

THE STUDIO

'Thank you in Rainbows'

Just before we broke up for the Christmas holidays, each of our students and STUDIO team were gifted a special rainbow accessory to appreciate the important work of our NHS and key workers.

As we were unable to wear our wristbands and scrunchies in our STUDIO classes, we asked to see our students wearing them proudly at home, maybe while getting their home schooling done, out and about on a walk or bike ride or anything fun and unique. We have had such an amazing response from everyone and would love to thank all of our students who took part to show our support for the NHS and key workers. We welcome any final photographs to be sent in throughout March & April, and we are looking forward to seeing the students wear their accessories proudly in classes when we return.

Course Bookings and Subscriptions

Each of our short courses will need a quick online booking via our website no later than the start of each course. Don't forget to check our website for our current discount codes for early bookings. For our subscribing STUDIO families with children in our syllabus pods, we will do everything for you and reactivate your running monthly subscription which will continue through to the end of August to complete your payments for the summer term.

(A reminder that although our summer term ends in July, tuition payments are calculated across 12 months and therefore the final payment no12 will be due in August – thank you).

We are of course keeping a close eye on the latest government announcements, should the anticipated April 12th date change, we will be in touch with a detail of recalculation of fees.



Premier student Mia's 'Thank You in Rainbows' Campaign Photo

THE STUDIO'S Return After Lockdown

So wonderful to see our children and young adults now settled back into school and college, we are hopeful that THE STUDIO will now not be too far behind, and would therefore like to get some initial details out to our families about our intended plans for the remainder of the academic year, plus what next academic year will

look like for your child when each class moves up a year at school. It is our hope to be able to run a slightly longer summer term to make up for lost time and give maximum support to our students taking their examinations at the later part of this academic term. Should the government advisory date of April 12th be successful, we would then like to open as soon as possible and run classes through to the end of July. Just as soon as we have the go ahead from the PM, we will send out our confirmed summer term dates via email, our class WhatsApp groups and STUDIO social media channels, until then, we will continue to keep busy behind the scenes making sure everything is ready for the welcome return of everyone. Please may I ask families to take some time to refresh on our COVID 19 policy which explains exactly how we operate during the pandemic and ensure the safety of our students, their families and our team, you will find the updated sections have been highlighted for ease.

<https://www.thestudiodorset.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/COVID-19-Policy-2021.pdf>

Our main changes or improvements include a section on face coverings and also a new system for collecting our £1 COVID clean contribution, which we feel will greatly help our admin time this end. An enormous thank you to all of our students who have taken part in our Zoom sessions, and particularly Megan who has done a fantastic job of delivering the meetings and helping all of students to keep on top of their class work, this was our main aim

Dorset County Dance Festival

We are very excited to announce the creation of **Dorset County Dance Festival**. This is a Dorchester based dance and theatre competition running under The British and International Federation of Festivals. Our first annual festival is set to launch in February 2022 during the half term holiday, offering a wonderful opportunity for children and young people to celebrate their love of performing in a range of styles both competitively and non-competitively. This event will be open to any school or organisation who can expect options for all ages and dance genres to enter as solos, duets, trios and quartets plus, something we were very keen to include: a non-competitive group section for those who are perhaps either new to performing, or simply want the chance to enjoy being on the stage. More information together with the STUDIO's plans will be out soon!



Theatre Bugs

Prior to the lockdown, we introduced **Theatre Bugs**, where as a school we will be able to go on trips and see professional Dance & Musical Theatre. This is fantastic for building our students knowledge and appreciation of a range of shows. Even from an early age, we feel that it is incredibly valuable to inspire our students and open their eyes to where their learning journey could possibly take them. If the government guidelines allow, we would love to start this up again from July. The shows which we have in mind from July until the end of 2021 include: **Hairspray, School of Rock, We Will Rock You, SIX, Sister Act, Riverdance & Chicago**. Once we receive further guidance from theatres, we will be sure to fire up again and provide you all with information for getting involved.



