



Newsletter

October 2018

Important information

Wishing all our families a warm welcome back to **LEAP School of Performing Arts** and a special welcome to all our new pupils! We are thrilled that you will be joining our LEAP family! As a new pupil at LEAP, you are bound to have lots of questions. Hopefully this newsletter will provide you with lots of information regarding the school and forthcoming events as we look forward to another happy and successful year. So, if you have any questions at all – please ask me of your class teacher.

This newsletter is designed to be a one stop shop for the events and key diary dates during the forthcoming term.

LEAP UNIFORM

Please come to class in the appropriate uniform!

I am delighted that the majority of students are adhering to our dress code as explained on the web site and that uniform is worn to all classes. Our uniform is not only smart but is practical for its designed use.

It is important that all students are correctly dressed for all classes. **Longer hair must be tied back always**

Uniform order forms can be downloaded off the website.

Website Login for New Pupils

As a LEAP pupil, you will have unique access to the pupil page where you can view exam and class material and information for LEAP productions.

Before the end of the Autumn Term you will be emailed login details to access the pupil page – there is 1 id number and password per family to access the pupil page.

Safeguarding / collection

Please can I ask that all queries or concerns come directly to LEAP at mail@leap-performingarts.co.uk or phone/ text 07896 048841. **Please can all contact, and mail be made directly to LEAP staff.** If you are running more than 10 minutes late, you must leave a message or text the LEAP phone on 07896 048841 even if we do not pick up we will check all messages at the end of every class then we can reassure the children that they will be collected as soon as possible.

Yr 1, 2 and 3 Weekday Drama Pupils who attend The Downley School

The Downley School day finishes at 3:15pm with LEAP classes commencing at 3:30pm, LEAP teachers will continue to voluntarily chaperone children at the end of the day until their class starts at 3:30pm. A LEAP member of Staff will collect the pupils from their class teachers at the playground classroom door and escort them across the playground through the back gates to Chiltern Wood School to avoid car parks and vehicles.

Please can pupils who attend extra clubs at The Downley School and those who attend afterschool club also let leaders know if you are walking over to Chiltern Wood for LEAP classes.

Collection and Drop off

Please can all parents use the furthest car park by the Chiltern Wood School Swimming pool for collection and drop off.

Please can all **YR 1,2,3, 4, 5, 9 & 10, 11 plus pupils** be dropped off and collected at the side hall doors and parents congregate outside these doors or on the patio area by the Swimming Pool before and after LEAP classes. Please look out for LEAP signs. There are regular meetings still taking place in the building at the end of the day and would like to avoid as much disruption as possible.

Please can **YR 6 pupils** be dropped off at side hall doors and parents congregate outside these doors or on the patio area by the Swimming Pool before their LEAP class but be collected at the Main School Entrance at the End of Class

Please can **Yr 7, 8&9 and Saturday Musical Theatre pupils** enter and leave via the Main School Entrance at Chiltern Wood School.

Term Dates for the Summer and Spring Term

2019

Autumn Term

Saturday 15th

September

Saturday 20th October

Half Term

Monday 29th October

Lat Class Saturday 15th
December

Spring Term

Saturday 05th
January

Saturday 16th February

Half Term

Monday 25th February

Last class Sat 6th April

Summer Term

Sat 27th April

Saturday 25th May

Half term

Monday 3rd June

Classes finish Sat 20th July



LEAP Teachers

Over the past few years LEAP has strengthened its teaching talent. We now have a broad range of talents and strengths to pass onto the students as all our teachers take a more participative approach over the classes we offer.

Please see the indicative teaching structure below

LEAP Principal

Mrs. Gutteridge — Drama / Dance Teacher and Musical Theatre **part time cover all classes**. LAMDA tuition

Senior LEAP Teacher

Miss Gibson – Musical Theatre / Tuesday Drama Cls / Private Singing Teacher. LAMDA Tuition

LEAP Leader

Miss Stally -Musical Theatre / Dance teacher. Monday & Wednesday Drama Teacher. LAMDA Tuition

LEAP Associate

Mr Mackriell – Musical Theatre / Drama Teacher/ LAMDA tuition

LEAP Student Teacher

Katherine Marks – Drama. / Dance/ Musical Theatre

LEAP Showcases 2018/19

LEAP's Drama and Musical Theatre showcases 2018/19

As many of you are aware, LEAP's focus this academic year is on technique and pupils are given the opportunity to perform in small showcases.

