

St Matthew Academy, St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, SE3 0XX

Term Dates 2026-2027

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.

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 **£30 per exam**, which includes a special discount for our students. Invoices will be issued separately.

Each academic year:

- **Musical Theatre Juniors, Inters Pre-Seniors, 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 **MTB 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 2026 (Open 09:00 – 16:30)	Spring Term 2027 (Open 09:00 – 16:30)	Summer Term 2027 (Open 09:00 – 16:30)
12 th September	9 th January	3 rd April
19 th September	16 th January	10 th April
26 th September	23 rd January	17 th April
3 rd October	30 th January	24 th April
10 th October	6 th February	1 st May
17 th October	13 th February	8 th May
24 th October	20 th February	15 th May
31 st October	27 th February	22 nd May
7 th November	6 th March	5 th June
14 th November	13 th March	12 th June
21 st November	20 th March	19 th June
28 th November		26 th June (Show at Thomas Tallis)
5 th December (Show at Thomas Tallis)		3 rd July
12 th December		10 th July
19 th December		17 th July

We are **CLOSED** on:

19th, 26th December 2026 – Christmas Holiday

2nd January 2027 – Christmas Holiday

27th March 2027 – Easter Weekend

29th May 2027 – Spring Bank Holiday Weekend

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7, 14 November: Optional Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Christmas Show (no additional fee)

21, 28 November: Compulsory Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Christmas Show (no additional fee)

5 DECEMBER: Christmas Concert at Thomas Tallis School

22 May & 5 June: Optional Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Summer Show (no additional fee)

12, 19 June: Compulsory Whole Day Attendance in preparation for Summer Show (no additional fee)

26 JUNE 2026: Summer Show at Thomas Tallis School

HOLIDAY CLUB DATES

October Half Term	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026
February Half Term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2027
Easter Week 1	Tuesday 30 th March to Friday 2 nd April 2027
Easter Week 2	Monday 5 th April to Friday 9 th April 2027
May Half Term	Tuesday 1 st June to Friday 4 th June 2027
Summer Week 1	Monday 26 th July to Friday 30 th July 2027
Summer Week 2	Monday 2 nd August to Friday 6 th August 2027
Summer Week 3	Monday 9 th August to Friday 13 th August 2027
Summer Week 4	Monday 16 th August to Friday 20 th August 2027
Summer Week 5	Monday 23 rd August to Friday 27 th August 2027

SATURDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE 20% OFF ALL HOLIDAY CLUBS.

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