

LDA Newsletter

LET'S DANCE
ACADEMY

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Welcome to your Termly LDA Newsletter!

Welcome to our Termly newsletter!

We are hoping to make this a more regular occurrence to keep upcoming information all in one place, for you to refer back to as we know it can be a lot of information at once.

We will be adding in any extra exciting news in the newsletters to keep you all up to date.

Today's newsletter will be telling you all about our upcoming term, workshops and shows as well as what to expect in 2025 as part of the LDA family!

It will also mention show highlights from our previous term.

As always, term dates, timetables, uniform and any info you need can be found on our website (link on last page).

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

LDA Team x

SPRING TERM DATES 2025

Saturday 11th January - Friday 28th March
(Except Thursday Acro which will start Thurs 9th Jan, and off Thurs 16th Jan due to a school event)

HALF TERM DATES

17th - 23rd February

BRAND NEW CLASS

- Beginners Adult Tap Fridays @ 12pm St Pauls Church
- Trial classes available (free for current parents)

WICKED WORKSHOP - FINAL SPACES!

- Saturday 4th January
- Wheatfields Junior School
- £14 per student

School years:

- 10:00 - 11:15am - Years 1,2,3
- 11:30 - 12:45pm - Year 4,5,6
- 1:00 - 2:15pm - Years 7+
- Book via:
https://www.thinksmartsoftwareuk.com/ocr/single_class_listings_view.php?c=5607EB23F247D&p_id=8&t=dancebiz&set=yes

In this newsletter you can expect:

Spring term dates 2025

Upcoming workshop info

ACRO spaces

Easter exam dates

Miss Alison's retirement

Upcoming shows in 2025





Choreography competition

SUNDAY 22nd June 2024 - The Abbey Theatre, St Albans

The first LDA Choreographic Competition was in 1993 and has been running biannually ever since!

The choreographic competition was started to give our students the experience of competitive dancing in a fun and friendly environment.

The Choreographic competition is the chance for ALL of our students to get creative with their choreography, taking all they have learnt in class and taking charge! They pick the music, the costume and perform it at our Choreographic Competition at The Abbey Theatre, St Albans.

Students should decide on performing a solo, duet or group dance. Students are split into age categories based on the oldest dancer.

Each category has a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize, as well as an overall winner of the Musicality award, Theatricality award, Costume award and the Adjudicators award. We also have our awards evening as well as presenting our **scholarship award**.



1-2-1'S AND FESTIVE WORKSHOPS:



SOME OF OUR YOUNGER STUDENTS ENJOYED A FESTIVE WORKSHOP WITH LORI AND EXPERIENCED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE IN A STREET CREW! WELL DONE EVERYONE!



My First Show

Our Saturday 8:45am class will take part in our **first show**, as well as other selected classes. We will let you know at the start of term if this includes your child's class.

The idea being that our youngest students will get to experience a very small-scale, less formal version of our show by performing on a smaller stage in front of just their family/friends.

It will be completely adapted for younger students', examples being the lights will be slightly dimmed between dances instead of blackouts, the music won't be as loud etc. As they will also be on stage with their class helpers, it will still feel familiar and hopefully more fun than scary! They will wear a full costume, have their hair done and optional make up.

It's a little steppingstone in preparing them to perform in our larger show and will help with their confidence! When they then get to our next full-scale show (July 2026) then it won't be quite so daunting!





The London Ballet Company Affiliation

Some of our students were selected through our affiliate workshops to The London Ballet Company Associates programme.

They attend 1 Sunday a month! We have 2 more workshops at LDA for ages 8+ due in 2025, where they will be selecting more students for their programme as well as teaching repertoire from their touring Ballets, for those who just wish to come along and learn from their incredible teachers.

We are one of a handful of selected schools throughout the UK that they visit as part of the affiliation.

Lucy Geach in St Albans Panto. We'd like to wish LDA student Lucy Geach the best of luck In The St Albans Panto. I'm sure many of you will go and see her over the festive period!



Welcome Molly!

I'd like to Welcome Miss Molly to the teaching team at LDA. Molly will be taking over from Miss Gabby on a Friday after Xmas, as well as a gradual hand over this term from Alison on a Monday. Welcome to the team Miss Molly.



CHRISTMAS EXAMS:



A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO AROUND 60 OF OUR STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN ISTD EXAMS IN NOV/DEC. WE WERE VERY PROUD OF THEIR RESULTS AND EXCEPTIONALLY PROUD OF STUDENTS WHO TOOK THEIR FIRST EXAM!



Acro space:

As our students start to build their skills and tumble around Sandringham School on a Wednesday and Thursday term time! We'd like to offer any current LDA student a free trial class in January. So if you'd like to join us for Acro in 2025, **get in touch!**

Dance Company:

Our Dance Company are due to attend a "Mean Girls" pineapple dance workshop & Theatre trip in January, as well working hard in rehearsals **performing at Shaftesbury Avenue** in 2025!





Alison retirement:

I have been in touch this week with the bitter sweet news that Miss Alison is now due to retire this term. She has been an extraordinary mentor, an incredible teacher, and a nurturing presence for everyone at LDA.

Alison's immense knowledge, passion, and dedication has shaped so many lives at LDA and set a high standard that we are committed to upholding. While no one can truly replace her, Alison and I are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition and find the best teachers to carry forward the lovely classes she has built and will let her classes know of new teacher plans once appointed.

Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support of both Miss Alison and LDA. Alison's influence on our school has been profound, and her legacy will continue to inspire us as we move forward.



STUDENT NEWS

Going forward if you have any dance specific student news you'd like to include in our newsletter, please email us on admin@letsdanceacademy.co.uk

<https://www.letsdanceacademy.co.uk>

*Thank you for reading!
Merry Christmas!*

