

Dear all our valued NLPAC Students and Parents/Carers,

Following the news about school closures, NLPAC's lessons will run **until Friday evening 20th March 2020**.

Please read entire message... even if it is a bit long!

From Saturday onwards, we are temporarily shutting our doors until further notice. Saturday's lessons will not be going ahead. We look forward to making these next couple of days as fun as possible before we close the building indefinitely for the first time in nearly 30 years! As we have said and will continue to say, we simply have to put the safety of our students first.

If you do attend Saturday Stage School, you are MORE than welcome to come along and attend tonight's Thursday Stage School class for FREE. The Thursday students are particularly friendly and a wonderful bunch of kids. The teachers will be in full attendance - Imogen, Beth and Justine, and classes will be split into their usual studios. It would be lovely for the Thursday students to meet those from Saturday who can make it.

Today's Buggy Malone rehearsal WILL be going ahead to run through what they've learnt so far. We will film sections of the run through to help the cast practice during their time away from rehearsals. This run through will be completely relaxed - scripts in hand if needed.

Just to reiterate - We have been in constant communication with our staff. Absolutely no staff have been allowed near the building if they have (or been in contact with anyone else who has) shown any of the symptoms. Please do not come to class if you are showing any symptoms.



We are excited to start running online classes and activities. For as many classes as we can, we will be sending tasks for students to practice at home, setting theory quizzes for Ballet and Music students as well as exercises to help their technique. We are very excited about the weekly online competitions and tasks we have prepared for all students

to participate in. We really hope we can all engage and encourage each other to stay positive and mentally stimulated. With schools closing across the country it is important to us to keep our students busy and active.

In preparation for closure, we have also taken tutorials on various online learning applications. We have run a few tester online music lessons this week and we are happy to say that they have worked remarkably well. We will be in contact with students who receive private music lessons to arrange virtual sessions where possible.

Please follow our Facebook page for updates on our online teaching — > <https://m.facebook.com/newlondonperformingartscentre/?ref=bookmarks>

This is a position NLPAC has never been in before. We are excited to provide a special space for our students to learn while schools are closed. We would love any ideas and advice you have on how we can help our students during this increasingly difficult time. We are here for all of you!



We can't thank you enough for your wonderful replies to our last email regarding the Annual Show postponements. Some left us rather emotional and we really appreciate your encouragement and kind words.

We will work hard to continue to build on this wonderful community we have. As a non-profit organisation and charity, we rely on the foundation of our NLPAC family to keep the charity afloat. We hope you can stay with us throughout this scary time and we will provide as much as we can while our doors are forced shut.

All of us at NLPAC will miss seeing all your lovely smiling faces walking up that yellow ramp!

Sending lots of positivity your way...

🎵 Cheerio, we'll be back soon! 🎵

Emily and all the NLPAC team