

CAMDEN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES and FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you about a new Department for Education (DfE) funded programme of Holiday Activities for children and young people aged 5 to 16 years. All the activities can be accessed for free by any child receiving free school meals at their school. This letter can be used as evidence that your child(ren) receive free school meals.

Young Camden Foundation, in partnership with Camden Council, have brought together a range of organisations offering **free access to activities and a meal** during the three main school holidays in 2021 (half terms are not covered). Activities will run over four weeks in the summer, one week at Christmas and will start with **one week during the upcoming Easter break.**

All the programmes include at least one meal a day which will meet school food standards. There will also be an element of nutritional education each day aimed at improving knowledge and awareness of healthy eating. Coupled with the food aspects of the schemes, fun activities will be provided with opportunities to try out new things or get involved in activities your child might already enjoy. The kind of activities will include physical sports or games, creative activities like music or drama and day trips.

There will be a strong focus on safety, wellbeing, playing and learning. All provision will follow government guidelines about the current restrictions and will be Covid-secure. In light of this our Easter provision will be a mixture of face to face and virtual sessions whereas in the summer the offer will be much broader and mainly face to face.

Because of Covid restrictions, places are limited – especially at Easter - and we expect them to book up quickly. In the summer we are hoping we can make more places available. This letter is accompanied by a list of all the organisations involved in the programme. Please take a look at the list to find out what is on offer during the holidays and how to book a place for your child. **Booking should be done directly with the organisation. You just need to show this letter either when you book or on your child's first day at the activity.**

There is an exciting array of activities on offer. If you decide to take up any of these opportunities, we hope that your children enjoy their time and get something out of taking part. We will gather feedback after Easter to help us to plan the summer programme.

Please contact Wathsala at info@youngcamdenfoundation.co.uk if you have any queries about the HAF programme.

Yours sincerely,

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