

# SCS Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021



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Dear Families,

We had a very special visitor this morning. A former pupil visited the school and it was a perfect reflection of the importance of family partnership. We are here during your child's time with us, and equally after your child graduates. The strength of the partnership helps the pupils embrace the school as 'theirs' and for you to know that our community remains a part of your family.



It was a perfect visit at the end of a week where we trialled onsite visits from families. Our 16-19 pathway families were invited to attend a workshop on 'Preparation for Adulthood' and pathways beyond Swiss Cottage School. We also hosted two tours for prospective families so that they could understand what the school provision is and feel our positive climate for learning. All three were safe and have shaped our risk assessments in readiness for Family Learning Week during 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Our use of Evidence for Learning is an important link between classroom and home. This week's newsletter is focused on specific ways you can connect with the school and one another. This year, we want to do this in a way that brings the diversity of our school together to help us be the best we can be as we navigate the impacts of the pandemic together.

We have an annual Parent Council that brings together a parent representative from each class for meetings throughout the year. The Class Parent Representative works with the class teacher to support class communication and ways to connect. A good example of this in previous years was picnics in the parks during the weekend and ideas for celebrations as a group of families outside of the school. If you are interested in being a Class Parent Representative for your child's class please inform your teacher by Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October.

The Parent Council comes together once a term so that we have an opportunity to explore developments in the school, priorities we can support beyond the school gates in the wider community, and consider opportunities to bring our community together. In next week's newsletter you will receive information on the full Parent Council and the dates of those meetings.

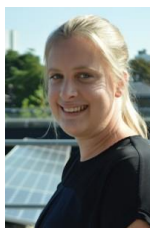
It is important that you are able to connect with other families. The school offers workshops during the school day through the Family Inclusion Team. The pandemic safety measures are considered as the workshops are planned. The Family Inclusion Team have created a plan for the Autumn Term and this aims to complement the fantastic offer the Camden Special Parents Forum also holds. We hope to add more to this as the school year progresses. Thank you again for working so closely with us.

Yours Sincerely,

The Senior Leadership Team



Vijita Patel  
Principal



Becky Shaw  
Vice Principal



Mia Dodsworth  
Vice Principal



Rima Blakaj  
School Business  
Manager



Aditi Singh  
Assistant Principal  
(Lower)



Matthew Maguire  
Assistant Principal  
(Upper)



Lucy Hall  
Assistant Principal  
(Pastoral)



Roseanna Gooder  
Assistant Principal  
(Transitions/School  
Improvement)



## Family Workshops & Drop-Ins Autumn 2021

Day	Time	Focus	Who?	Format
Monday	10:00-11:00	Yoga	Class teacher Mary	Zoom – links provided when you sign up
Tuesday	AM	Individual Parent Drop-In	Hamdi, Israth, Rob	In person at the table outside of reception – book in advance
Wednesday	9:45-12:00	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	Maria & Rob	In person at The Winch in Swiss Cottage
Wednesday	AM	Individual Parent Drop-In	Israth & Rob	In person at the table outside of reception – book in advance
Wednesday	AM	Bengali Women's Group	Israth	To be confirmed
Thursday	10:00-12:00	Knitting and Wellbeing	Israth	In person at the Community Café in Swiss Cottage
Friday	10:00-12:00	Out and About Group	Rob & Alison	In person across the community

Camden Special Parents Forum <https://www.kids.org.uk/camden-special-parents-forum1>

**ZOOM Coffee Mornings** are a chance to meet other parents and to get and give feedback on important local issues. We will also have regular guest speakers from the SEND services in Camden.  
**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

You will need to book in to get Zoom links & join our sessions. To book onto anything in our calendar below, get on our mailing list or to find out more please get in touch: [Rachel.Dixon@kids.org.uk](mailto:Rachel.Dixon@kids.org.uk) or [Maria.Schultz@kids.org.uk](mailto:Maria.Schultz@kids.org.uk). Text or call Maria on 07826 671 523 or Rachel on 07711 767 258.  
 We are also on facebook – [www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum](https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum) and you can follow us on Twitter [@CamdenSPForum](https://twitter.com/CamdenSPForum)

### September

13 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath  
 15 Wed AUTISM Coffee Morning 10.30-12pm on ZOOM  
 20 Mon CAMHS - parents and carers support session 10-11.30am on ZOOM  
 29 Wed Special Parents Forum Meeting 10.30-12pm on ZOOM

### October

6 Wed Parents Transition Networking Group 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM  
 11 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath  
 13 Wed Parent Experts Coffee Morning 10-11.30am on ZOOM  
 20 Wed Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM

### November

2 Tue SENDIASS Workshop/ ENG and SEN Support 10-12pm on ZOOM  
 3 Wed Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM  
 8 Mon CAMHS - parents and carers support session 10-11.30am on ZOOM  
 10 Wed AUTISM Coffee Morning 10.30-12pm on ZOOM  
 15 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.30-11.10pm on ZOOM  
 17 Wed Special Parents Forum Meeting 10.30-12pm on ZOOM  
 24 Wed WORKSHOP TBC

### December

1 Wed Parents Transition Networking Group 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM  
 8 Wed Christmas Forum Meeting (Venue TBC)  
 13 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath

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# WEEKLY FACE TO FACE SESSIONS FOR PARENTS ON FRIDAYS

YOU DESERVE SOME 'ME TIME'!

WITH ALISON & ROBERT-

10:00 AM- 12 NOON

OUT AND ABOUT AND DISCUSSIONS AROUND HOW TO  
CARE FOR YOURSELF AND LOOK AFTER YOUR NEEDS AND  
INTERESTS.

TRIPS OUT INCLUDING VISITS TO THE  
BRITISH MUSEUM, CAMLEY STREET NATURE RESERVE,  
THE LONDON MUSEUM AND OTHER LOCAL  
ATTRACTIONS.

MAKING TIME FOR YOURSELF, YOUR FRIENDS AND  
INTERESTS MODELS HEALTHY HABITS FOR YOUR  
FAMILY.

FIRST SESSION A COFFEE MORNING  
TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS OF HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
SPEND YOUR FRIDAY MORNINGS WITH US.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE SCHOOL  
GATES ON 24TH SEPTEMBER AT 10 AM.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



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# Weekly Face To Face Free ESOL Classes

Every Wednesday

Starting

Wednesday 22nd September

10:00 am- 12:00 at the Winch

Improve your Speaking and Listening  
in English to support your children.

Meet up with old friends and make new friends

Contact Rob on the Family Inclusion Team for information 02076818080

Limited  
Spaces



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