



AUGUST 2020

MESSAGE FROM FRAN

Plans are made, procedures in place and we are ready! The teachers and I are really looking forward to seeing everyone again. Not only to do what we all love, performing, but it will be great for the students to see their friends again, social skills flourish once more and see their confidence build. Attached are our new procedures, a copy of the timetable (no change to the one sent at the end of August) and the invoice for this term.

TERM STARTS AGAIN ON SATURDAY 5th September.



UNIFORM

T-Shirts and Hoodies can be ordered online via our website- www.fsddramaschool.co.uk. We are currently looking at bringing back the FSD bag and a new FSD water bottle, both of which will be personalised. Details to follow.



WORKSHOP

Congratulations to all those who took part in the 2020 workshop. It was very different, no live performance, classes in pods and socially distanced, but it was such a fun, busy week. So good to dance and act again, record singing from home and smile and laugh together. Thank you so much to my team of creative and energetic teachers, teaching assistants (all past students) and the tech boys. (An E-Mail was sent on 27th Aug detailing how to view the finished film)



1:1 CLASSES

We are continuing with 1:1 drama classes via Zoom this term. Also from September we are offering 1:1 singing lessons via zoom with Lauren. If you are interested in either of these, please contact Fran to discuss – franfsd1@hotmail.co.uk



DRAMA CLASSES



MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

The Government have recently lifted the ban on no singing in public places, but it is early days and there are still many restrictions in place. LAMDA have also temporarily cancelled the Group Musical Theatre examinations. Therefore, following many discussions we have some exciting plans for Musical Theatre, which we will constantly review.

- We have split the classes into smaller groups, giving more space to the students and more teacher time. To help identify these groups they keep their original Spotlight /Toe Tappers / Jazz hands and Top Hats, but also have taken on a famous Musical Theatre Director/ Composer/ Choreographer. Eg Top Hats Gershwin.
- During class we will be exploring various different Musical Theatres genres , learning dance techniques and drama styles appropriate for that time . We will then start work on our productions , if all goes according to plan , due to take place at the Brentwood Theatre , week commencing **19th APRIL 2021**.
- In addition to these lessons, Lauren will be holding group zoom classes to work on singing. Appreciate not all will be able to do, but if you can, it will be fantastic way to keep singing , safely. There will NOT be an extra cost. These will take place on Musical Theatre Mondays

(Please note times below are updated as per email sent 6th Sept)

SPOTLIGHT AND TOE TAPPERS 4.45-5.15pm
 JAZZ HANDS AND TOP HATS 5.20-5.50pm

- If you would like to take part in these please contact fran and she will forward you the Zoom details.
- For those of you who have paid for the Musical Theatre examinations, we will deduct this from next term fees.
- Year 7 and 8 students are now moving from Toe Tappers into Top Hats SONDEHEIM. Usually this would also moving to 90 minutes. However, for now we have decided to keep the class to an hour, whilst the groups are small.

We will be getting back to basics , focusing on acting skills, through drama games, improvisation, role play and exam work.

EXAMINATIONS are due to take place on **SATURDAY 21ST AND SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020** For the younger students this will be Speaking of Verse and for the older students Acting Duologues and some Monologues . We have some great new scripts and poems and are looking forward to being creative with our socially distanced moves ! If you decide the financial implications are too much or the children have too much to catch up on at school, it will still be beneficial to just work towards the examination. They really help with confidence building, social interaction, speech and creativity .

MINI PRODUCTIONS – we've had great fun planning the Mini play for every class, and deciding characters for each student. We will start work on these after the examinations and are hoping to be able to perform them at the Brentwood Theatre week commencing 1st MARCH 2021



PLAYHOUSE

We look forward to welcoming back our Playhouse group to the Fold along with some new young students. We have some fun new warm ups, routines and role plays , along with our old favourites. Unfortunately we wont be able to use props and dressing up costumes this term , however we are excited to introduce our newest member of FSD , Boppi the dancing dramallama!