Dates of Showcases and venues to be confirmed

Yr 5/6/7/ Junior Musical Theatre Showcase will be at the beginning of the Spring Term

Yr 1/2/ 3/ 4 Showcase will be at the beginning of the Summer Term

Yr 8/9 Showcase will be at the end of Spring Term

Yr 10 plus Showcase will be at the End of Summer Term

Musical Theatre Showcase will be at the end of Summer Term

ALL MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES CHILTERN WOOD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

LEAP's Musical Theatre classes will be performing a selection of Christmas Musical Theatre songs at Chiltern Wood School Christmas Bazaar Sat 24th November

Performance approx. 12:30 (to be confirmed)

Saturday 24th Nov Action Plan.

Please can **all pupils arrive at 9:45am** that week at Chiltern Wood School main entrance with hair neatly in a bun and just simple base makeup done. All pupils will wear their LEAP uniform – t shirts, black leggings, black trousers (boys), black socks, jazz shoes/ trainers Unless you have been asked to bring costume requirements which will be as discussed in lessons.

At **9:45am – 12 noon** classes commence. Perform display at **12:30** (approx 20 min) **12:55 all dismissed.**

Please can you let us know in advance (if not already done so) if your child is absent from classes on Saturday 24th Nov as this will alter positioning and notice would be helpful – much appreciated.

LEAP Trophies



Your LEAP teacher selects a different pupil

each class week to receive one of our special trophy awards. Trophies are awarded for:
Positive Steps – for trying hard and having an excellent attitude to learning.

Achievement – doing something really, really well.

Friendship – doing something special for others.

The Arts – for achieving well in music, dance or drama.

Pupils will take these home for one week and return them the following lesson, allowing another pupil an opportunity to achieve this. If the Trophy is damaged, we would greatly appreciate you trying to super glue it back together again. If you are unable to do so a replacement charge of £10 will be required.

Our aim is for every child in the class to receive the trophy throughout the year and to do this will require the trophy to be returned weekly.

Extra Opportunities for LEAP students



ARTS AWARD

Arts Award to LEAP – optional 2018/19 Bronze and Silver only.

The Aim of the Arts Award is to support young people who want to deepen their engagement with the arts, build creative and leadership skills, and to achieve a national qualification.

Through Arts Award at our five levels, children and young people aged 7-25 can explore any art forms including performing arts, visual arts, literature, media and multimedia. The award builds confidence, helps young people to enjoy cultural activities, and prepares them for further education or employment.

Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England working with 10 regional Bridge organisations. Since its launch in 2005, the award has grown quickly and is now flourishing in arts centers.

If you're ready to develop new experiences in the arts and media, doing a Bronze Arts Award is perfect for you – this will be aimed at pupils in year 6/7/8 – and they can achieve a Level 1 national qualification.

They will attend events, research their heroes and share passions with others.

Employers, universities and colleges recognise that Arts Award is a qualification that shows your level of commitment and progress in the arts, and in developing new skills

Doing Bronze Award means they will:

- take part in an arts activity, anything from dance to creative writing to beat boxing
- go to an arts event of your choice
- find their arts hero or heroine, research their story, and discover how they got to where they are today
- share their skills by helping to run a workshop or by giving a demonstration to others

They will build a portfolio of your ideas and activities in their own personal style and format. They might make a folder or sketchbook, a video diary or website - it's up to them. The Bronze Award will usually take you about 40 hours to complete.

Challenge yourself and build your creativity

Through **Silver Arts Award**, pupils will develop their arts skills, lead activities in the art form of their choice and achieve a Level 2

qualification - this will be aimed at pupils in year 8/9/10/11 or 7 if previous obtained their Bronze award.

Like all Arts Awards, the Silver Award is flexible enough to fit into their existing studies or other commitments, but in-depth enough for them to achieve a qualification.

Their success will show colleges and employers that you've made real progress in their art form, improved their understanding of the arts and developed arts leadership skills.

To achieve a Silver Arts Award, they will complete two units:

Arts practice – complete a challenge they have set yourself within their chosen art form, and explore arts events and arts opportunities within their community

Arts leadership – plan, deliver and review their arts project

They can create their own portfolio to gain the Silver Award. Pick their own style and format – diary style, video, online, slide show presentation, or something different altogether, if appropriate.

More information about the Arts Award will be given to the pupils in the Autumn Term.

Please note that an extra fee will apply to gain this qualification.

LAMDA

LAMDA EXAMS

Aimed at Drama Classes 5,6,7,8,9,10 plus and Intermediate / Senior Musical Theatre

As many of you know LAMDA is an extra-curricular activity that benchmarks students ability, providing independent professional accreditations.

This year participation is on a first come first serve basis to ensure LEAP's own technique based learning syllabus can be met. We have listened to the feedback and recognise that our own lessons had become too biased towards LAMDA, which is not why this option was made available.

