

DANCE

Dancing dreams come true for Isabel

A dedicated ballet student will swap classes at a top new city dance school for full-time professional training in London from September, writes Georgina Butler.

Talented young dancer Isabel Filby, 16, is ready to pirouette her way into the capital after winning a place at Central School of Ballet to do a 3-year Foundation & BA (Hons) degree in Professional Dance and Performance.

Isabel impressed throughout the audition process but she has been sparkling in classes at The Rosemary Lane School of Ballet & Theatre Dance, which holds classes at King's Community Centre in Wolverton, since she joined as an eager seven-year-old.

Growing up as a student of the school, Isabel excelled in every examination she danced in and also attended additional training through the Royal Ballet School's Associate programmes.

Over the years, she has had many opportunities to shine onstage, most recently as the Lilac Fairy in The Rosemary Lane School of Ballet & Theatre Dance's production of The Sleeping Beauty at Stantonbury Theatre in April.

Isabel said: "I am so honoured to have been offered a place at Central and I can't wait to begin the next part of my dance journey there. It is definitely feeling even more exciting now that I have finished my GCSE exams and am starting to think about getting – and sewing – lots of pairs of ballet shoes

ready for the beginning of term. I will really miss everyone that I dance with at The Rosemary Lane School of Ballet & Theatre Dance but I will stay in touch and am so proud of all that I achieved there and grateful for all the opportunities that I had to learn, dance and perform!"

Having completed her Royal Academy of Dance graded examinations with the principal of the School Rosemary Lane, Isabel is currently mastering the Academy's Advanced Foundation syllabus. Isabel will travel to the Academy's London headquarters in August for this examination, the last she will take with Rosemary's coaching.

Rosemary said: "Isabel has delighted me in every single class with her joy of dance and dedication. I am so happy that she has gained a coveted place at the prestigious Central



En pointe: Isabel has won a place at the Central School of Ballet in London (pic: Pooja Parulekar) and showing her winning form, left (pic: Nicky Kenny)

School of Ballet and wish her every success and happiness. Hopefully we will be able to welcome her back to join us for some classes during her mid-term breaks and seasonal holidays."

■ The Rosemary Lane School of Ballet & Theatre Dance is a Royal Academy of Dance registered school which caters for dancers aged 2 and a half years old and

up. Baby ballerinas, dedicated dancers like Isabel and even adult beginners/improvers will all find a class to suit.

For more information about the School, visit www.rlschoolofballet.com. To enquire about classes and book a free taster session, search @RosemaryLaneSchool on Facebook, call 07738 767475 or contact rlschoolofballet@gmail.com.