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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Wow! What a busy term it has been for MEPA! I am so proud of our fantastic and talented students who have performed, showcased, competed and represented MEPA over the course of this term. Throughout this term we have grown and grown! MEPA College performed each day at MOVE IT 2024 on the main stage, with MEPA Academy joining them on the Friday for a catwalk performance on the Discovery Stage.

MEPA Academy entertained us with Buggy Malone The Musical at Studio 6 for two nights, with MEPA College showcasing their work the following week at the College Showcase. MEPA Academy have competed at, So You Want To Dance? With MEPA College opening and closing the show. MEPA Studios have been working hard on their pieces for competitions and Dance World Cup, which is in June 2024.

A huge thank you to all our amazing teachers who have helped to progress our students on their journey and deliver these fantastic performances, shows and achievements and to our parents for supporting us along the way.

Below is my team, who work across MEPA for Academy, College and Studios. Should you need to get in contact please email reception@mepatraining.com who will be able to put you in contact with them.

We look forward to the summer term and the fun we are going have! I hope you all have a lovely Easter, and we will see you next term.

Mandy Ellen

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Principal



EMMA FINCH
VICE PRINCIPAL



LEWIS MUIR
SENIOR
MANAGEMENT



TILLY COOK
SENCO & STUDENT
WELFARE



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MEPA ACADEMY

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

On Wednesday 6 March 2024, during Form Time as part of National Careers Week, students had a talk about 'Life at College'. Ex-Academy students Lottie Cook and Logan Bull, who now attend MEPA College came to talk to our students about their experience at college, the opportunities they have had whilst at MEPA College as well as the expectations and work of a college student. Thank you too Lottie and Logan for sharing their experiences and giving students and insight into their life since leaving MEPA Academy. Students also took part in a quiz, where they had to find out the previous careers of their teachers and staff at MEPA.



WORLD BOOK DAY - 7 MARCH 2024

Students also celebrated World Book Day. Dexter McKenzie put together a fantastic quiz and form time to promote literacy and reading, thank you Dexter. Each student received book tokens, and some were very excited to use their book tokens, so we took a trip to Waterstones!

ATTENDANCE 2023/24 TERM 2B

The National Attendance rate is 94% (2022-23) in state-funded secondary schools. Our target for all students is 95%. MEPA Academy's overall attendance rate is 94.11%

YEAR 7 98.22%

YEAR 8 95.70%

YEAR 9 92.98%

YEAR 10 94.25%

YEAR 11 90.14%



MOVE IT 2024

On Friday 15 March 2024, MEPA Academy joined MEPA College at Move It at ExCel London. MEPA Academy performed a catwalk fashion show on the Discovery Stage to showcase Premier Dance.



SO YOU WANT TO DANCE?

On Tuesday 26 March 2024, MEPA Academy competed in the So You Want To Dance? Kent School Challenge. We are so pleased to share that MEPA Academy were the overall winners, 1st and 3rd in the Cabaret section. Well done to Tilly Cook, for the stunning choreography.

We are so proud of our student's and teacher's hard work, the energy and enthusiasm that they put into the numbers! Well done!!



PINEAPPLE STUDIOS AND SIX THE MUSICAL

What a way to end a fantastic term!

A day out in London to take part in classes at Pineapple Dance Studios followed by a meal at TGI Friday's, finishing by watching the incredible SIX The Musical.

Our students enjoyed the incredible day organised by our Principal, Mandy Ellen - thank you! Everyone from staff to students had so much fun.

Thank you to all our amazing parents for your support today. We hope you enjoyed the updates throughout the day.



BUGSY MALONE THE MUSICAL

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This term, MEPA Academy and MEPA College's BTEC course students put on a fantastic show of Buggy Malone The Musical. Expertly directed by Phil Snowden, Musical Directed by Paul Monaghan and Choreographed by Daniel James Greenway and Produced by Mandy Ellen. To say that this performance was entertaining is an understatement, the students brought this classic to life and gave the audience a stunning performance. The final splurge scene was not to be missed! Well done to our fantastic students and the creative team for given us a show to remember! No one left Studio 6 without a smile on their face!





TRAINING TOMORROW'S EMINENT PERFORMERS

MEPA COLLEGE

SO YOU WANT TO DANCE? KENT SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

At the end of term, MEPA College attended as special guest to the So You Want To Dance? Kent Schools Challenge along with MEPA Academy. College students wowed the audience with their performances of Studio 54 and The Suits that they performed at Move It 2024.



MOVE IT 2024

This term, students have been hard at work rehearsing and putting together their numbers for Move It 2024, the world's biggest dance show! MEPA College absolutely stole the stage with their performance across the weekend, with 'Studio 54', 'Sushi' and 'The Suits'. Over the course of the weekend, we also had three classes delivered by our incredible faculty. Gaz Davis, led a class on Jazz with Mike Fellows, leading a class on Commercial and Daniel James Greenway leading a class on Contemporary.