If you wish to continue LAMDA based learning, please read on carefully to ensure you don't miss out. But first lets remind ourselves all about Lamda.

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) is one of the oldest drama schools in the United Kingdom. Founded in 1861, it quickly established itself as a centre of excellence in performance training. LAMDA has provided theatre and the world of film and television with generation upon generation of first-class actors and expertly-trained stage managers across the world.

As an extra to LEAP classes, pupils in the above classes must opt-in to work towards their LAMDA exams this academic year ranging from Grade 2 to Gold Medal Acting or Musical Theatre syllabuses.

Pupils interested in opting in LAMDA Examinations must read the booklet attached and complete the forms at the back of the pack and return to your LEAP class teacher

Please note revised fee structure.

Previous Show Photos

Photos are still available from Oliver! and Barnum.

Please visit www.mjdphoto.biz all you have to do is click on the gallery box and scroll to the relevant show and click on the icon.

The password for Barnum is **20180725**

The password for Oliver is **20180428**

Please note all photos this year are downloadable

These are rehearsal shots of the Dress runs.

There are some smashing shots and lovely memories. Priced at £2.50



Pantomime Workshop

Themed Workshops

1st December 2018 based at Chiltern Wood School Places for this workshop are available priced at £15. 2pm-4:30pm

This workshop is available for children in School Year groups 1-5

Enjoy a **Drama** based Workshop where you will re-create favourite pantomime characters and perform your own version of these magical stories.

Vocal and music skills – our enchanting session will involve characterising your voices and discovering how music special

effects can enhance a character's entrance. Our singing session will conclude with a sing along to our festive panto songs.

Dance – In every fun panto there is always room for some musical theatre dancing - learn the techniques and steps that add the sparkle to the performance.

Craft session will complete the morning as you make some themed memorabilia to take home with you.

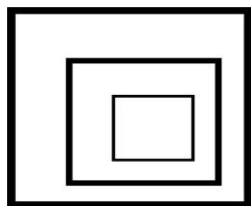
Places are limited. If you would like to book a place on this workshop, please telephone 07896 048841, or email mail@leap-performingarts.co.uk as soon as possible.



Please book early to avoid disappointment as half term workshops are popular.

Please note that these workshops are also available to children outside LEAP, so please bring friends along.





Simon Patrick Photography

Family Photo Day LEAP - Chiltern Wood School Saturday

17th November

Don't miss out! Places fill up fast!

Creating treasured memories since 2005



This November we will be running a family photo day at the Chiltern Wood School. It's run by one of our LEAP dad's, Simon Patrick, who took the photos for our last couple of performance programmes.

These events offer great family portraits, perfect for presents. For £15 you will have a 10-15 minute sitting that creates about **40-80 images** in a range of fun and informal shots of individuals and groups. You can view and buy them online, and they get delivered straight to you! It's really simple - great value prints that you can review and share securely; no pressure selling; no compulsory frames. Just lovely images capturing special family memories.



Prints from just £10 - save up to 50% with quantity discounts Prints can be as little as £10 each, which includes free retouching, and the special offer packages of the same image start from just £25 for an 8x6" and two 7x5" prints.

Perfect for Christmas presents!

Turn your images into modern art with elegant, contemporary frames or canvases. They make a great present, you can simply buy the prints and frame them yourselves too. You can even buy all the photos digitally so you can do what you want with them!



Affordable pictures you'll treasure forever

Photographs are such an important way of capturing those precious times that pass so quickly. Family Photo Days was set up to provide a relaxed, friendly way of capturing those images. The sittings are fun, they are fast, and they will capture your family in a way you will always treasure. And within a week you will be able to view and purchase them securely over the internet without the hassle or high pressure sales pitch high street studios give you.



And on all the prints there's offer a **100% satisfaction guarantee** – love your photos or money back.

How do I book?

To book please use the online booking system at:

www.familyphotodays.co.uk/LEAP2018

where you can choose a booking time and pay the £15 sitting fee.

And tell your friends, as all families are welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you, but remember, first come - first served and **places are very limited, so book today** missing out.



For more information and to see samples of our work visit: **www.familyphotodays.co.uk**

Or call Simon on 01494 637724 if you have any questions

LEAP Theatre Trips



Outing –Woman in Black show and workshop!

Tuesday 23rd October

To All Pupils Drama Yr. 10 plus and Senior Musical Theatre

LEAP is delighted to announce an outing to see **Woman in Black at London's Fortune Theater.**

Requests will be on a first come first served basis and payment must be made **cash by Tuesday 9th October.**

As the second longest running play in the West End, *The Woman in Black* is sure to petrify audiences from beginning to end. With its unique use of illusion and the suspense of controlled horror, *The Woman in Black* is a highly memorable theatrical treat.

