



TERM DATES

Last day of Summer term: Saturday 20th July

Summer Break

First day of Autumn term: Monday 2nd September

Half term: Monday 28th October – Saturday 2nd November

Last day of term : Saturday 14th December

14 WEEK TERM (excluding half term).

Timetable

The timetable for September has been sent out and can now be viewed on our website. Most days and times will remain the same with a few changes to allow for syllabus work and a few new classes added.

New Classes:

Fridays Studio 2 with Miss Lissy

4.40pm – 5.20pm – Junior Advanced Acro

5.20pm – 6.00pm – Junior Musical Theatre

6.00pm – 6.40pm – Beginners Acro

6.40pm – 7.20pm – Acro Intensive (for current Acro students who wish to improve their skills further)

If you would like to sign up to any new classes or trial any extra lessons currently already on the timetable then please email Jo.

Junior Musical Theatre will be working on a new musical in September (Title to be revealed at the beginning of term!) with a performance to be held to parents at the end of term. Senior Musical Theatre will be working on singing technique and dance movement incorporating various different musical styles. A showcase for the seniors will be held in the summer term.

Fees

All invoices have now been emailed. **These are due in advance online by 19th Aug please.** If you would like to pay cash, this can be dropped off at Jo's house before 19th Aug by prior arrangement. **Fees not received by 26th Aug will have a 15 % surcharge added.**

Summer Workshops

Our Summer School and Swan Lake workshop are now fully booked however we have a few more workshops before we close the school and office for the summer. These are as follows:

Acro Intensive – A 3 day morning or afternoon course aimed at all levels and a very good opportunity for those who have not taken Acro before to get a taster ahead of the new term.

Wednesday 7th – 9th August

9.30am – 12.30pm – Beginners/ Juniors

1.00pm – 4.00pm – Advanced / Seniors

3 Days, 3 Workshops

Wednesday 14th – Disney Day

Thursday 15th -Magic at the Musicals

Friday 16th – Summer Pop Party

Each workshop is £30 or £80 for all 3.

If you would like to book on these workshops please email Jo.

Exams

From September ballet, tap and modern classes will resume syllabus work in preparation for I.S.T.D. Examinations. We will be holding our first sessions in December for mainly lower school. The main sessions will be held in March and for most of the upper school in June/July.

We try to give as many students as possible the opportunity to take exams which is why we stagger the sessions throughout the year allowing each child to reach the level required to pass. Students that have been entered for the first sessions in December will receive a letter of invitation in the first few weeks of term.

Show Photos and downloads

The school show was filmed and the link will be sent to all parents via email when we receive it .

Rob Sambrook photography will close orders on 4th September so please make sure all your orders are in by then.

Message from the Principal

Our show this year was a celebration of 35 years of CSOD and WOW what a show it was! Certainly, our best yet and all down to the hard work and dedication of 250 very talented performers, not to mention a wonderful team of staff across all areas from backstage, choreography, tech, costume, it all came together wonderfully.

As I reflect on my 20 years as Principal, I fondly remember the small school I took over back in 2004 with 100 students and a small weekly timetable of Ballet, Tap and Modern classes. We have come far in those 20 years! We are still fortunate to have strong syllabus training within the school but have successfully introduced many new dance subjects including musical theatre and can boast a very strong Acrobatics department. We run two branches of the school and two studios at Stanway. Alongside this our school holiday workshops have grown considerably as well as CSOD after school clubs at numerous primary schools, children's dance parties and our main school student numbers have risen beyond 300.

I have been in the privileged position to watch this growth over the last 20 years and see 100s of students pass through our doors, many of them staying for their whole school life and many pursuing careers in the industry. It is testament to our strong faculty of talented staff and supportive parents and students that we have managed to grow, retain our high standard of training but still keep that family ethos. I am excited to watch how we develop over the coming years.

As mentioned above, we now move back into training and exams. We have emailed information last week regarding the exam system should some of you not be familiar. Exams are not compulsory but in order to move to the next level a certain level of skill and technique is required and the examination is the final step. For the higher grades an exam qualification is a very helpful addition in the form of UCAS points for University entry. Further information is detailed in the exam letter.

I would also like to take a moment to mention some of our senior students who are leaving us this year, many who have been with the school from a young age. Amile Catchpole, Ella Moon, Rosie Smith, Lucy Harman and Rose Forster. It has been a privilege to watch you month after month and year after year grow into lovely young ladies. We will miss you all very much and wish you all the best in your chosen paths.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the amazing team of staff, teachers and assistants for your endless hard work, enthusiasm and dedication, always going above and beyond.

To our big CSOD family, have a lovely summer, enjoy all the workshops and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Miss Jane