

Term Dates 2025/2026

Please keep this document as it includes important term dates on the reverse side. Please stick it on your fridge!

Attendance & Time Commitment

Regular attendance is essential for steady progress and group cohesion. We prioritise giving solo parts and featured roles to students who show consistent attendance, punctuality, and commitment. Please ensure your child arrives on time and ready to warm up, so they can get the most out of each session. Please email office@davidstinsontheatreschool.com for any absences.

Lyrics and Vocal Tracks

Access lyrics and vocal tracks via the DSTS Google Drive for your children to practice at home.

Great Get Together 2026

We're excited to share that all of our Musical Theatre Juniors, Inters, and Seniors will be performing at the Great Get Together SE1 in the London Bridge area on Saturday 20th June 2026.

Rehearsals will take place in the morning at Leigh Academy Blackheath from 10:00am for both the morning and afternoon groups.

In the afternoon, parents will join us (exact time to be confirmed), and together we'll make our way to Westcombe Park Station. From there, we'll travel by train to London Bridge, followed by a short 5-minute walk to the performance space. More details, including timings and what to bring, will be sent closer to the date.

Compulsory Rehearsal Days for Winter Showcase and Summer Showcase

Please see the reverse side for compulsory rehearsal days, from 10:00 to 16:30. These full-day rehearsals are crucial for setting and practicing as a whole school. There is no extra fee for this. Students unable to commit may not be included in specific numbers. Please put these dates in the diary.

Graded Exams

Our school is proud to be the flagship school of **I-PATH (International Performing Arts & Theatre)** – an exam board founded by our Principal, David Stinson. I-PATH exams are **Ofqual regulated** and carry **UCAS points** for Grades 6 to 8, offering a valuable boost to your child's educational achievements.

Exams are built into class time and involve **recorded performances**, so there's no added pressure or extra preparation required. The fee is **£25 per exam**, which includes a special discount for our students. Invoices will be issued separately.

Each academic year:

- **Musical Theatre Juniors, Inters and Seniors** take **one Acting** and **one Musical Theatre** exam.
- **Private singing students** have the option to take **I-PATH Singing exams**.
- **Private instrumental students** take **RSL (Rockschool) music exams**.

Talent Agency

I'm delighted to see some of our students join our Talent Agency, securing roles in West End musicals and on screen. If your child is interested, please speak to the front desk on Saturday. Darcy Jessup is our fulltime agent: agency@i-path.org

Private Lessons

If your child is interested in private tuition in acting, singing, piano, keyboard, flute, or clarinet, we offer professional one-to-one lessons in our dedicated studios. Lessons are £25 each and must be booked via email at office@davidstinsontheatreschool.com. A four-week notice period is required to end lessons. Students will work towards taking an exam.

Please Spread the Word

We would greatly appreciate it if you could share information about our school. Spreading the word in parent WhatsApp groups and social media groups would be incredibly helpful. Your support is invaluable in promoting our Free Trial classes and holiday clubs, and it helps us continue to grow our wonderful community. Please also leave a review on Google and Facebook. It'll take you a minute, but it will make a massive difference to our school.

DSTS TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2025 (Open 09:00 – 16:30)	Spring Term 2026 (Open 09:00 – 16:30)	Summer Term 2026 (Open 09:00 – 16:30)
6 th September	3 rd January	18 th April
13 th September	10 th January	25 th April
20 th September	17 th January	2 nd May
27 th September	24 th January	9 th May
4 th October	31 st January	16 th May
11 th October	7 th February	30 th May
18 th October	14 th February	6 th June
25 th October	21 st February	13th June
1 st November	28 th February	20 th June
8 th November	7 th March	27th June*
15 th November	14 th March	4 th July
22 nd November	21 st March	11 th July
29 th November	28 th March	18 th July
6th December*	11 th April	25 th July
13 th December		

We are closed on:

4th April 2026 – Easter Weekend

23rd May 2026 – May Bank Holiday

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 November 2025: Our Head Agent and Talent Scout, Darcey Jessup will be scouting talent in our school

1, 8, 15 November 2025: Optional Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Christmas Show (no additional fee)

22, 29 November 2025: Compulsory Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Christmas Show (no additional fee)

6 DECEMBER 2025: Christmas Concert at Leigh Academy Blackheath

13 December 2025: Acting Exams (These will be invoiced separately. They cost £25 per student)

2, 9, 16 May 2026: Optional Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Summer Show (no additional fee)

30 May, 6 June 2026: Compulsory Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Summer Show (no additional fee)

20 June 2026: The Great Get Together (All Musical Theatre Junior, Inter, and Seniors)

27 JUNE 2026: Summer Show at Greenwich Theatre

4, 11, 18 July 2026: Musical Theatre Exams (These will be invoiced separately. They cost £25 per student)

HOLIDAY CLUB DATES

October Half Term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October	Magical Wonders: Harry Potter, Matilda The Musical, Wicked
February Half Term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 February	Showstoppers: The Greatest Showman and Trolls
Easter Week 1	Monday 30 th March to Thursday 2 nd April	Animal Antics: Paddington, Zootropolis, Sing!
Easter Week 2	Tuesday 7 th April to Friday 10 th April	Under The Sea: The Little Mermaid, Finding Nemo, Peter Pan
May Half Term	Tuesday 26 th May to Friday 29 th May	Movie Magic: Encanto, Moana, and Hercules
Summer Week 1	Monday 20 th July to Friday 24 th July	Disney Magic: Frozen, Tangled, Aladdin
Summer Week 2	Monday 27 th July to Friday 31 st July	Poptastic: KPop Demon Hunters, Trolls, and Sing!
Summer Week 3	Monday 3 rd August to Friday 7 th August	Musical Madness: School of Rock and Shrek the Musical
Summer Week 4	Monday 10 th August to Friday 14 th August	Best of the Best: Sound of Music, Mary Poppins, Annie, Oliver!

**SATURDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE 20% OFF ALL HOLIDAY CLUBS.
USE THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING: XLF893**

THIS IS ONLY FOR SATURDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR SIBLINGS. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THIS WITH ANY OTHER PARENTS.