

16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Regular attendance at school is important for all our pupils. It is needed to offer the best opportunities for learning. And for autistic pupils the daily routine is essential.

Consistent attendance helps reduce anxiety and supports our pupils in building confidence and resilience as they grow. For this reason, it is very important that pupils attend school during term time and that holidays are taken during school holiday periods. It is only in exceptional circumstances that we can authorise absence during term time. Any gaps in attendance leads to gaps in learning and development. We appreciate your understanding and continued support with this.

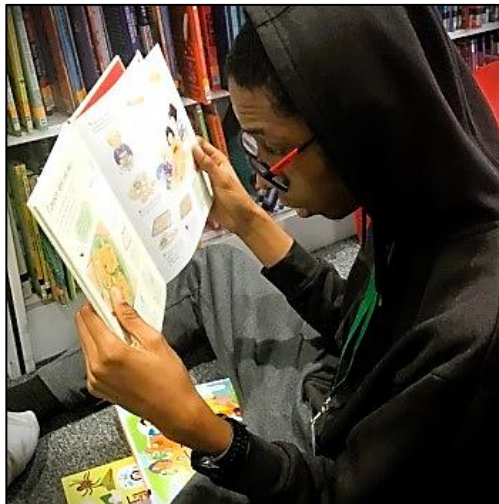


Highlights this week - Off-site enrichment

Camberwell library

Our students enjoy weekly visits to Camberwell Library. These visits develop skills for staying safe in the community whilst engaging positively with local amenities. Students explore the library space, browse and select books, and use their library cards to borrow items. These visits help foster independence, responsibility, and a love of reading while broadening interests and understanding.

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Camberwell Leisure Centre

All Key Stage 4 students are members of Camberwell Leisure Centre and attend regularly. They enjoy using the fixed equipment and following structured circuits to develop fitness, strength, and overall wellbeing. These visits are an important part of preparing our students for adult life and supporting them to become confident, active members of the community.





Online Safety

Popular Apps and Games – A handout for parents and carers

We encourage parents and carers to download this free guide, which includes:

- Key insights into popular apps and games
- Safety and wellbeing features
- Help and support links (e.g. Family Pairing, YouTube Supervised Experience)
- Useful helplines

Click [**HERE**](#) to download the guide.

PlayStation Family App

Launched in September 2025, the PlayStation Family App helps parents and carers set up and manage their child's gaming experience. Features include:

- Manage playtime
- Activity report
- Visibility into what children are playing
- Approving playtime requests.

Click [**HERE**](#) to access the webpage.

Looking Ahead

- **Year 9 Immunisations** - Monday, 19th January 2026
- **Primary Family Training - Communication** - Monday, 26th January 2026 at 09:45
- **Secondary Family Training - Communication** - Thursday, 29th January 2026 at 14:15
- **Children's Mental Health Week** - Monday, 9th February 2026
- **Ranger Stu** – Tuesday, 10th February 2026
- **Last day of school Spring 1** – Friday, 13th February 2026
- **First day of school Spring 2** – Tuesday, 24th February 2026

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Support for families and community activities

Best Start Family Hubs

Best Start Family Hubs are welcoming, community-based spaces offering face-to-face support, information, and advice for families. All families with children can join, and most services are free. Families with children or young people up to age 25 with SEND are also welcome.

Support includes:

- Health services (antenatal, maternity, health visiting, school nurses) from the health visiting team
- Early years and childcare
- The home learning environment
- Parenting and relationship support
- Emotional and wellbeing support
- Youth services

Find out more or join a hub by clicking [HERE](#)

SENSational - Stay & Play and Short Breaks

Available during weekends and school holidays, SENSational sessions support children with additional needs and disabilities. Activities include arts and crafts, sensory play, outdoor learning, and circle time.

SENSational **Short Breaks** allow parents and carers to drop off their child and enjoy a short break, knowing their child is supported in a safe and engaging environment.

To find out more about his service and other weekend and holiday activities, click [HERE](#)

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can support you with. We wish you and your families a calm, happy, and restful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steph Lea".

Steph Lea
Executive Headteacher