

Coast Youth Dance Company – Info Sheet

Dear Dancers, Parents & Carers,

My name is Matt & I'm the Young People's Producer for PDSW. I work alongside our schools, community groups for young people, lead on mentoring & work experience, support our Young Choreographer South West artists, devise our emerging talent programme & produce our youth resident company **Coast**. I can't wait to meet you and am always here to help!

Thank you for your interest in being part of Coast for next academic year 2020/2021.

Please read the details below very carefully & if you have any questions, do get in touch.

Who we are

Coast is for everyone aged between **14-19 years old (up to 25 years old for dancers with disabilities)**. I am particularly keen to encourage and support young people who might not necessarily feel they have significant experience yet. We welcome male & female-identifying young people & from every corner of our BCP & Dorset community.

Coast is a high-level training programme but with our fabulous Artistic Director, Sophie Douglas; we are looking for **potential & creativity & great team-players**, rather than particular experience.

The rooting of the group is in contemporary dance styles but we also explore other styles & fusions so everyone is welcome.

Audition Workshop

Our audition workshop is for new auditionees and our existing company members. Join us on **Wednesday 2nd September from 1pm-4pm** will be made up of a series of welcome activities, combined with warm-up, a workshop with Sophie & the chance to meet current company members and ask questions.

Please come already dressed ready to dance & bring a pair of non-marking soft dance shoes, ballet shoes or trainers. We normally dance in bare feet but at this present time might ask you to wear shoes.

Audition videos

This year we are also asking new interested members to submit **2 short digital videos** ahead of the audition workshop so we can get to know you individually & safely. This will also be a great way to get creative.

Please send us 2 videos that:

- 1) Introduce yourself & tell us a little about what inspires you
- 2) Show you dancing – you can film it in any location, landscaped & it should be between 30sec-1minute long. Choose music & a style that expresses who you are. You may wish to share with us a piece of repertoire that you already know from school or other dance classes or a piece you've created yourself.

Please send these to me via email or WeTransfer to: matthewh@pdswh.org.uk

Coast Company Representative

This year, we would like to invite new & existing company members to put themselves forward to be a Company Representative. Sophie would like to champion this role as a spokesperson for the company, a collective voice if you like. The role can be shaped to support a young person in their own interests, whether that be in teaching, choreographing or producing. Should you like to put yourself forward for this opportunity, please be prepared to stay between **4-5pm on Weds 2nd September** to talk to myself & Sophie further. Please bring along your ideas – these could be in written or presentation format.

Plans for the year

Coast participate in regular **weekly sessions** during school term time on **Monday evenings from 5.30pm-8pm.**

There may also be residencies, masterclasses, performances, audience tickets for professional performances at PDSW and social activities.

We will send successful company members our term dates as soon as possible. Dates are dependent on our venue at the Pavilion opening schedule & also following local, regional & national guidance. The health, safety & wellbeing of our dance community is our absolute priority and is at the forefront of what we do. We will only offer dance in our studios when it is safe & our team are ready to do so. Please note that live classes in our studios may be substituted with digital/online classes if required for safety reasons.

Fees

Our membership fee for this academic year will be **£395**. This fee is for regular weekly sessions during term time. Please note that we require **commitment for the whole academic year**, though payment may be made in installments, in agreement & arrangement with our Finance department. **Bursaries** may also be available - please contact me directly for information.

Due to school exam scheduling, our regular sessions will run until May half-term. We reserve the right to reschedule, postpone or cancel classes as advised by ongoing health & safety advice.

We may ask for additional fees should you wish to continue participating in activities between May & July 2021.

Every year is different and I am keen that we refresh & are energised by the wonderful talent of new members & also learn & grow with our brilliant existing company members. No two years will be the same. What I can say is that there will be amazing learning opportunities & dance experiences!

In addition to the membership fee for the year, we may offer extra activities at an additional cost, such as guest residencies, masterclasses & tickets but we will always give you notice of these. There may also be half-term & holiday dance possibilities.

Do follow on Instagram [@coastyouthdanceco](https://www.instagram.com/coastyouthdanceco) to see what we've been up to this year!

Spread the word! Please share with friends, colleagues & families.
I look forward to meeting you / your child soon!

very best wishes,

Matt

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New Member Auditionee Checklist

- New Member Online Application & Video Submission form by Tues 1st Sept
- New Members: 2 x Video submissions by Tues 1st Sept
- Welcome Guide participation consent signature form by Tues 1st Sept
- Audition Registration form by Tues 1st Sept

Existing Member Auditionee Checklist

- Welcome Guide participation consent signature form by Tues 1st Sept
- Audition Registration form by Tues 1st Sept