



# KEYWORTH SCHOOL OF THEATRE DANCE

July 2021

Firstly, we hope everyone is doing ok and staying safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic team. We wouldn't be able to run KSTD without the support of our brilliant teachers, teaching assistants and administration help.

We would also like to thank our students and parents for adhering so well to the never-ending guidelines, and for being so flexible and adaptable whilst on Zoom and in the studio. It has been a challenging year for everyone and we have not taken for granted how well the children have all done coping with it all!

We break up **after** classes on Friday 23 July. If anything changes we shall of course let you know. We return to classes on Monday 6 September.

## **September Timetable**

We shall be finalising this over the next couple of weeks and will contact everyone as soon as possible so you can plan ahead. Some classes have already been notified of the times/days of their classes. Contemporary, Yoga and Commercial will all be returning to the studio. It has been a difficult time for Hayley and Claire teaching on Zoom for so long. Thank you both! We know how hard it is to keep the pupils engaged remotely.

## **Exams**

We have had a busy time playing catch up on exams. Amazingly we were able to fit in two days in December, one day in May, one day in June and we have two full days this month. A further session has been booked for Wednesday 8 September which will be for anyone who missed out in July due to isolations as well as for our senior pupils taking Intermediate exams before they leave us for a new life at university.

In the future, please do let us know before timetabling if you have specific time requirements. Once the timetable has been sent to the examining board the day is a fixed schedule.

## **Exam Success**

We have received the results back from the May and June sessions. All students received the top two bands (Merits and Distinctions). Some students have had to learn the majority of the exam content via remote learning and we feel very proud of their hard work and fantastic results. We would like to congratulate Mica Davies who took the IDTA Level 4 diploma in May and achieved 92 marks, Distinction, for both parts of the practical exam. Mica is now a qualified teacher and member of the IDTA. She has been a great help preparing pupils for our recent examinations on Zoom from Northern Ireland. We hope she will visit us when back in Keyworth and we hope she can help with further Zoom sessions and holiday workshops (MTW). We wish all her the very best.

## **Summer Holiday Workshops**

This year [MTW \(Musical Theatre Workshops\)](#) is hosting three dates in August at Webster Hall on Wednesdays 11, 18 and 25 August. Children of school age up to age 12 and of any experience are welcome to join us for some musical theatre fun. Each workshop takes place from 9:30am to 3:30pm and costs £28.00 per child. There are not many spaces left now.

### **KSTD Teachers**

We are welcoming Claire back into the studio to teach Commercial face to face. We have asked students to contact us if they would like to join these classes, suitable for age 8+. We shall have three groups for the different age ranges on Friday evenings as below. This style of dance is what you see in music videos. It is very current and a great chance to try something new.

6pm – 6:45pm: Y3 to Y6

6:45pm – 7:30pm: Y7 to Y9

7:30pm – 8:15pm: (Y10+).

We are losing Gemma from the teaching team this year. She is returning to university and will therefore not be able to commit to teaching at KSTD this year. We know Gemma will be missed by her students and we hope she can return to us the year after. A separate email has been sent to all three Street classes with details of the plan from September.

Alice will take over Beginners Street at the new time of 6pm on Thursdays which will be followed by Musical Theatre L1 at 6:45pm and L2 at 7:30pm, taught by Alice and Angela to replace Gemma. All these classes will be at Keyworth Village Hall. Intermediate and Senior Street pupils are being invited to join the Friday Commercial classes on Fridays.

Alice has slotted into the teaching team as brilliantly as we expected and is doing a fantastic job. She will be taking more classes from September so if you haven't met her yet you soon will!

Hayley will also be back in the studio from September having taught Contemporary and Yoga online for over a year! There are spaces in the Yoga class for ages 11 to 18 years on Mondays at 8pm. Please do get in touch to book.

We are very sad to be losing Miss Jess in September. She is leaving to study Marine Biology at the University of Liverpool. She started taking classes with us aged 12 and has been such a fantastic help to us at KSTD, helping with classes for the last four years. She really has come a long way in a short space of time. She started with just the Irish classes but now also assists with Tap, Theatre Craft, Ballet and Modern. We will certainly miss having her around – like all our teaching assistants and teachers at KSTD she has become part of our family. We know the students will miss her too. We have loved watching her confidence develop over the years whilst she has been with us and she has turned into a beautiful dancer. We wish to congratulate her on receiving 86 marks (Distinction) in her recent Intermediate Ballet examination. We wish you luck Miss Jess and you must stay in touch!!

### **Payments from September**

We have made the decision to send invoices termly from September. However, there will be two payment dates per term. So, in effect the payment dates and amounts you pay will be the same as they are now. The change is that we will only send invoices out three times a year instead of six. We will let you know when the Payment Terms and Conditions have been updated for you to view, which will be affected by this change to billing.

### **Theatre Show**

Please make a note of the dates for your diary below. Although it is still a long way off, we are sure the students will be excited to see that a show has been booked for Saturday/Sunday 18/19 March 2023 at Loughborough Town Hall. We will start preparing for this from September 2022. We involve as many students as we can but will assess the situation nearer the time with student participant numbers.

From the next academic year all being well, [the MTW workshops](#) will also be a great opportunity for practice of performing to an audience.

All that remains to be said is we thank you all and appreciate the huge amount of support we have had this year.

Have a good summer and stay safe.

Ann, Kirsty and all the KSTD team

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***Dates for your diary***

Wednesday 14 July	examination session
Wednesday 21 July	examination session
Friday 23 July	break up for summer after classes
Monday 6 September	return to classes after summer
Wednesday 8 September	examination session
Saturday/Sunday 18/19 March 2023	show at Loughborough Town Hall

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[KSTD second hand uniform](#) where you can sell items of uniform amongst yourselves – please request to join

***Website***

[KSTD website](#) where you can view policies and newsletters, check key dates and uniform requirements etc