

Dear Parent/Carer,

The 2024/2025 academic year will be special as we celebrate the theatre school's 15th birthday!

#### Term Dates 2024/2025

Please keep this letter as it includes important term dates on the reverse side.

## **Attendance & Time Commitment**

Regular attendance is important for uninterrupted learning. We aim to give solo parts to students who show consistency and commitment. It would be helpful if your child could arrive on time and ready for warmup. Students with 100% attendance will receive a certificate and medal at the end of each term.

### Lyrics and Vocal Tracks

Access lyrics and vocal tracks via the Parent Portal for your children to practice at home.

#### The Great Get Together 2025

We will be auditioning children for this event. Healthy competition fosters ambition, commitment, and performance. This is an important part of their learning and development.

#### **Compulsory Rehearsal Days**

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.

## **Graded Exams**

As the Founder & CEO of International Performing Arts & Theatre (I-PATH), I am excited to share an important update: graded exams will now be introduced for all students. I-PATH is the fastest-growing performing arts exam board globally, offering 14+ syllabuses and operating in over 700 schools worldwide. Our exams are Ofqual regulated and carry UCAS points from Grade 6 onwards, providing a valuable addition to your child's educational portfolio.

These exams involve recording class performances seamlessly, without additional stress or preparation. The cost, a modest £30 per term, will be added to each term's invoice and includes a special discount for our school.

I-PATH's global reach and esteemed reputation ensure that your child's accomplishments are recognised and celebrated around the world. I am committed to highlighting the incredible talents of our students and providing them with opportunities to shine. For more information about I-PATH and our impact, please visit <a href="https://www.i-path.org">www.i-path.org</a>

#### **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.

## Spread the Word

We would greatly appreciate it if you could share information about our school with friends and family, as primary schools no longer allow theatre school promotions in book bags. 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.

Thank you for your time and support!
Best regards,
David Stinson FRSA



# **TERM DATES** 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
(Open 09:00 – 16:30)	(Open 09:00 – 16:30)	(Open 09:00 – 16:30)
07 September	04 January	26 April
14 September	11 January	03 May
21 September	18 January	10 May
28 September	25 January	17 May
05 October	01 February	24 May
12 October	08 February	31 May
19 October	15 February	07 June
26 October	22 February	<u>14 June</u>
02 November	01 March	<u>21 June</u>
09 November	08 March	28 June
16 November	15 March	05 July*
23 November	22 March	12 July
30 November	29 March	19 July
07 December	05 April*	26 July
14 December*	12 April	2 August
21 December	19 April	9 August

IMPORTANT: Parents/Carers can receive up to <u>2 FREE weeks</u> for holidays during term time. Inform the front desk after booking your holiday to receive a credit note for your next invoice. This will automatically be deducted on the following terms invoice.

## PLEASE INFORM THEATRE SCHOOL OF ANY ABSENSES. WE ASK STUDENTS TO HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

2, 9, 16 November 2024: Optional Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Christmas Show (no additional fee)

23, 30 November 2024: Compulsory Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Christmas Show (no additional fee)

## 7 DECEMBER 2024: Christmas Concert at Thomas Tallis

14 December 2024: Compulsory Singing Exams (An additional £30 on your Autumn Term Invoice will be added to cover this)

5 April 2025: Compulsory Acting Exams (An additional £30 on your Spring Term Invoice will be added to cover this)

10, 17, 24 May 2025: Optional Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Summer Show (no additional fee)

31 May & 7 June 2025: Compulsory Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Summer Show (no additional fee)

### 14 JUNE 2025: Summer Show at Thomas Tallis

21 June 2025: The Great Get Together (Selected students only – by audition)

5 July 2025: Compulsory Musical Theatre Exams (An additional £30 on your Summer Term Invoice will be added to cover this)

#### **HOLIDAY CLUBS**

October Half Term	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024
Christmas Club	Monday 23 December, Thursday 26 December, Friday 27 December,
	Monday 30 December, Thursday 1 January, Friday 3 January
February Half Term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025
Easter Week 1	Monday 7 April to Friday 11 April 2025
Easter Week 2	Monday 14 April to Friday 17 April 2025
May Half Term	Tuesday 27 May to Friday 30 May 2025
Summer Week 1	Monday 21 July to Friday 25 July 2025
Summer Week 2	Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August 2025
Summer Week 3	Monday 4 August to Friday 8 August 2025
Summer Week 4	Monday 11 August to Friday 15 August 2025
Summer Week 5	Monday 18 August to Friday 22 August 2025
Summer Week 6	Monday 25 August to Friday 29 August 2025