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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Words cannot describe how fantastic this half term has been at MEPA! The College within four to five weeks put on an incredible production of Bring It On! The Musical and really showcased the effectiveness of the training and professionalism that we have at MEPA. You can read more about the musical further on in the newsletter.

At MEPA Academy, our Year 11s have been working hard on their GCSE exams, with only two weeks left to go after half term. At the start of Term 3, our Year 10 students completed a successful week of work experience. Year 7-10s have been preparing for their end of year assessments.

MEPA Studios has been busy with preparing for our Performer Showcase on the 8 & 9 June 2024 and our MEPA Studios Showcase on the 24 & 25 July 2024. MEPA Studios has also been working hard on their Dance World Cup routines, we cant wait to see them compete in Prague. We have also very excited to see some of our students take their next dance exams with the IDTA. We wish them all the best later on in the term!

If you ever need to make contact, please email reception@mepatraining.com or call 01622 756644. We look forward to the last half term of 2023/24 and the fun we are going have! Please do follow us on social media to keep up to date and check our website for events and performances that are coming up.

Mandy Ellen

Mandy Ellen
Principal



EMMA FINCH
VICE PRINCIPAL



LEWIS MUIR
SENIOR
MANAGEMENT



TILLY COOK
SENCO & STUDENT
WELFARE



FUSING EDUCATION WITH THE ARTS

MEPA ACADEMY

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

At the start of the term, Year 10s at MEPA Academy took part in a week's placement at a local business. This fantastic opportunity gives them the experience of working for an employer in a workplace, developing new skills, learning new ideas and having fun! Well done to our Year 10 students for taking part in this week's placement. We hope that you all took away something from the placement.

NBA WORKSHOP

Tilly, our PE & Dance Teacher organised this trip for our students who had previously been learning basketball. The trip included being picked up and taken to London where they then received a basketball lesson from the NBA coaches. Afterward, they were taken for lunch and then off to the NBA headquarters for a team challenge, designing new merchandise. Congratulations to the winners!

Thank you to the whole NBA team for this incredible trip and to our teacher, Tilly for organising and taking the students!



ATTENDANCE 2023/24 TERM 3A

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 94.36%

YEAR 7 96.51%

YEAR 8 95.80%

YEAR 9 93.17%

YEAR 10 95.22%

YEAR 11 90.96%



PC CAROLINE CAME TO VISIT

On the 13 May 2024, PC Caroline from Kent Police came to visit our Year 7-10 students to talk about online safety, including activity on social media. This involved looking at the benefits and dangers of social media. They also looked at street smart behaviour looking out for dangerous behaviour.



OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH MEPA COLLEGE'S MUSICAL

Over 23-25 May 2024, MEPA Academy students were invited to come and watch MEPA College's musical, BRING IT ON! This was a fantastic opportunity to see the standard and level of work that goes into professional and college productions.

GRADUATION & AWARDS EVENING - 14 JULY 2024

We are pleased to invite you to our end of year graduation and awards evening which is taking place on Sunday 14 July 2024 starting at 7pm. This evening is to celebrate our Year 11 students who will be graduating from the Academy, additionally this year we will also be introducing some special awards to celebrate the successes and achievements of all students throughout the year.

This event is for all MEPA Academy students and their families and follows our end of year showcase which will be taking place on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 July 2024. These showcases are available to book on our website.

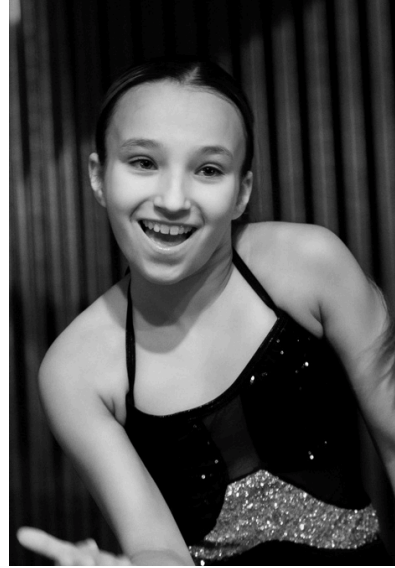
To reserve spaces at our Graduation & Awards Evening, please could all students, parents and any additional family members book their place via our booking website:

<https://www.mepacademy.com/book-online>

The dress code for the event is smart attire and dress wear.