'Fan' 2019 - Weymouth Pavilion

really, simply to keep us in touch and keep our brains and bodies tuned in ready for face to face teaching to resume again.

This most recent closure seems to have felt far longer than the others, and I can't express how excited we all are to see our building come back to life with our fantastic students, rest assured your STUDIO experience will be just as safe and secure as before, but with even more fun and appreciation for what we all get to enjoy each week.

Best wishes to everyone, Miss Emilie

Senior 2 Updates

All of our students have of course had a bit of an unsettled year, but remarkably the Senior 2's haven't fallen too off track and I'm really pleased that they will hopefully be able to gain their modern and tap examination which they have been working very hard towards, tap particularly for quite some time! In normal circumstances, the S2's would have been ready for a second tap and a ballet exam also, but we will look to catch up on this over the next school year, they have covered a large chunk of the work and will carry on progressing through when we return, but the 2 exams will be just about right for them to manage this time around.

Examinations are wonderful, the children always find them very fun and special, they are excellent for confidence and that feeling of self-achievement. Practice really helps them to feel comfortable and relaxed about the big day, here is a link to their syllabus music once again so you can see for yourself how brilliantly your child has progressed.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/052dq8ecag7qk6/AAB_jnib3b5opl-KuQaBS9bva?dl=0

You can also find the online lessons which we produced in lockdown 1 by following the links below. which are still relevant and available.

https://youtu.be/z9IRVBP_r00 <https://youtu.be/Ek7k-x-4OeM> <https://youtu.be/9UPtFVI37gk> <https://youtu.be/0ex3CptDh1Q> <https://youtu.be/A1xnUmRXt5U> <https://youtu.be/RZN0af0ijf4> <https://youtu.be/KseKkWhvp0Y> <https://youtu.be/12Au-SaXtNE>

Exam News

In hope that the reopen plans all go smoothly for the country, we have provisionally requested some dates at the end of next term to give us as much possible opportunity to ensure they can go ahead, with refunds not available from the exams dept, we really do need to get them in before we break for the summer so, crossing fingers that the world keeps mending.

As a school, we have 1 ballet session (ballet always goes on its own) and 2 modern and tap sessions, so 3 sessions to fit in, 2 of which are each 2 days long in examining time, and for each session we require 2 chunky exam prep sessions which are known to run on the 2 Sundays prior. The schedule for the exam prep will be available for everyone once we have the exam dates finalised.

The Senior 2's will be taking their Tap and Modern exams. The dates for which we are still awaiting confirmation, however we will be sure to update everyone when we know the plan of action.

As some of these examinations have been postponed a few times due to government restrictions, the payment and booking side of things may be a little confusing with some families already paid in full and others only partially. We have kept an organised account of all payments that have previously been made, so once the examination dates have been confirmed, we will follow our regular payment timeline and all parents will be contacted and made aware of which payments are still required.



Short Course Updates

Our range of short courses offer great bursts of fun in a range of styles and techniques, these don't prepare for exams, are just for an hour per session, and have a simpler uniform list... all of which make them a fun and affordable activity. For students learning their syllabus, we offer a discount for any additional short courses taken, anything extra to help with fitness, strength, style and flexibly will be a great benefit to their progress in technique for exams. Short courses also need very little commitment, often just for 6 weeks, its more than okay ok to sign up for the half a term and try something different the next, we don't mind at all 😊.

TRIX

Develop your acrobatic and tumbling skills with "Inga"! Sessions will also enhance your balance, co-ordination, strength (especially the core and back) and flexibility. Explore a range of exciting TRIX that will not only be fun and rewarding to learn but set you up with some fabulous wow moments ready to incorporate into your dance routines.

