



Dear Families,

We were pleased to have two different groups in school for learning walks and lesson observations this week. A group of governors joined classes to observe lessons focused on Communication, Literacy, PE, Art, and Social Enterprise. They were observing the different approaches to teaching across the curriculum pathways, classroom environments, communication strategies, and the ethos for learning.

We also hosted a group through our status as an Apple Distinguished School, as a Centre of Leadership and Educational Excellence. The group observed lessons on technology across curriculum pathways. This included the use of eye-gaze technology for communication and pupil communication through symbol-supported technology. Our school is using 'Lyfta' within our curricula this year, which is an immersive technology that uses documentary film from around the world. This was also featured and showed how pupils engage with global citizenship through the use of the documentary film.

**National Education Union (NEU) Strike Action:** You may be aware from the news that a national union for teachers has confirmed strike action. This is formal trade dispute with the Secretary of State for Education over national pay scales. There are 4 days confirmed by the union for strike action. We will be working with our teachers to have as much information in advance as possible on their plans with the strike, and will make every effort to minimise the impact. We will have more information for you at the end of next week.

**Congratulations to Aditi:** Our Assistant Principal Aditi has a new job within a group of special schools that are a Multi-Academy Trust. We are so sad that Aditi will be leaving us at the end of this half term, but also know this is an incredible opportunity which we fully support. We are sharing the news so that you can catch Aditi when you are next in school. Aditi will also join the parent coffee mornings to catch up with parents over the next few weeks. We are excited that our school may be able to have project links with her new family of special schools.

**New Vice Principal Syra:** Syra will be joining us at the school over the next three weeks. She will be meeting pupils, staff, and the leadership team as part of our transition process. Syra begins on Monday, 20th February 2023. There are two coffee mornings planned for 21st February and 22nd February at 10am. Please drop in to meet Syra and catch up with the leadership team.

**Camden Preparation for Adulthood 'PFA' Workshops:** There are more sessions available to join Camden colleagues about Preparation for Adulthood. Flyer is located below, and a text with upcoming dates will be coming to families within the transition year groups.

**Centre 404 Coffee Morning 27th January:** Many of you will know the Centre 404 organisation in Camden. They are hosting a coffee morning on 27th January with a Vodafone free SIM card available for each family that attends. Flyer is located below with all of the details!

Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable weekend. Happy New Year Xīnnián hǎo to all families celebrating Chinese New Year with the year of the Rabbit!

Sincerely,  
Senior Leadership Team



Vijita Patel  
Principal



Matthew Granados  
Assistant Principal  
(Lower)



Matthew Maguire  
Assistant Principal  
(Upper)



Lucy Hall  
Assistant Principal  
(Pastoral)



Roseanna Gooder  
Assistant Principal  
(Transitions/School  
Improvement)



Aditi Singh  
Assistant Principal  
(Curriculum)



Rima Blakaj  
School Business  
Manager



**vodafone CENTRE 404**

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**27/01/2023 (FRI)**

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**Preparing for Adulthood**  
virtual drop in



Date	Time
17 November 2022	1pm - 3.30pm
1 December 2022	10am - 12.30pm
19 January 2023	1pm - 3.30pm
16 February 2023	10am - 12.30pm
16 March 2023	10am - 12.30pm

A virtual drop-in service for parents of children aged 13 or older.  
An opportunity to meet with Social Care and Education officers to talk about your child's journey into adulthood and ask any questions you may have.

30 minute slots are available.  
If you require an interpreter please let us know in advance.

To book a slot please contact Crina Popa

[crina.popa@camden.gov.uk](mailto:crina.popa@camden.gov.uk) | 020 7974 4867

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## Term Dates 2022/23

### Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Tuesday: 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: **Last day for pupils**

Spring Holiday: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Summer Term 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023: **May Day Bank Holiday - no school for pupils**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023: **The King's Coronation - Additional Bank Holiday**

**Half-term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023: **Last day for pupils**

## Term Dates 2023/24

### Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: **First day for pupils**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Winter Holiday: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Spring Term 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Spring Holiday: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
(Easter weekend 29<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April)

### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024: **Last day for pupils**

