giving up their weekly coffee to donate. Liberate students helped with contributing towards achieving a marathon, with cycling, pushing and even swimming.

We Received the Award for Dance Charity of the Year - South England

In March, we were delighted to be awarded the Corporate LiveWire South England Prestige Award 2022 for Dance Charity of the Year - South England (Hampshire). The judges look at a range of areas, including the quality of service and of the product provided, as well as judging how innovative the service is, and how ethical and sustainable the working practices - and we were over the moon to have the charity recognised in such a way.

We Relaunched Liberate Youth

The beginning of the Summer Term saw our relaunch of Liberate Youth, our wheelchair class for 7-13 years, and with a lower younger age limit following requests from parents.

And Stanmore Academy Stunned with their Performance at Winchester Boxing Club

Stanmore Academy were star performers at Winchester Boxing Club's evening event in May. They did a fabulous couple of routines - and thank you for flying the flag for Move Momentum!



AND WHAT'S COMING UP!

We'll be at Winchester Wellbeing Fair **Saturday 10 June**

Dance teacher Keeleigh Hamilton will be at the Winchester Wellbeing Fayre in the Cathedral grounds on Saturday 10 June, 10.30am-2.30pm. The fayre is all about activities and services you can access to help with well-being, if you're going, do come along and say 'hello' to Keeleigh.

Move Momentum's Summer Show is Fast-Approaching - **Saturday 17 June**

All our classes this term have been busy practising their performance dances for the Summer Show on Saturday 17 June. And if you haven't already, don't forget to buy your tickets! It should be an absolutely wonderful evening. Academies, GEMS and Liberate Adult are all performing - plus we're including a film of Liberate Online in action. And we're being joined by some brilliant performers from the Florian School of Dance, and Blue Apple Theatre.

We do hope you can come - 5-6pm, Saturday 17 June, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road, Winchester SO22 4NR, with tickets from Eventbrite, £14, concessions £10 (there's a link on the website in our Summer Show blog). And a huge thank you to Newbury Building Society, our show sponsors.



Or scan the QR to get tickets.

Liberate will be Performing at Winchester Hat Fair **Saturday 1 July**

The annual Hat Fair is a mega-event in Winchester and we're very excited to let you know that Liberate will be performing on Saturday 1 July. More details to follow.

Stanmore Academy will be Performing at the Youth Summer Festival **Saturday 9 July**

And our fantastic dancers from Stanmore Academy will be performing at the Youth Summer Festival, at New Life Church, Stanmore Lane, Winchester SO22 4B, 5-8pm, on Saturday 9 July.



We're Relaunching Winnall Academy

The September 2023 term will see us relaunch our Winnall Academy - our street dance class for 11-16 year-olds, taking place at **Winnall Primary School, Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm**. Why not come and see what it's all about? We've organised three **FREE** classes for **4, 11, 18 July** - and if Stanmore's more convenient, come along and try for free at any or all of the classes on **5, 12, 19 July**. And why not bring a friend - simply register for your free classes on the website!

Liberate Dance Holiday Camp Returns - 5-6 August

With last year's Liberate Dance Holiday Camp such a success, we're running it again this year - at Unit 12, Winnall Valley Road, 5-6 August, 10.30am-4pm - with regular breaks to catch our breath! It's all about coming together to dance and have fun, and costs £65 for the two days, with lunch included. If you think it's for you, registration is now open - just go to the website!

Summer Term 2023: 17 April - 22 July Half-term: 29 May - 4 June	Autumn Term 2023: 5 September - 16 December Half-term: 24 - 30 October	Spring Term 2024: 2 January - 30 March Half-term: 12 - 18 February
Christmas Showcase & Social - Saturday 16 December 2023		