



TERM DATES

Last day of Summer term: Saturday 19th July
Summer Break
First day of Autumn term: Saturday 6th September
Half term: Monday 27th October – Saturday 1st November
Last day of term: Saturday 20th December

Timetable

A few minor changes to the timetable as follows:

LAMDA

Wednesday – 5.45pm-6.30pm – Group 2

Thursday – 7pm – 7.45pm – Group 1

EARLS COLNE

Thursdays

Small Hall

5.40pm – 6.20pm – Grade 1 Ballet

6.20pm – 7pm – Grade 2/3 Ballet

7pm – 7.30pm – Grade 3 Ballet (exam students)

Large Hall

5pm – 5.40pm – Junior Acro

5.40pm – 6.10pm – Beginners Acro

If you would like to sign up to any new classes or trial any extra lessons please contact Jo.

Fees

All invoices have been emailed for next term; these are due **by 23rd August**. Fees not received by 23rd August will have a 15 % surcharge added.

Summer Workshops

Our Summer School is now fully booked and the Thursday Acro Intensive day is now full. We still have some spaces available on Tuesday and Wednesday and spaces available in our themed workshops.

Exams

Results from our 6th July exam session are now in, if you haven't received yours then please contact the office. Students will be emailed results from our remote session being held on 19th July as soon as we have them/

We have 2 more sessions planned for Autumn term before we head into show rehearsals.

Ballet – Confirmed date - Sunday 12th October (students will be emailed next week)

Modern & Tap – Provisional dates 9th & 16th November

LAMDA exams – Sunday 23 November.

Exam Awards Afternoon

Every other year we hold a school presentation to acknowledge those students who have taken and successfully passed examinations. Students get the opportunity to perform pieces from their exams culminating in the presentation of certificates, school trophies and the coveted Scholarship Cup.

The event this year will be held on Saturday 29th November in the Atrium at Stanway School. There will be a small door charge of £ 4 for spectators to cover the cost of the hall. Further information will be sent out next term.

Please could we ask that current trophy holders please return your 'engraved' cup by half term week.

Show!

If you haven't already saved the date then please do so for Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June 2026. The show will be held at the Charter Hall in Colchester and is open to every student in the school, from the tiny tots right up to our advanced and adult classes. A fabulous opportunity for everyone to perform on a professional stage in front of a 500 plus capacity audience!

All senior classes will go into show rehearsals after half term and all junior classes in January. Show letters will start to go out at the beginning of term and it is vitally important that these are sent back as soon as possible so we can start preparing the huge task that is staging and costuming a large production with over 250 performers.

If for any reason you cannot take part in the show then please inform Miss Jane or Jo as soon as possible. Lower school students who are unable to take part can continue lessons up to Easter but will be unable to do so during summer term (with the exception of Tots and Primary classes). Senior students (grade 4 and above) if you cannot take part in the show then please speak with Miss Jane or Jo to discuss when is best to stop and re start lessons.

Message from the Principal

Another academic year has flown by yet again! And this time a very busy one full of training, examinations, Musical Theatre productions, Halloween, Easter Workshops and not forgetting our very busy month of December working on 'Elf the Musical'!

We've had 7 exam sessions so far and I would like to say a huge well done to all students who have taken part in these exams this past year. Passing I.S.T.D. examinations is a huge achievement, the standard from the exam board gets harder every year and I'm proud to say that we have achieved yet again 100% pass rate with many merits and distinctions. I am very much looking forward to presenting students with their certificates and trophies on our awards day.

It has also been wonderful to see so many students making great progress across our non syllabus subjects, with many levels being passed in Acrobatics and not forgetting 2 wonderful musical theatre performances of Wicked and Frozen.

I am also extremely proud of our involvement in Elf The musical over Christmas, 2 of our senior students, Matilda and Lily in their first professional production not to mention the

involvement of many of our staff in creative and backstage roles. We finish off our Musical Theatre year with our joint Junior & Senior Musical Theatre class production of Mamma Mia.

I am also delighted that our new LAMDA drama classes have been a huge success and students are already booked in for exams next term! Along with 2 more I.S.T.D exam sessions we will then move back into show time! As usual I am extremely excited to get working on our 2026 full school production so keep an eye on our social media pages for an announcement on the theme!

Finally, I would like to take a moment to mention some senior students who are leaving us this year. Maddie Ramsay, Lily Malcolm, Molly Barnes, Ava Foster, Hannah Levett, Sophie Rust and Nathan Smith. Many who have been with us for years, leave for university or vocational training. I can say on behalf of all the teachers and staff we will miss you all very much and wish you all the best in your chosen paths.

I would like to say thank you to the amazing team of staff, teachers, assistants and supply teachers for your endless hard work, enthusiasm and dedication over the last year.

Wishing our huge CSOD family a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Miss Jane