



**SOUTH  
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## Lower School Start of Summer Term Newsletter - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent or Carer,

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and are rested and ready for the next term which starts tomorrow, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. There are some changes to the timetable this term compared to last term, so please ensure you look back at the lesson times detailed on your invoice which was sent to you on 18<sup>th</sup> March from [lowerschool@southlondondanceschool.co.uk](mailto:lowerschool@southlondondanceschool.co.uk).

If your child has a break between their classes which is supervised by a teaching assistant then this will be detailed on your invoice. Your child may bring with them a LIGHT snack (a whole sandwich or meal is not suitable) which must NOT contain nuts - something like a fruit yoyo bear is ideal for a small energy boost but which is not too filling. Please also send your child with a bottle of water.

### Coronavirus procedures update for SLDS

We recommend our school community follow the Government guidance below:

- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.
- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.
- Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

You do not need to inform us about a positive test result for your child or a family member.

However, we do ask that if your child has COVID-19 symptoms, or is unwell in any other way, then as normal in the case of illness, they do not attend classes so that they can rest and recover as well as avoid spreading germs to others in the dance school environment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Going forward, we will only be providing Zoom lessons for a child who has an examination this term and is ill, however, this will only be in situations where the teacher thinks attending a Zoom class will be sufficient to replace the need for a catch up lesson.

## Injuries / Child Protection

- If your child has sustained a new injury over the Easter break or is still recovering from an existing injury then please let us know us before their first lesson this term so that teachers can be informed and a rehabilitation plan can be put in place where necessary.
- If you would like another parent to collect your child after their class, then please ensure you email your administrator at least 24 hours in advance so that we can make their teacher aware.

## Hair grooming request

Please ensure your child does NOT have a long fringe or any hanging sections of hair over their face as it makes it impossible to use correct eye focus. Your child should wear a hairband which matches colour of leotard and / or use kirby grips. Hair must be in a classical ballet bun for girls in **Pre-Primary ballet (I)**.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale & Cake Sale - THIS Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup> April) 10am-1pm

Uniform shoes and clothing will be for sale (excluding Melody Movement uniforms and the pink dresses / cardigans for Nursery and Preparatory dance classes) and there will also be tasty treats to buy! All proceeds will go towards costumes for our next show. Please note that payment will be cash only.

Clothing and footwear items to sell can be left in the box in the waiting room. For further details, please refer to:

<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Second-Hand-Uniform-Sale-Information-January-2021.pdf>

or email [sldsuniformsale@yahoo.com](mailto:sldsuniformsale@yahoo.com)

Please bring baked goods to sell to the office from **THIS Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> April) onwards** (including direct to the sale on the day). *Please ensure all baked items are nut free.*

**We need parent helpers for the cake sale so please contact your administrator if you are able to help, even if just for an hour when your child in their dance class.** Thank you for your support.

## Parents watching week for Lower School children

We would like to welcome the parents / carers of our Lower School children to watch classes this term from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. We hope many of you can make it and we will send further information nearer the time.

## Platinum Jubilee fun dress up week - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

We would like to invite all of our Lower School children to dress up for their dance classes to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee! The theme is, of course, anything 'Royal or British', such as Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses, Soldiers, Knights, servants, Pearly King or Queen etc.

## Lost property

Our lost property buckets in the waiting room have now been cleared of all un-named items. If you or your child are missing anything which was not named, please ensure you get in touch by **3pm this Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> April)**. After this time all un-named items will either be donated to the second hand uniform sale or a charity shop.

## Term dates for academic year 2022-2023

The below dates, as well as the dates for this term, are available on our website -

<https://southlondondancestudios.co.uk/general-information/term-dates/>

### Autumn term 2022 (13 weeks)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

*Half term - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October*

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

### Spring term 2023 (11 weeks)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

*Half term - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Examinations pencilled for **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023** (excluding Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April)

### Summer term 2023 (12 weeks)

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** (*classes are on as usual on Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May*)

*Half term - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June (1 week but 2 Saturday's off)*

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Upper School Performance at the Albany Theatre Deptford - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023** (plus rehearsal on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June** at SLDS) - *to include some class work dances to be performed by some of our younger Upper School children and selected solo / group choreography pieces which will be created and performed by some of our senior Upper School students. All students who attend our Sunday Musical Theatre classes and are members of our Festival Team will also perform.*

## Timetable & class fees for academic year 2022-2023

We are currently working on the timetable for September 2022 to July 2023 which we hope to release at least two weeks before May / June half term.

If you already know your child will not be continuing dancing with us next academic year, or wishes to stop attending any dance genre at the end of this term, then please let us know as soon as you can, as this information really helps us to plan ahead. The official date for giving notice of leaving the school or changing any classes your child attends will be Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, by which time you will have received the timetable for next year.

Unfortunately, fees for next year will have to be increased to go towards our ever-increasing running costs. We will inform you about class fees when the timetable is released.

## **REMINDER: Summer holiday dance & musical theatre programme - reply by 29<sup>th</sup> April**

We are considering offering summer holiday workshops for our students (and also for non-SLDS students) aged 3 to 18 years.

The workshops would be split by age and duration of the day would be suitable for each group and taught by a range of qualified / experienced teachers and professional performers.

At this stage, we would like to find out what arrangements would be most useful to working / busy parents / carers over the summer. Therefore, if you are interested in your child attending a summer programme with us, then please reply to the questions below **by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**:

1. Child's name
2. Child's current school year
3. Which genres of dance / performing arts would your child be interested in learning to over the summer e.g., ballet, tap, modern, acting, commercial / street dance, musical theatre, jazz, contemporary dancing?  
*- Please give as much detail as possible about what your child would be most interested in*
4. Would you prefer the workshops to be one day per week throughout the summer holiday or daily for a full week?  
*- If you answered that you would prefer a full week of workshops, then which week(s) would your child be available to attend?*  
*- If you answered that you would prefer the workshops to be one day per week throughout the summer holiday then which day(s) would your child be available to attend?*
5. What hours would be most helpful for you / suitable for your child for the day of workshops?
6. Please give any other relevant information to help us to best plan our summer holiday camps for you

I hope you have a great start to the summer term.

To stay up to date with events happening at our school, follow us on social media:

**Facebook - @southlondondanceschool**

**Instagram - @south\_london\_dance\_school**

Best wishes,

Miss Zoe

Principal - South London Dance School