We look forward to welcoming all students, parents, and their families to this wonderful event to finish the academic year. If you have any questions, please email us on info@mepacademy.com





MEPA ACADEMY SHOWCASE

12 & 13 JULY 2024

BOOK TICKETS AT WWW.MEPAACADEMY.COM



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



MEPA ACADEMY
GRADUATION &
AWARDS EVENING
2024

JOIN MEPA ACADEMY FOR A CELEBRATION
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

WWW.MEPAACADEMY.COM



TRAINING TOMORROW'S EMINENT PERFORMERS

MEPA COLLEGE

BRINGITON



MANDY ELLEN
PRODUCER AND PRINCIPAL



STUART GLOVER
DIRECTOR



CONNOR TIDMAN
CHOREOGRAPHER



JOE PARTRIDGE
MUSICAL DIRECTOR

This term, MEPA College has been working very hard on this year's musical production, *Bring It On*. Mandy Ellen brought together the creative team with Stuart Glover as Director, Connor Tidman as Choreographer and Joe Partridge as Musical Director. The team was supported by Technicians Dave Davenport and Jack Muir.

Bring It On! The Musical tells the story of Campbell Davis, a young cheerleader who dreams of leading her squad to victory at a National competition. The story focuses on the world of competitive cheerleading and the intense rivalries it creates.





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BRING IT ON! THE MUSICAL



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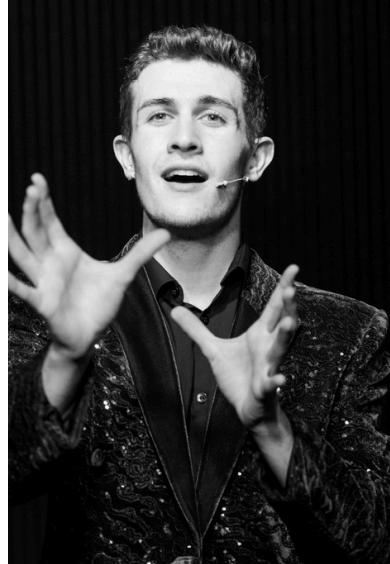


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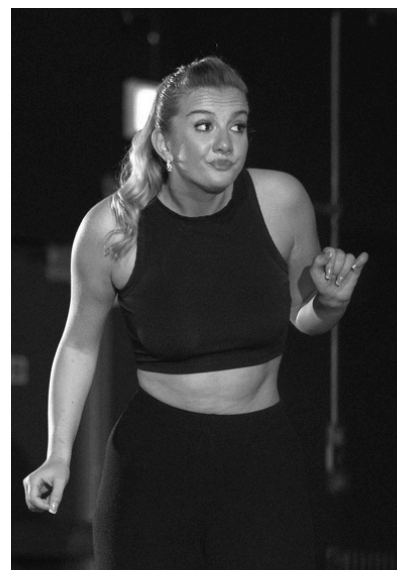
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MEPA COLLEGE SHOWCASE

19 & 20 JULY 2024

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MEPA COLLEGE
GRADUATION

2024

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL
EVENING OF CELEBRATION
AND GRADUATION

7:00 PM
SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024

STUDIO 6
UNIT B, ROCKY HILL, LONDON RD,
MAIDSTONE ME16 8HS

RESERVE TICKETS AT
WWW.MEPACOLLEGE.COM

EVENING & WEEKEND CLASSES



MEPA STUDIOS

NETBALL TOURNAMENT - 10 MAY 2024

For MEPA Academy's BTEC Sport students and as a fundraiser for Dance World Cup, Tilly organised a Netball tournament for all our students and their families. Thank you to all our student, parents and families that came along to support this event and to those that donated a raffle prize. All the support is hugely appreciated!

It was such a fun evening and great way to start the weekend!

Congratulations to the Ladies team for winning the tournament!! We will definitely be organising more evenings like this.



DANCE WORLD CUP REHEARSALS

Throughout the term and into the half term break, there have been many Dance World Cup rehearsals taking place ready for competing in Prague later in June/early July. Make sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see what they have been getting up to and to watch our Dance World Cup reels.

QUIZ NIGHT - 31 MAY 2024

Thank you to everyone that came along to our quiz night on Friday 31 May 2024 to help fundraise for Dance World Cup. This was a fantastic and enjoyable evening.

It was great to see, so many of you there! The support has been hugely appreciated and we hope you all enjoyed the evening.

Congratulations to the winning team and thank you everyone that came along. There will be future dates coming! Follow Studio 6 on Instagram to keep up to date.



**NATIONAL STREET DANCE COMPEITION
20-21 APRIL 2024**

Over the weekend of the 20-21 April 2024, our MEPA Studios performers competed at the NSC Championships. Well done to everyone who competed and took part! Huge thank you to our parents and families that came along to support, watch and cheer on our incredible performers!



