

# End of Half Term Newsletter



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Thank you to all families for working closely with us across this final half term of the academic year. The newsletter has a focus on the fantastic Cultural Arts, Sporting, and Community Work Experience provisions across all pathways. We are also celebrating our Graduating Class of 2024. We are so proud of the achievements of every pupil. Wishing all of our community a safe and enjoyable summer break!

## Moonbeam Theatre

We were thrilled to host the Moonbeam Theatre Project, a specialist theatre company for learners with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties.

They performed "Once Upon a Flower Bed," a multisensory experience that filled the hall with fun and engaging music, props, and performances. Learners from the Ruby Pathway, along with guests, had a wonderful time exploring the various sights, sounds, and smells. There was so much laughter, as you can see from the pictures. It was a special end to the year for the Ruby Pathway, who have worked so hard all year.

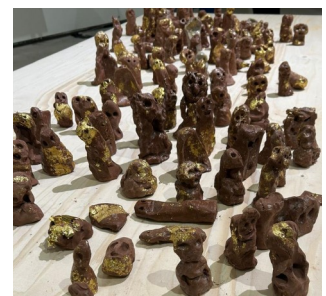


## Camden Arts Biennale

Swiss Cottage School participated in the Camden Arts Biennale, leading to a week-long exhibition featuring hundreds of artworks by Camden schoolchildren. This event showcased art developed by students across all educational levels, from primary through A-Level. Organized as a pilot initiative by Camden Council, Central Saint Martins, and Camden Learning, the Camden Schools Arts Biennale aims to become a key fixture in the borough's cultural and educational calendar.

We are extremely proud of our students' stunning works, which stood out and received very positive comments from the public, highlighting their creativity and talent.

[www.arts.ac.uk](http://www.arts.ac.uk)



## Youth Sports Trust

Pupils took part in the launch of the Youth Sport Trust's National School Sports Week: Monster Kickabout. The event was part of the Youth Sport Trust's initiative to ensure all young people have access to 60 minutes a day of PE, sport, and play. The learners had a fantastic and active morning, participating in football sessions run by Youth Sport Trust ambassadors, professional athletes, and Marley the Monster! Afterwards, they took part in an inspiring Q&A session with Olympic and Paralympic medallists Katherine Grainger and Tim Prendergast, and a current Gladiator, Montell Douglas.

Swiss Cottage School partners with the Youth Sport Trust as a lead Inclusion School, part of a group of fifty outstanding schools working to improve the quality of inclusive PE and school sport provision for young people with SEND.



## Community Work Experience

The school has received funding from Camden LA for a work experience programme with MENCAP. This programme brings a MENCAP specialist into school to work with our team in securing work experience opportunities with local providers.

This year, our work experience through the programme has included retail with Scope Charity Shop, working with a head chef at Kitchen Catering, event management and technical support with Roundhouse Theatre, and animal care and conservation at London Zoo.

The pupils in Upper School have also visited a range of sites to broaden their understanding of various career pathways. Bank of New York and Arsenal Stadium were two popular visits on work related learning, and we enjoyed hosting London Zoo career talks for classes in the school's Conference Room!



## Camden Arts Centre

We have worked with Camden Arts Centre for a year-long project exploring the themes of shelter, waste, and abundance. There is an exhibition at Camden Arts Center which is the culmination of our project with the professional artists.

Classes attended six full-day workshops at the Arts Center where, among many other activities, pupils excitedly described "using real fire to make charcoal to draw with." The artists also came to the school to lead an arts workshop.

The exhibition is open until August 18th, so do visit and see what our talented artists have been up to.

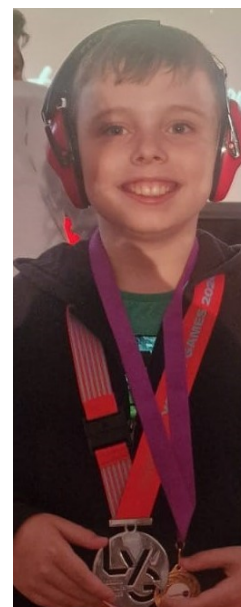
[www.camdenartcentre.org](http://www.camdenartcentre.org)



## London Youth Games

Pupils from Lower and Upper School participated in the London Youth Games. They represented the London borough of Camden in a number of sports such as football, athletics, swimming and trampolining.

On Thursday 18th July, Camden Sport and Physical Activity Team hosted an award ceremony where Alex S, Frankie E and Sara B received awards for outstanding achievement and contribution to 'parasports'. Well done to everyone involved and congratulations on these amazing achievements!





## Graduation

Congratulations to our 15 pupils that have graduated this year. The ceremony was last week and reflected their journey at Swiss Cottage School. It was wonderful to have families share in this special celebration. We are so proud of their progress, personal development, and numerous talents.

The pupils are moving on to: Alexandra Centre, Kennet West Skills Centre, Westminster Kingsway College, Langdon College, Independent Living Programmes, City of Westminster College, College of Northwest London, Harrington Scheme, and Harrow and Wealdstone College.

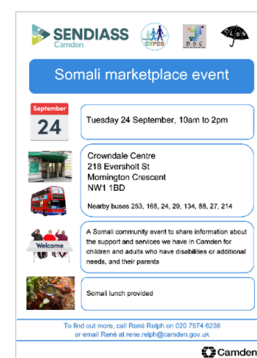
Congratulations and good luck to the Class of 2024!



## Challenge Partners Review

The school completes an annual Quality Assurance Review with 'Challenge Partners'. A team of 4 leaders completed the review of Swiss Cottage School at the end of June. The three day review confirmed Swiss Cottage School has 'Leading' in all areas. We also received an accreditation for Area of Excellence in the use of 'Evidence for Learning'.

The full report is available to view here: [www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/our-school/ofsted](http://www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/our-school/ofsted)



**Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable break.**  
**The first day back for pupils is Wednesday, 4th September!**

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September to Friday 20th December 2024

**Monday 2nd September: Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Tuesday 3rd September: Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Wednesday 4th September: First day for pupils**

**Monday 21st October: Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024

**Winter Holiday:** Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025

### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April 2025

**Monday 6th January: Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

**Spring Holiday:** Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April 2025 (Easter weekend 18th - 21st April)

### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**Monday 5th May: May Day Bank Holiday - no school for pupils**

**Half-term:** Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

**Monday 30th June: Staff training day - no school for pupils**

**Tuesday 22nd July 2024: Last day for pupils**

[View Term Dates on our website](#)