

RIVER DRAMA NEWS

May 2020

Dear River Drama Family

We hope you are all keeping well and safe in these tricky times. We are very sorry about the abrupt end to River Drama sessions in March, but we know that you all understand that decisions had to be made very quickly.

Although it is unlikely that River Drama sessions will restart at The Oast in the foreseeable future we are very pleased to announce that some of our regular tutors will be holding Zoom Sessions on Saturday afternoons starting next Saturday 9th May, for those students who would like to join in.

May – June 2020 RD Zoom Sessions

Youth Group 3.00 - 3.40pm
Academy Group 4.00 - 4.40pm

May 9th

May 16th

May 23rd

Half Term (no RD on 30th May)

June 6th

June 13th

June 20th

Zoom Session Arrangements for River Drama

If your student would like to take part in Zoom Sessions please email me to ensure that you are on the list. Because we don't want to bother people with endless emails if they are not wishing to take part, **you must OPT – IN** by emailing me to be part of the scheme. When you email me please let me know the appropriate email address for me to send the Zoom meeting details to. If you are not familiar with Zoom Sessions it is necessary to have a device (phone, tablet, laptop, PC) which has audio and a webcam/camera. If you have this it is extremely straightforward and we will be happy to talk you through how to access the sessions.

Our trip to Wizard of Oz at the Assembly Hall this month has been cancelled and in the current situation (as of 2nd May) the Committee believe it is highly unlikely that our 2020 Academy Week will be able to take place.

The good news is that River Drama is a very stable organisation with robust reserves and unlike less fortunate charities which rely on constant revenue from their services, our future is assured and as soon as it is safe to do so we will be looking forward to welcoming everyone back!

River Drama Academy Facebook

Take a look back and see how our students have all grown up!
This is a 'private group' page for Academy Group members, Volunteers and Parents of all River Drama Students. (We do not accept requests from RD Members who are under 18). If you are not already a member of this group you may like to send a request. NB This page is only for photos and memories of RD and is not for posting or requesting information about River Drama sessions.

Looking for something new to watch?

Our tutor Abby has been making lots of content for her YouTube channel 'Miss Whale's Tales' which she thinks you might enjoy - you can find it here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGvxellYEp66oVcUj4WhFRw>

If you have some fun things which you would like included on the next newsletter please send me the link before the 15th June.

That's it for now – but I hope very much to see some of you at our new Zoom sessions starting next Saturday – Don't forget you must email me if you wish to be included in the sessions.

With very best wishes,

Elaine Harris

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