Solo results

14 & Under First Timer

- 🏆 Shubi - 1st Place and Overall Winner
- 🏆 Poppy - 3rd Place

10 & Under Newcomer

- 🏆 Gabriela - 4th Place

14 & Under Intermediate

- 🏆 Pere-Ere - 2nd place
- 🏆 Sebastian- 5th place

16 & Under Intermediate

- 🏆 Darcey - 5th place

16 & Under Advanced

- 🏆 Jude - 5th place

Duos

14 & Under Intermediate

- 🏆 Sebastian and Lachlan - 5th place

16 & Under Intermediate

- 🏆 Maddie and Mae - 2nd place
- 🏆 Pere-ere and Emily - 3rd place

12 & Under Advanced

- 🏆 Sophia and Jessica - 3rd place

14 & Under Advanced

- 🏆 Evie and Sophie - 5th place

Teams

14 & Under Advanced Street Dance

- 🏆 - 1st place

16 & Under Advanced Street Dance

- 🏆 - 3rd place

16 & Under All Styles

- 🏆- 2nd place- Ease on Down the Road
- 🏆- 3rd place - Contemporary- Barbie

16 & Under Commercial

- 🏆- 2nd place



PERFORMER SHOWCASE

8 & 9 JUNE 2024

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

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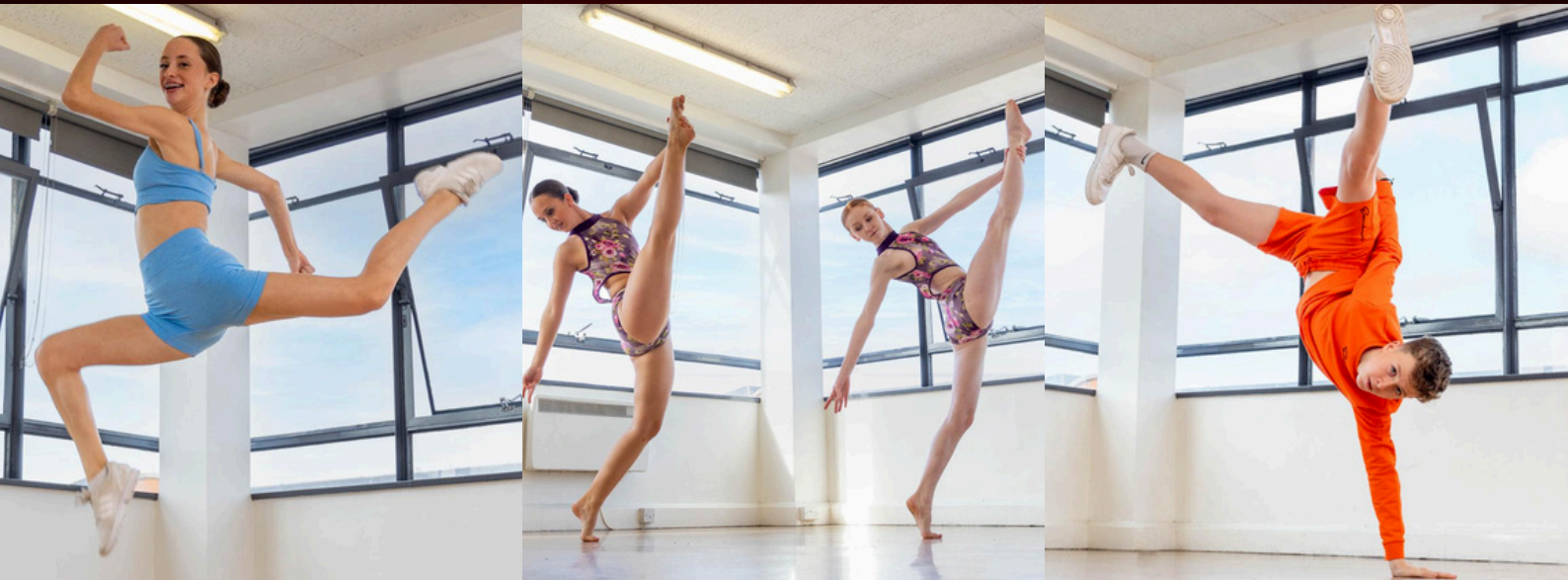


MEPA STUDIOS SHOWCASE

24 & 25 JULY 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM | STARTS AT 7:30PM

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TECHNIQUE TUESDAYS

**EVERY TUESDAY FROM 6 TO 27 AUGUST 2024
10:30AM TO 4:30PM**

**DEVELOP YOUR LEAPS, TURNS, KICKS, TRICKS,
STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY WITH OUR ALL DAY
WORKSHOP RUNNING EVERY TUESDAY DURING
THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**BOOK A SPACE AT WWW.MEPASTUDIOS.COM
£30 PER DAY - SPECIAL OFFER OF BOOK 1 DAY GET THE 2ND DAY HALF PRICE**