This West End classic has been watched from behind the hands of over seven million theatregoers on the claustrophobic stage of the Fortune Theatre. The story holds the advantage of a timeless original story that, although written in 1983, still holds the ability to shock and frighten a modern audience.

Its use of only two actors and the overall simplicity of its presentation, harks back to its humble stage origins, while also having the effect

of building a tension that will chill audiences to the bone.

However, the fun doesn't stop there we have also arranged a **Woman in Black workshop!!**

Brand new GCSE and A-Level workshops for **The Woman in Black**

Led by theatre professionals, this new workshop will take students into the Fortune Theatre and onto the actual set to explore and experience what makes this ghostly tale one of the most successful West End shows ever. Designed with the GCSE and A-Level Theatre and English syllabuses in mind they will maximise students' experience of watching **The Woman in Black** through practical examination and investigation of the play's core themes.

Students will examine the mechanics that make the play such an effective piece of theatre: how **The Woman in Black** creates tension; sharpening students' literary and drama analysis skills; identifying how the production engages to make an audience feel unnerved. Playing with imaginative and resourceful storytelling techniques, students will explore how the performers work with text, set, and each other to tell a story. Above all, these workshops will encourage students to participate, be brave and creative and in so doing build confidence in their own ideas.

Pupils who wish to see the performance and workshop experience will meet at Wycombe Train Station (time to be confirmed). Once signed in, a staff member of LEAP will chaperone students until the drop off time – at the same place, (time to be confirmed).

All pupils are to wear their LEAP uniforms and if permitted, may bring sufficient funds to purchase refreshments.

The entire trip will be priced at £48

This includes top priced ticket originally £52, 2-hour workshop and train fare.

Outing –Cat In the Hat – Play version



Friday 1st February 5:30pm

To Drama Class Pupils Yr. 1 -Yr 4 and Junior Musical Theatre pupils (Yr 3 and 4)

LEAP is delighted to announce an outing to see **Cat In the Hat**

From the producers of *The Twits* and *George's Marvellous Medicine*, comes this fantastic production of **Dr. Seuss' classic The Cat in the Hat.**

When **The Cat in the Hat** steps onto the mat, Sally and her brother are in for a rollercoaster ride of havoc and mayhem! The Cat can rescue them from a dull rainy day, but what mischief do they get up to along the way?

With original songs and spectacular circus elements, this Curve and Rose Theatre Kingston co-production of **The Cat in the Hat** will be the perfect treat.

Playing at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre I have secured 20 seats at a discount rate of £18 each (normally £22) and will put on a Mini bus to collect and return pupils from Chiltern Wood School at 4:30pm £10
Total cost £28!

Requests will be on a first come first served basis and payment must be made by 15th Dec 2019

Once signed in, a staff member of LEAP will chaperone students until the drop off time – at the same place, (time to be confirmed).

All pupils are to wear their LEAP uniforms and if permitted, may bring sufficient funds to purchase refreshments and/or programmes.



Outing - MOVE IT! 12 MARCH 2019 – EXCEL LONDON

To All Pupils Drama Yr. 9 plus and Senior Musical Theatre pupils

LEAP is delighted to announce a day Trip to Move It!

Over 24,500 dancers – three days – performances, classes, career advice, celebrities, interviews and shopping!

MOVE IT is your chance to celebrate all forms of dance and the performing arts. Watch breathtaking Main Stage performances, take part in dance classes, discover dance career opportunities in the MOVE IT PRO series, brush up on your acting and vocal skills in performing arts workshops and shop for all your dancewear needs.

No matter what level you are – there is something for everyone and a glorious celebration of all things

dance and performing arts at MOVE IT

Ticket price will be £13 up to 15 years
£17 16 years' plus

Train fares and if you wish to take part in dance classes or masterclasses will be an extra cost.
£5-£7 (classes)

Tickets go on sale in December, so you will need to confirm your interest by 1st Dec and then train fare and classes can be booked and selected.

INTERESTED IN THESE TRIPS?

Interested in these trips?
– see your LEAP teacher at the end of a class session, e-mail at mail@leap-performingarts.co.uk or call 07896 048841 (please leave a message so that we can get back to you the same day).

This newsletter has been packed with information about forthcoming events and activities – which we feel clearly demonstrates LEAP's commitment to developing its pupils and maximising their opportunities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, parents and staff that make LEAP what it is!