

SCS Newsletter

21st March 2025



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Dear Families,

Our annual Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review took place across this week. The review assesses our school provision, curriculum, teaching, learning, culture, and school improvement plan. The review was completed by a team of three experienced special school leaders. We will share the report once it is published.

Camden Special Parents Forum: Join the Forum for a Thematic Session with Camden SEN on Wednesday 26th March, with the Director of Education, Commissioning and Inclusion, Vikram Hansrani and Head of SEND and Inclusion, Di Osbourne. This is a chance to meet directly with those implementing the strategy for Camden. It is also a great opportunity to have your say, offer constructive feedback and to stay up to date with all that is going on and what is to come. Our Parent/Carer participation is key. [Click here for more information.](#)

Message from Clerk of Governing Board Ahmed Yusuf: I am pleased to announce the results of our recent parent governor election. I am delighted to confirm that Ellie Enweliku has been elected unopposed. Ellie will officially join the governing body at the next meeting, pending the necessary checks. We have one remaining parent governor vacancy, and will recirculate the application form next week.

Terms Dates:

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April 2025

Monday 6th January: Staff training day - no school for pupils

Half-term: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

Spring Holiday: Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025 (Easter weekend 18th – 21st April)

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Monday 5th May: May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils

Half-term: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

Monday 30th June: Staff training day - no school for pupils

Tuesday 22nd July 2025: Last day for pupils

A reminder that the last day of Spring Term is **Friday 4th April 2025**

The 2025-2026 School Year Term Dates can be found on our website, here: www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/parents/termdates

Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,
Swiss Cottage School

Join Our Thematic Session! With the Director of Education, Commissioning and Inclusion, Vikram Hansrani and Head of SEND and Inclusion, Di Osbourne

UNDERSTANDING AND COLLABORATING ON THE YEAR 3 SEND STRATEGY

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

We invite you to a valuable session focused on the Year 3 implementation plan of our SEND strategy.

Agenda:

- Overview of the Year 3 implementation plan.
- Discussion on the impact of the plan.
- Strategies for effective collaboration with parents and carers
- Q&A session

When: 26th March 2025 at 10:30am to 12:30pm

Where: The Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, London, NW5 1LB
Find the Centre in Google Maps

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Join us for our **SPRING TERM 2025 Walk & Talk sessions**



Our popular Walk & Talk sessions are led by Ali who herself is a Camden parent. This is a chance to get together with other parents who all share the experience of having a child with additional needs and/or learning disabilities. Talk about your problems, get some emotional support and find possible solutions. Everyone gets some time to talk and to learn from each other's experiences. Midway we stop off for a coffee at the café at Kerwood. You are also welcome even if you just want to walk and listen. You will feel great after a walk on the Heath with us – so why not come along?

When: Mondays: 27th January, 24th February and 31st March 2025

Time: 10.15am – 12.30pm

Where: Hampstead Heath - Meet by the water fountain/cafe/toilets on Hampstead Heath by the Parliament Hill side of the Heath near the tennis courts (bus access from C2 or 214 or C11 get off at Parliament Hill/ Swains Lane bus stop).

What: Wear appropriate clothing as we will go rain or shine, and please be on time!

Please let Ali know if you're coming and also if you have to cancel last minute so we don't wait
Ali: 07788 521693

Keep an eye on facebook, add your name to our contact list and keep in touch.

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CAMHS Support Session for Parents and Carers of Children with Additional Needs in Camden

Understanding and Managing Behaviour in children (all ages)

When: Monday 31st March 11:45am-1pm
Where: On ZOOM (Register for a link)



A group session run on Zoom by Mosaic CAMHS to think about how to understand behaviours of concern in children. We explore meanings of behaviour and approaches to building parental confidence to help prevent and manage behaviours of concern.

BOOK EARLY - only a limited number of spaces available.

This CAMHS support session will be delivered by Susan Cottam, clinical psychologist, and Adele O'Hanlon, child psychotherapist, who are working with many Camden families.

To book onto this session please email:

Natasha.Burgess@kids.org.uk Text or call Natasha on 07711 767 258 Or contact
Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk Text or Call Aisha 07385 003 662

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Camden **MOSAIC**

Group for parents of adolescents with extra needs - 2025 at Swiss Cottage School

OPEN TO PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AT ANY CAMDEN SCHOOL
Interpreters are available if you let us know in advance

Monday mornings from 10am to 11am on:

Monday 13 Jan 2025 ADOLESCENCE - WHAT TO EXPECT

Monday 20 Jan 2025 FRIENDSHIPS

Monday 10 Feb 2025 SEXUALITY

Monday 24 Feb 2025 IDENTITY AND INDEPENDENCE

Monday 10 Mar 2025 SIBLINGS

Monday 24 Mar 2025 YOUR ADULT RELATIONSHIPS

WE ARE INFORMAL, FRIENDLY AND WILLING TO LISTEN – COME ALONG AND TRY A SESSION

Group run by Susan Cottam and Will Parkinson from Camden MOSAIC CAMHS
Contact us on 020 3317 2261 or susan.cottam@nhs.net or william.parkinson@nhs.net if you would like to come



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CAMDEN Special Parents Forum **SPRING Calendar 2025**

Welcome to our **SPRING** Calendar of events, workshops and meetings for any parent, carer in Camden with a child or young person (0-25 years) with special needs. Whether you are seeking guidance, looking to share your experiences or simply hoping to connect with other parents or carers, our calendar has something for everyone. Please join us!

Coffee Mornings are a chance to meet other parents for a chat & to share advice and info.

Walk and Talks are relaxed walks on Hampstead Heath and a chance to get together with other parents, have a cup of coffee along the way and just talk about anything and everything.

Workshops are held each term on different subjects.

Forum Meetings are when we get together as parents with different professionals from services in and around Camden – ask questions, get updates and give feedback.

To book onto anything on our calendar below, get on our mailing list or to find out more please get in touch:

Natasha.Burgess@kids.org.uk Text or call Natasha on 07711 767 258 Or contact
Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk Text or Call Aisha 07385 003 662

We are on Facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and Twitter @CamdenSPForum

Jan

14 Tue Coffee Morning, 10.30am-11.30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
22 Wed Themed Forum Meeting, 10.30am-12pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
27 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
29 Wed Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12pm @ Charlie Ratchford Court, 43 Croxall Road, Chalk Farm, NW1 8FA.

Feb

05 Wed Total communications workshop, 10am-12pm Online via Zoom- register for Zoom link.
11 Tue Annual Review workshop, SENDIASS 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
24 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
26 Wed KIDS Camden Parent, Carer Well-Being day 10.30am-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town

Mar

04 Tue Coffee Morning, 10.30am-11.30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
05 Wed Movement, rest and relaxation, 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church.
12 Wed Forum meeting, 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town.
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