PERFORMER WEEK

29 JULY - 2 AUGUST 2024

10:30AM TO 4:30PM

BOOK A SPACE AT WWW.MEPASTUDIOS.COM

**ARE YOU ALREADY PART OF OUR COMPETITION TEAMS OR ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR A TEAM? COME AND JOIN US IN OUR PERFORMER WEEK
WHERE WE WILL BE LEARNING CHOREOGRAPHY, IMPROVING
FLEXIBILITY, TECHNIQUE AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HAVING FUN!**





KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT	BRANCH	DETAILS
26 June – 6 July 2024	Dance World Cup	MEPA Studios	
6 June 2024	BTEC Showcase	MEPA College	
6 June 2024	Spotlight at Studio 6	ALL	Book tickets via our website: https://www.mepacollege.com/book-online
8 & 9 June 2024	Performer Showcase	MEPA Studios	Book a ticket via our website: https://www.mepastudios.com/book-online
10 July 2024	Sports Day	MEPA Academy	Further Information will be shared closure to the time.
12 & 13 July 2024	Academy Showcase	MEPA Academy	Book tickets via our website: https://www.mepaacademy.com/book-online
14 July 2024	Academy Graduation & Award Ceremony	MEPA Academy	Book tickets via our website: https://www.mepaacademy.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
24 & 25 July 2024	MEPA Studios Showcase	MEPA Studios	Book a ticket via our website: https://www.mepastudios.com/book-online
29 July - 2 August 2024	Performer Week	MEPA Studios	Book a place via our website: https://www.mepastudios.com/book-online
2 August 2024	College Experience Day	MEPA College	Book a place via our website: https://www.mepacollege.com/apply-now
6 August - 27 August 2024	Technique Tuesday	MEPA Studios	Running every Tuesday at MEPA Studios Book a place via our website: https://www.mepastudios.com/book-online
22 August 2024	GCSE Results Day	MEPA Academy	Earl Street will be open from 9am-12pm



ESTIMATED COST

£2,500

SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS

MEPA TRAINING

PERFORMING ARTS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

21/07/2025 (Mon) - 26/07/2025 (Sat)

- 2 Course Meal with Soft Drink at Hard Rock Cafe (Set Menu)
- 2 Course Meal with Soft Drink at Tick Tock Diner
- 3 Course Meal with Soft Drink at Ellen's Stardust Diner
- Meal at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co Restaurant (Set Menu)
- 90 Minute Dance Experience Workshop
- 90 minute workshop Acting/Improvisation
- 90 Minute Workshop Tailored to Show (show TBA)
- Visit to Central Park
- Broadway Theatre Performance (show TBA)
- Visit to Times Square
- Visit to 9/11 Memorial Museum

The trip has been planned through European Study Tours who are a reputable organisation for school trips. The trip also includes travel insurance.

Students will also need to obtain Travel Visas & passports. However, we will advise when and how to do this.

Proposed Payment Plan

- Non-Refundable deposit of £350 by 1st July 2024
- Followed by £215 each month for 10 months

This Performing Arts trip is open to all students that attend MEPA College, MEPA Academy and MEPA Studios.

We would like to get a register of interest so that we can appropriately plan the trip. If you are interested, please scan the QR code to register your interest.





**SPOTLIGHT AT
STUDIO 6**

THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2024

STARTS AT 7:30PM

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF SPOTLIGHT
PERFORMANCES & ENTERTAINMENT BY MEPA TRAINING**

**£5 PER TICKET BY BOOKING ONLINE VIA
WWW.MEPACOLLEGE.CO.UK
TICKETS NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**

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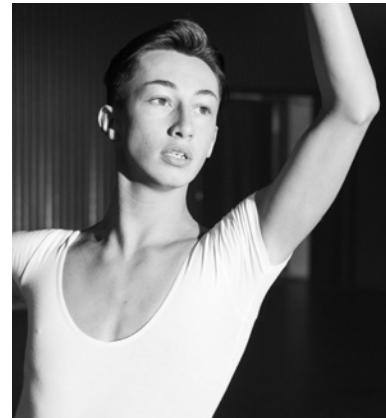




MEPA COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

JOIN US FOR AN EXPERIENCE DAY LIKE NO OTHER
AT A **SPECIALIST PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE**

Why not see what a day in the life of a professional student looks like?
Spend a day training with industry specialists whilst continuing to
strengthen your technique and performance skills



FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2024

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