

## **To all of our valued STUDIO students, friends and family.**

This weekend sees the official and legal reopen date for many organizations within the leisure sector.

After 4 months of closure we are incredibly excited to see the beginnings of normality for our STUDIO community.

As the schools are now on summer vacation, we are busy planning ready for the start of our Autumn Term following strict government legislation, and over the past weeks we have been working hard as a team to ensure a safe and enjoyable STUDIO experience for our much-missed students. Our risk assessment and team training has been provided by a qualified member of the IOSH (Institute of Occupation Health & Safety) and each member of staff has also become fully certified in 'COVID 19 Awareness'. Building works were finished this week for our new one-way system, plenty of deep cleaning has been taking place and new systems put into position for maximum safety, maximum fun and peace of mind for everyone.

To reduce risks as much as possible, we are currently planning for our students to make one weekly visit to us for all of their training / lesson time.

For the time being this is the only practical way that we can manage our classes in small socially distanced groups along with the rigorous cleaning required between each session. Fortunately for us, our classes in the main are already divided into 'pods' with students attending from each school year group.

Please read the following information about what we are able to offer our families and then get in touch with your thoughts for September – thank you.

This is how our timetable draft currently looks:

### **STUDIO Short Courses – Bookable per 6-week half term.**

- General Dance Sessions Years 1-3 / Years 4-6 / Years 7+ - Tuesday After School  
(For our students who may wish to learn purely for fun / not embark on exams or stage performance opportunities / enjoy a shorter cost-effective class)
- Wings & Wands Pre-School Classes – Saturday Mornings
- Wings & Wands Reception Classes – Saturday Mornings
- STUDIO BROS – Saturday Afternoons
- TRIX (This term only focusing on strength and flexibility to be unable to run with distancing measures)- Saturday Afternoon

## **Syllabus Based Classes in ISTD Modern, Tap, Ballet & Musical Theatre (LAMDA) - Bookable by monthly subscription only.**

- Junior 1 – Saturday Mornings
- Junior 2 - Saturday Mornings
- Junior 3 - Saturday Afternoons
- Junior 4 - Saturday Afternoons
- Senior 1 – Saturday Afternoons or Wednesday After School depending on family responses
- Senior 2 – Wednesday After School
- Senior 3 – Wednesday or Thursday After School depending on family responses
- Senior 4 – Thursday After School
- Premier 1 – Thursday or Friday After School depending on family responses
- Premier 2 – Friday After School
- Premier 3 – Friday After School

Other things to know...

### **Spring Term Lessons in the bank**

You will remember our Spring Term was cut short so we still do have some lesson time owing to our students who were with us for the last academic year.

We hope to slot these in before the start of our Autumn 12-week term.

### **Temperatures**

We will be taking student's temps on arrival and recording these as one of our ways to mitigate the risks.

### **Distance**

We are working hard to adapt our teaching methods and class plans in order to keep up to date with the government guidance on social distancing.

### **Cleaning**

30 minutes has been allocated between each 'class pod' to thoroughly clean our floor, bathroom facility and high touch areas.

We will be providing our full COVID clean procedure prior to reopening.

### **General access, children needing support**

Because of the need to significantly reduce the amount of people in our setting, only participating students will be allowed in the facility and their designated areas, our one-way system has been designed to allow two 'pods' to flow in and out of their class while keeping safe distance measures.

For any children, particularly younger students who normally require parental support, please do get in touch. Students will need to come dressed ready for class as our changing room will not be in use.

### **Cost**

We are aiming where possible to keep our tuition costs the same.

### **New things on the horizon**

We are really pleased to be taking our tuition right down to the very first stages with classes for expectant mums, babies and beyond.

If you or any friends and family members would be interested in taking part, please do let us know so we can begin to build class numbers.

We also have an amazing new website in creation, we will continue to keep our current site updated before its launch.

So...We are confident of a smooth and safe situation here, and we really hope to see everyone back enjoying STUDIO life again. But before we are able to plan any further, it is important now to gather our class numbers. We will be tightly restricted to small numbers per 'pod' and so we would like to ask your thoughts for September. Hopefully we have picked out the main points for families to consider, once we know numbers, we can provide an exact timetable together with more detailed information.

### **To summarise**

Would you like your child to be included in one of our small class pods for the Autumn term?

Please email us over the next coming week if possible.

While families enjoy their summer time off, work takes place with our festival students for the first competition of our season – preparations for this have been working brilliantly via ZOOM with a healthy percentage of our students already completing their routines ready to bring them into our rehearsal space for face to face teaching.

We also have our STUDIO SUMMER CHALLENGE, a great event full of rewards combining all of the tasks and recourses we have enjoyed providing you over lockdown.

And lastly our ISTD ONLINE STREET COURSE which starts next Saturday, we do have a few places remaining for this, and welcome any young dance enthusiasts to get in touch for booking details, even if you've never learnt with us before...everyone is welcome.

Wishing you a wonderful remainder of the weekend.  
Stay safe and well and most of all smiling.

**THE STUDIO**

Kindest wishes,