

# SCS Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023



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Dear Families,

We hope this finds all families well and you are enjoying the brighter end to a rainy week. Your child's bag contains their Class Timetable and the Autumn Term overview for the curriculum, known as the 'Medium Term Plan'.

Pupils across this week have completed lesson activities to inform their baseline assessment for their learning target across each subject. At the end of the Autumn Term, all families will receive a progress report for the targets.

**Evidence for Learning:** We use Evidence for Learning to capture and evaluate the small steps of progress for each of the targets. It also celebrates key moments of success we want to celebrate with you. We have updated technology devices arriving to the school to support higher quality Evidence for Learning photos and videos. We are waiting on this delivery and are hopeful it arrives next week. Thank you for your patience as we transition all class teams to the new devices as it may cause some delays with your Evidence for Learning family portal uploads.

**26<sup>th</sup> September 10am Coffee Morning – Makaton Training:** The coffee morning on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10am will include Makaton training. All parents/carers are invited to join the weekly coffee mornings. They are a great way to connect with other parents and share experiences. There is no registration for the coffee mornings, please arrive at reception for the 10am start.

**27<sup>th</sup> September 10am Camden Connexions Transition Information Session:** Camden Connexions advisor Anne-Marie is holding a Transition information session that is open to all Upper School families. If your child is in Year 10 or above you are welcome to join this session which explores the next stage of education after Swiss Cottage School. It will include information on local colleges, vocational learning, and supported internships as well. View the attached flyer for booking information. The session takes place at the school.

**28<sup>th</sup> September 10am Wellbeing and Yoga:** The first wellbeing and yoga session for parents takes place on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. All parents and carers are welcomed to attend. There is no registration for this, please arrive at reception for the 10am start.

**Family Learning Week:** Our Family Learning Week is an opportunity to join a lesson for 25-30 minutes to explore a topic or theme. This term's Family Learning Week is moving to week of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 so that we can also hold some optional workshops for families with specialists. We will share the schedule for Family Learning Week in the half term newsletter so that you have time to confirm if you can attend the session in class or the workshop options.

**Data Collection Sheet:** The data collection sheets went home last week. Please ensure your child's sheet is returned in the home-school book on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September with updated information or confirmation that the information remains the same. Thank you.

**Term Dates:** The school term dates are located on the school website:  
<https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/parents/termdates>

16<sup>th</sup> October: Training day for staff – no school for pupils  
20<sup>th</sup> October: Last day of the half term  
23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October: Half term break – no school for pupils

Wishing all of our families an enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,  
Swiss Cottage School

## 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**

## Camden Connexions Information session for Parent/Carers

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**10-11.30am**

(Anne-Maria from Camden Connexions  
will be available afterwards if you have any individual questions)

**at**

**Swiss Cottage School**

It's never too early to start thinking about and visiting the  
options for your child after they finish Swiss Cottage School.

**Topics include:**

- Summary of transition processes
- Overview of local colleges
- Overview of Supported Internships with Ciera McCarthy
- Opportunity to meet other parents/carers
- Experiences of parent/carer whose child has transitioned
- Q&A

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