



**SOUTH  
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## Upper School Newsletter - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather. A big thank you from Ciera and the SLDS team to those of you who supported us through last week's very big exam session. We hope that your children all enjoyed the experience, I know their teachers were very pleased with them and we have all enjoyed seeing their happy, smiley and sweaty faces coming out of their exams 😊! Fingers crossed for some lovely results which the teachers will hand out in September. We are already looking forward to the next exam session which is pencilled in for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020!

I hope that many of you managed to see the London Children's Ballet's production of 'Ballet Shoes' at the Peacock theatre last week. It truly was wonderful and we were very proud to have one of our 11-year-old students performing in the show! Ruben has received some glowing reviews, mentioning in particular his outstanding pirouettes and stage presence! We wish Ruben the best of luck at White Lodge as he begins his full-time training at the Royal Ballet School in September. We also would like to wish Rene the best of luck as he begins his full-time training at Elmhurst Ballet School in September. You will both be greatly missed by all your teachers and your dancing friends.

I would like to remind you that we have 2 more weeks left of term; please note that the last day of term is **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**.

### Invoice payments

Please note that the deadline to pay your child's invoice for next term is **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Any questions please contact me on [sldsupperschool@gmail.com](mailto:sldsupperschool@gmail.com). Please note it is now too late to give notice of leaving, the deadline for this was 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### Staff announcements

We are sorry to announce that after many years teaching at SLDS, Miss Chloe will be leaving at the end of term. Miss Chloe has really enjoyed teaching your children and her adult students but feels it is time to move on to other projects. We are sure she will be missed dearly by her students and we wish her the best of luck for her future career. We are pleased to announce that from September Miss Helen will be teaching National and tap on a Friday as well as continuing to teach National and tap on a Tuesday. We are also happy to announce that Miss Ciera (our examinations administrator) will be teaching some of the modern and tap classes on a Monday.

As all of Miss Leah's students are aware unfortunately Miss Leah had to leave at short notice as she was offered a last-minute contract dancing on a Cruise Ship. We are very happy for her to be able to take up this wonderful opportunity and wish her the best

of luck. Miss Leah has loved teaching at SLDS this term and very much hopes to return at the end of her contract. Next term Miss Emma will be teaching grade 1, 2 and Inter foundation ballet which she is very much looking forward to.

Adria, our gym skills teacher, will unfortunately be leaving at the end of term as he has been offered a fantastic opportunity to coach a competitive acro squad, which unfortunately falls on a Friday evening. He has really enjoyed teaching your children and is very sad to be leaving as he feels he has seen a great improvement in each child he has taught over the short amount of time he has been here. We will be recruiting a new gym skills teacher over the summer break.

## Feedback Day

Please see below the remaining feedback day opportunities:

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Miss Emma - **12.15-2.15pm** (if you wish to meet Miss Emma as Acting Principal but she does not teach your child then please email me, at least 3 days before this date so that I can let her know the nature of your enquiry)

Miss Chloe - **10.00-11.00am**

Miss Jennifer - **10.00-12.00pm**

Miss Natasha - **1.00-2.00pm**

Miss Neasa - **10.00-11.00am**

The sheet to sign up to see your child's teacher is on the notice board in the waiting room. When you come to sign up for feedback day, you will find a list of all lower school classes including teacher's names on the notice board in the waiting room.

## Second hand uniform sale - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am-1.30pm

The next sale will be on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am-1.30pm** in the waiting room and we hope many parents / guardians will attend. If you wish to sell items, please refer to the link below, or use the forms available in the waiting room:

<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Secondhand-uniform-sale.pdf>

If you have items to sell, please place them in a bag labelled for the school uniform sale (with selling tickets attached if you wish to take some of the profit) in the boys changing room at any time this week when you know the studios are open because classes are on. 100% of the profit from any donated items will be given to Demelza House. Alternatively, you can choose to split the profit 50/50 between yourself and the charity. Please email Ros at [sldsuniformsale@yahoo.com](mailto:sldsuniformsale@yahoo.com) if you have any queries.

## Dance photo competition

We are inviting everyone to take part in a fun competition over the summer holidays! All you have to do is take a photo of your child in a dance pose with a Summery backdrop and email it to me [sldsupperschool@gmail.com](mailto:sldsupperschool@gmail.com). We will then put photos on our social media for the public to vote on their favourite! Ideas of photos: by the swimming pool, on the beach, top of a mountain, in the garden at home, wherever you like 😊 Have fun being creative!

# Singing auditions for SLDS show July 2020

Thank you to those of you who took part in the singing auditions for our show next July, Miss Emma and I really enjoyed listening to you all. We will be in touch next term regarding who was successful as we are still deciding which songs we would like to use. Thank you for your patience.

## Summer School - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

If you would like to book the last few spaces on the summer school please see below for details:

### DISNEY COURSE FOR CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS

Daily 10.00am-11.15am (£55 for the week)

### DANCE & MUSICAL THEATRE COURSES FOR CHILDREN 6 YEARS + (children will be split into age appropriate groups)

Daily 11.30-4.00pm (£150 for the week)

Please contact: [summerschoolslds@gmail.com](mailto:summerschoolslds@gmail.com) asap for more information or to sign up. Please do not contact the school office, thank you.

## Lost Property

The uniform and non-uniform lost property buckets in the waiting room will be emptied (for charity shop / second hand uniform sales) during the summer holidays. So, if you think you may have lost anything at the studios, please ensure you collect it before the end of term.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a fabulous summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September **week commencing Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September!**

Best wishes

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