For this term, this short course will run on a choice of either **Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm** or **Saturdays 11:30am-12:30pm**. Follow this link to book- <https://www.thestudiodorset.com/product/trix-2/>

STUDIO Bros

'STUDIO Bros' includes a mixture of exercises and warmups for male strength and fitness, break dance technique, and street style routines.....no ballet, no leotards and especially for boys with a central aim towards getting them involved and enthusiastic about dance. We are 100% behind ways to encourage and nurture more lads to take up dance alongside their other activities. For confidence, creative and artistic development, physical strength, stamina, body control, balance and coordination, flexibility, a healthy mind, lifelong awareness of keeping fit and healthily, musicality, friendship and most of all fun! Unlike many other pursuits, dance really can tick all the boxes.

For this term, this short course will run on **Saturdays 2:15pm-3:15pm**. Follow this link to book- <https://www.thestudiodorset.com/product/studio-bros-2/>

Universal Dance

For students who wish to learn purely for fun without the pressure of exams or performances. This compact and cost-effective class is perfect for learning a range of generic dance skills, improving fitness and meeting friends to celebrate a love of dance with.

For this term, this short course will run on **Tuesdays 4:15pm-5:15pm** (School years 1-4), **5:30pm-6:30pm** (School years 5-8), **6:00pm-7:00pm** (School years 9+)
Follow this link to book- <https://www.thestudiodorset.com/product/universal-dance/>

Uniform

Over the closure period I am sure that many of our students have grown meaning some of you will need some new uniform and/or merchandise. With the upcoming examinations it is very important that students are wearing the correct uniform for their class and that they are in a neat condition. Please find below a link to the full uniform lists for your specific class. If anyone is needing any new items, please give us a text message, WhatsApp or email and we will organise sizing and ordering.

<https://www.thestudiodorset.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Uniform-List-Senior-2.pdf>

Enjoy some free online lessons and activities

During lockdown 1, we created a selection of YouTube tutorials completely free of charge to help keep our students active and entertained at home. These are still relevant and very much available for our students to access at any time. Syllabus students will find all of their exam work covered across the mini lessons, plus there are lots of TRIX films, TIKTOKS and fun routines to enjoy too, a perfect time filler over Easter perhaps.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyI3cDzCdXDpC7VJc6XNWA/playlists>

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And Coming Soon! Body Conditioning

Introducing a new exciting short course! Led by STUDIO team member Emma, 'Body Conditioning' will cover a range of exercises to help build strength, stamina and flexibility. Our new class will be a focused session with intensity levels suitable for Senior 2 (School Year 6) and above.

Our popular TRIX class does also cover the elements of 'Body Conditioning', and includes the development of tricks and gymnastic skills, we recommend our younger students chose this option for the perfect quantity of strength and flex for their age. Please let us know if you are interested so we can build a picture of numbers.

For this term, this short course will run on **Saturdays 6:15pm-7:15pm.**

Follow this link to book-

<https://www.thestudiodorset.com/product/body-conditioning/>

Summer Term Class Times

As you all know, Miss Emilie is delighted to be expecting the third addition to her family in May. Those who have been with us at THE STUDIO during the arrival of Ollie in 2009 and Sam in 2015 will know that Miss Emilie will still be dancing around pretty much up until her due date! Babies and pregnancies can of course be unpredictable though, but with additional support from the rest of the team, we have been able to put a good schedule in place that can continue to run nice and smoothly for when the cover is needed. We have done our best to keep things as unchanged as possible, the main difference for our classes coming to THE STUDIO after school will be the slightly earlier start time by 15 mins, just as before, students need to come ready changed for class, so please keep this in mind for your planning. With 6 full days of exams planned for the end of term, (and the blessing of grandparents!)...rest assured Miss Emilie will be back just as soon as she can.

With this slight change in mind, the Senior 2's syllabus class for the Summer term 2021 will run on Wednesdays 4:15pm-7:15pm.

Forecast for the new academic year 2021-2022

With the exception of some of our short courses which teach a mixed age range, all of our classes move up a year at THE STUDIO every September. From September 2021, Senior 2's will become Senior 3's with their syllabus class taking place on Thursdays. Exact times will follow on next term once we have our scheduled firming up, but for the time being please continue to keep your after schools free for STUDIO time.