



Christmas term was full of excitement and expectation as rehearsals began for our major production at Arlington Arts on 1st and 2nd June.

The modern dancers will be performing our own version of 'Aladdin' and the ballet students will dance 'Cinderella'. We shall have a combined cast of 135 ranging in age from 5 to 18 years, and, for the first time, we shall be joined by 40 dancers from Aldbourne Ballet School.

The students have been busy with costume fittings and, of course, getting to know the beautiful music that Claire, Holly and Jane have selected for the two productions.

Father Christmas paid us his annual visit at the end of term, so we must have been good! The little ones rewarded him with some lovely dancing and, as you will see from our photograph, the senior students were in a festive mood!

We had an important exam session at the end of term too for 7 ballet students and have just received an amazing set of results with 5 Distinctions and 2 Special Merits – well deserved marks and a lovely start to our new year.

We would like to wish Lucie Dale lots of luck with 'Sound of Music' where she will be playing Liesl in the Newbury Musical Theatre's production at Corb Exchange from 9th-13th April – we'll all be cheering from the stalls! And Chloe Brown who will be dancing with Creative Kidz at London's Sadlers Wells Theatre on 1st April.

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