**GAZ DAVIS
JAZZ**



**MIKE FELLOWS
COMMERCIAL**



**DANIEL JAMES GREENWAY
CONTEMPORARY**



CHECK OUT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Visit our YouTube channel to see our 'Road to Move It' videos and other incredible videos showcasing our performances and shows. Follow the link below to visit our YouTube Channel.
<https://www.youtube.com/@mepatraining>

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DANCE EVENT

MOVE IT

15-17 MARCH 2024 | EXCEL LONDON

MEPA COLLEGE MOVE IT 2024

MOVE IT 2024 - 'STUDIO 54'

These photos were taken from our main stage performance on the Friday, the number is called 'Studio 54' and as you can see it's a celebration of the wonderful dance styles that came out of the club scene in the 70's but of course we added a little modern feel. Choreography was a team effort from our amazing teachers at MEPA led by Mandy Ellen



MOVE IT 2024 - 'SUSHI'

Take a look at these fabulous photos taken by @williamsons.photography. This number was performed @moveitshow on the Main Stage 'Sushi' which was choreographed by @ryanleeseager. What an amazing time the students had with Ryan and his assistant @bradleysalter who has now joined our teaching faculty!!



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MOVE IT 2024 - 'THE SUITS'

This number is called 'The Suits'
Choreographed by [@tashan_unityuk](#) This is the second year Tashan has choreographed for MEPA College and the students absolutely love having Tashan as a teacher.



MOVE IT 2024 - 'THE PROM'

Take a look at our Showcase musical theatre number recently performed by our students [@moveitshow](#). From The Prom it's called 'Dance with You' Choreography [@callumtrain88](#) and vocals [@joe.partridge](#)



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MEPA COLLEGE SHOWCASE

MEPA COLLEGE TERM 2 SHOWCASE

To end the term, we hosted our MEPA College showcase inviting family, friends and guests to see the work that our College students have been doing over the course of Term 2, including the numbers that were showcased at Move It 2024.



EVENING & WEEKEND CLASSES



MEPA STUDIOS



PERFORMER DAY - 4 APRIL 2024

During the Easter Holiday, MEPA Studios hosted a Performer Day taught by MEPA College Alumni Jess Warby and MEPA Training teacher Tilly Cook.

We were pleased to have MEPA College students assist in our Advance class. Thank you to all our students who came along for the day!

PERFORMER SHOWCASE

8 & 9 JUNE 2024

SATURDAY 8TH - 7:00PM | SUNDAY 9TH - 3:00PM

BOOK TICKETS AT WWW.MEPASTUDIOS.COM

BOOK NOW!

MEPA Studios is hosting a Quiz Night on 21 May at Studio 6, starting at 7:30pm. Get a team together and book via our website. Please also do share our Facebook and Instagram posts. All proceeds will be fundraising for our Dance World Cup 2024 entries.

Book via our website: www.mepastudios.com/book-online

QUIZ NIGHT
FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024 AT 7:30PM

STUDI 6 Studio 6 Maidstone
Unit B Rocky Hill, London
Road, Maidstone, ME16 8HS

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KEY DATES

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 3.

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	BRANCH	DETAILS
15-19 April 2024	Year 10 Work Experience	MEPA Academy	Year 10 taking part in Work Experience.
19 April 2024	College Audition Day	MEPA College	Book an audition via our website: https://www.mepacollege.com/apply-now
24 April 2024	Agent Showcase	MEPA College	
6 May 2024	Bank Holiday	MEPA Academy, College & Studios	
19 May 2024	GCSE Exams begin	MEPA Academy	Timetable will be shared with Year 11 parents.
23-25 May 2024	Bring It On! Musical	MEPA College	Book tickets via our website: https://www.mepacollege.com/book-online
27-31 May 2024	Half Term	MEPA Academy, College & Studios	
29 May 2024	Performer Day	MEPA Studios	
31 May 2024	Quiz Night	MEPA Studios	Book tickets via our website: https://www.mepastudios.com/book-online
26 June – 6 July 2024	Dance World Cup	MEPA Studios	



MEPA TRAINING

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DATE	EVENT	BRANCH	DETAILS
10 July 2024	Sports Day	MEPA Academy	
13 & 13 July 2024	Academy Showcase	MEPA Academy	Book tickets via our website: https://www.mepacademy.com/book-online
14 July 2024	Academy Graduation & Award Ceremony	MEPA Academy	Book tickets via our website: https://www.mepacademy.com/book-online
19 & 20 July 2023	College Showcase	MEPA College	Book tickets via our website: https://www.mepacollege.com/book-online
21 July 2024	College Graduation & Award Ceremony	MEPA College	Book a place via our website: https://www.mepacollege.com/apply-now
2 August 2024	College Experience Day	MEPA College	Book a place via our website: https://www.mepacollege.com/apply-now

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EVENING TO GRADUATE OUR YEAR 11 LEAVERS
AND CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSES OF ALL
STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL AWARDS

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SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024 | 7:00PM START

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2024

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