**York Dance Scholars**

**September 2018 Newsletter**

**Hello Everyone!**

We hope you have all had a relaxing summer and are looking forward to the new year at Scholars – we certainly are!

**\*\***Every Scholar should bring 2 passport sized photographs in an envelope with their name on to the first week’s classes which please hand to Karen – our Pastoral Carer. **\*\***

Our annual Summer School was a great success and information regarding Escrick 2019 will be available very soon. There will be the opportunity to pay a deposit thus securing a place – what a good idea for Christmas presents! Further details idc.

The faculty this year will again be excellent with all our regulars but there will also be some new names (to Saturdays) including the lovely **Lauren Hood** who wowed us with her Musical Theatre classes at Summer School!

The new time table looks good with the introduction of Body Conditioning classes for Groups 1 and 2 ( a Thera band will be required - initially red – if you already have one please bring with you to the first class but if not these can be purchased through Scholars) together with extended time for Groups 3 & 4.

As mentioned in the acceptance letter, Scholars groups will be confirmed as permanent after the first month so we would not recommend the purchase of new uniform until after that time.

There are just a few housekeeping points:

1. As we have some Scholars with severe nut allergies **NO PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOLARS.**
2. In line with Scholars rules, no jewellery to be worn in classes.
3. Respect must be shown by everyone to everyone at Scholars at all times, this includes teachers, pianists, helpers, visitors, parents, Joseph Rowntree staff, other users of Joseph Rowntree and Scholars. York Dance Scholars has a Zero Tolerance policy to bullying.
4. Please ensure the centre is kept advised of any changes in address, telephone numbers, email addresses, medical issues and that we are made aware of up to date ballet grades.
5. If you have not already done so, please confirm acceptance of our GDPR policy.

A pro forma is attached relating to these matters which requires completion with signature by parent/guardian and return ASAP.

We are really excited for the new term and look forward to welcoming all new Scholars as well as those returning for another year! Let’s make it a good one!

The Board of Trustees York Dance Scholars