

**INFORMATION PACK  
IAB YOUTH ACADEMY**

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**1. Welcome to the Youth Academy**

The IAB Youth Academy is taught in English and takes place on Saturdays for children aged 8 – 15 who are passionate about singing, dancing and acting. The course has been specially designed to bring out every child’s true potential.

The IAB Youth Academy is a safe and exciting environment in which students can learn, grow, and enrich their lives through classes in singing, acting and dance. Each student has the opportunity to work with our world class teachers who have been hand-picked for their experience, warmth and professionalism.

The programme is run in four separate groups for children aged 8 – 15 years who wish to build confidence, skills and have fun in a safe and encouraging learning environment.

In order to ensure that students have the best experience, they will be divided into smaller age groups.

**2. Term dates and times**

The courses will run three times a year, on a term basis of approximately 10 weeks. The number of sessions for each term may vary. Each session will last 3 hours.

Classes are delivered on Saturday mornings on the IAB Campus and will run for a total of three hours each week\*.

\*Hours and times may vary.

**Dates for the Spring 2023 term, commencing on 14 January 2023, are as follows:**

<b>14 January</b>	<b>21 Jan</b>	<b>28 Jan</b>	
<b>4 Feb</b>	<b>11 Feb</b>	<b>18 Feb</b>	
<b>4 March</b>	<b>11 March</b>	<b>18 March</b>	<b>25 March</b>

Students will be required to attend all classes for the duration of the term.

Classes will take place within the IAB's world class facilities in Sitges, Barcelona.

Each Saturday students will undertake classes in singing, acting, and dance.

### 3. Our teachers

Our fantastic team of teachers have one aim – to bring out the best in each student.

Classes will be taught by experienced and talented staff who are committed to ensuring that the health, safety and happiness of each student is of utmost importance.

All teachers have professional performance experience, general education experience and between them can speak Spanish, English and Catalan.

The teaching team will be led by Jofre Alsina with support from Jessica Hallam and Steve Evans.

### 4. Daily timetable

Saturday classes will include:

<b>DRAMA</b> Acting warm-up, acting games, role-playing, improvisation.
<b>SINGING</b> Singing technique, musicality, diction, voice projection.
<b>DANCE</b> Movement/dance exercises, basic dance technique, acting through dance, musical theatre jazz.

We ask that all students arrive by **9:50 am**.

### 5. Performance

At the end of each term, students will rehearse and participate in a performance in the IAB's famous theatre. We invite all the parents and friends to see the results of their hard work. There is no show without public, so please come along!

### 6. Dress code

Children should wear comfortable clothing, including:

- T-shirt
- Track suit bottoms or leggings
- Trainers
- Extra socks or gym shoes
- Girls hair must be off the face and the back of the neck
- Hats and jewelry are not worn for health and safety reasons
- Sun cream for classes in the courtyard and during the breaks (as appropriate)

## 7. Snacks & refreshments

Please ensure that your child brings along a snack and drink for the break times. As we may have some students with severe allergies, can we please ask parents not to include nuts or products containing nuts (including sesame snacks).

We have filtered water available at all times for students. Please note that lunch will not be provided.

## 8. Code of Conduct

We ask that:

- Children arrive promptly each day at 9:50 am to the registration point (Main door of IAB).
- Children attend every class.
- If a student is unable to attend class, parents/ guardians are required to contact IAB via [youthacademy@iabarcelona.es](mailto:youthacademy@iabarcelona.es) and where possible, provide 24hrs notice of the students absence.

A register will be taken at the beginning of each lesson.

## 9. COVID-19 policies and health procedures

It is important to note that:

- Food can only be consumed in outdoor spaces
- Hands should be washed regularly and before and after using the toilets.
- Hand sanitising gel is available through the IAB and entrance to studios and should be used regularly.

It is essential that children who experience any of the following symptoms remain at home:

- Temperature/ fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Nasal congestion
- Sore throat
- Stomach ache
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Physical discomfort
- Muscle pain

### Contact for questions

Do not hesitate to contact us if have any information you think we should know or if we can help you with any other questions. Please contact us by email via [youthacademy@iabarcelona.es](mailto:youthacademy@iabarcelona.es).

## FAQs

### What happens if I don't have any experience in dancing, singing or drama?

No previous experience is to join our Musical Theatre Club. All that is required is lots of enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn and have fun.

### What if my English is poor?

Although all classes are taught in English, our team of teachers will be able to guide you through the classes if English is not your first language. If you do not speak any English at all, please get in touch with us at [youthacademy@iabarcelona.es](mailto:youthacademy@iabarcelona.es) and we can discuss this directly with you.

### Can I only attend some of the classes on Saturday?

The programme is designed so that all classes are linked and are integrated with each other. Therefore, students are required to participate in all three classes: drama, singing and dancing.

### Do I need to attend every Saturday?

Yes, not only because we shall learn new exciting things each week, but we shall be rehearsing for our end of term production and if you are absent, it effects the entire show.

### What happens if due to COVID-19 the classes have to stop?

Everyone's safety is our number one priority. If classes are unable to continue due to Government advice, each student will receive a refund for the classes not delivered. The IAB Youth Academy will not be run online as we believe we cannot provide the same quality of training.

### Will you divide the children into groups?

Yes, classes will be divided by age into groups.

### What age do children have to be to join the Youth Academy?

The Youth Academy junior classes are designed for children aged 8 to 15. However, if your child will be turning 8 during term time you may be able to enroll them for the start of that term.

Can I try IAB'S Youth Club before committing to a full term?

Yes, it is possible to join and pay for one Saturday as a trial session.

What should we do if we are unable to attend our usual classes one week?

If you are unable to attend class, please contact us by email via [youthacademy@iabarcelona.es](mailto:youthacademy@iabarcelona.es)

How much notice do I have to give should I decide to leave IAB'S Youth Academy?

You must give half a term's written notice to the programme leader should you decide to leave IAB Youth Academy.