

SCS Update

Friday 16th September 2022



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Dear Families,

Today is a very special day because it is National Teaching Assistants Day. The Teaching Assistants, Higher Level Teaching Assistants, SEN Care Assistants, Positive Behaviour Support Mentors, and Family Inclusion Team Mentors work so hard to make the climate for learning across our school positive and safe. Their passion and commitment to the education of our amazing pupils is felt daily. We are so lucky to have such an incredible group of support staff, and are shining a light on the role they hold in our community.

Last week's newsletter provided an overview for this half term (<https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/news/2022-09-09-scs-update-09-09-2022>).

We are sending home a printed pack in your child's bag today. The pack contains useful information to support us in working together. Each pack contains the following:

- Overview for 2022-23 including our School Values, Vision and Mission
- Your child's class timetable
- The visual poster of their classmates, teacher, and support staff
- Their targets for the Autumn Term. The targets are known as 'Personal Learning Intentions'.
- The overview of the medium-term planning to inform potential home-school links.

We uploaded images of the classroom environment and class timetable into your child's individual 'Evidence for Learning' journal. The next upload will be on 23rd September 2022. Please inform the class teacher if you need any support with your logon or password setup.

Camden Special Parents Forum Autumn Events: The Camden Special Parents Forum organise coffee mornings, walks and talks, workshops, and forum meetings each term. It is an excellent opportunity to meet and link with parents from this school and others in Camden. The Autumn Term calendar of events is located below.

British Library 'Festival of Books' 24th September: The British Library have organised an inclusive Family Day for the Festival of Books. The workshops, activities, and storytelling across the day is planned to promote inclusion for all. The flyer and information is located below.

State Funeral Bank Holiday: Monday, 19th September is a national bank holiday due to the State Funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

(<https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/news/2022-09-09-her-majesty-queen-elizabeth-ii-1>)

We wish you a calm weekend, and reflective space on the national day of mourning for the state funeral. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Tuesday, 20th September.

Yours Sincerely,
Senior Leadership Team



Vijita Patel
Principal



Mia Dodsworth
Vice Principal



Rima Blakaj
School Business
Manager



Lucy Hall
Assistant Principal
(Pastoral)



Aditi Singh
Assistant Principal
(Lower)



Matthew Maguire
Assistant Principal
(Upper)



Roseanna Gooder
Assistant Principal
(Transitions/School
Improvement)



Matthew Granados
Assistant Principal
(Assessment &
Semi-formal
Pathway)

CAMDEN **Special Parents Forum**
AUTUMN Calendar 2022

Welcome to our **AUTUMN** Calendar of events, workshops and meet-ups for anyone in Camden with a child or young person (0- 25 years) with special needs. We will continue with a mix online and in-person meetings and workshops this term whilst trying to gather views on how SEND services in Camden could be shaped. 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.

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 or Maria.Schultz@kids.org.uk. Text or call Maria on 07826 671 523 or Rachel on 07711 767 258. We are on facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and Twitter @CamdenSPForum

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| Sept | Camden SEND Strategy Consultation Meeting 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM |
| 13 Tue | Open day at Breakaway (over 18's respite service) 10-1pm (tbc) – for those eligible for adult social care or planning ahead. |
| 16 Fri | Autism Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30 @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town |
| 19 Mon | Transport Reference Group Meeting 10-11.30am on ZOOM – regular meeting for school transport users. Let us know if you're interested in joining. |
| 21 Wed | Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath |
| 26 Mon | Special Parents Forum Meeting 10.30-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town |
| 27 Tue | |
| Oct | |
| 7 Fri | Camden Preparing for Adulthood Event @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town (Time TBC) |
| 12 Wed | Meet the KIDS Camden Team, 10.30-12.30 (Venue TBC) – find out about the KIDS team, ask q's & share info. |
| 17 Mon | Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath |
| 18 Tue | CAMHS PWLD Group Support Session 9.45-11.00am on ZOOM |
| 19 Oct | "Total Communication" Speech and Language Therapy Workshop 10-12pm on ZOOM – for anyone supporting someone with no or limited verbal communication. |
| Nov | |
| 2 Wed | Care Act Workshop with Belinda Blank 10-2.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town – for those thinking about adult services and preparing for adulthood. |
| 14 Mon | Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath |
| 15 Tue | CAMHS small group Support Session 9.45-11.00am on ZOOM |
| 16 Wed | Transition Networking Group Meeting 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM – post 14 yrs, get together to share experiences and support each other. |
| 29 Tue | CAMHS PWLD Group Support Session 9.45-11.00am on ZOOM |
| Dec | |
| 12 Mon | Walk and Talk 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath |

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Family Day: Festival of Books

Saturday 24 September
12.00 – 16.00

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Delivered in BSL
and spoken English

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