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SCS Newsletter

Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Learning across the curriculum pathways has included learning on Ramadan and Eid this week. It was wonderful to observe the range of music, art, sensory literacy and storytelling learning opportunities across Lower and Upper School. Pupils really enjoyed exploring lights, creating mehndi patterns, trying different types of food, and exploring sharing activities. Eid Mubarak to all of our families who are marking this very special time across our community!

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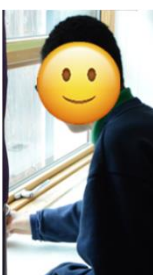
Eid Mubarak

Mental Health Awareness Week

Camden Preparing for Adulthood Week



Mental Health Awareness Week: Classes across the school are involved in 'Nature' projects this week and next week to explore the topic of Mental Health.



Camden Preparing for Adulthood Week: Monday 17th May - Friday 23rd May 2021



A Good Life

Is your child between 13 and 18 and supported by Camden's Children and Young People's Disability Service?

Join us for Camden's Preparing for Adulthood Week starting on Monday 17th May 2021.

All young people face big changes as they become teenagers. And for some people with disabilities, their physical or emotional needs can make these changes more challenging, both for them, their families and their carers.

During the week, we are running a series of virtual events to help you understand what 'Preparing for Adulthood' actually means and the support that you can expect to receive from Camden's disability services for children, young people and adults.

For more info and help registering call Maria on 07826 671 523 or Rachel 07711 767 258 or sign up via <https://bit.ly/3vFQIC2>



Camden Local Authority and the Special Parents Forum are running daily online events for parents to support them to understand the pathway to adulthood and services available for young people. It is a great opportunity what 'Preparation for Adulthood' means as you connect with different teams and families across Camden.

The event will be relevant to families with a child/young person aged 13 to 19. It is free to attend.

For more information and to book, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camden-preparing-for-adulthood-event-tickets-150263567375>

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Thank you for the ongoing partnership and support.

Yours Sincerely,
The Senior Leadership Team



Vijita Patel
Principal



Becky Shaw
Vice Principal



Mia Dodsworth
Vice Principal



Lucy Hall
Assistant Principal



Laura Fawcett
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Matthew Maguire
Assistant Principal
(Upper)



Rima Blakaj
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Manager

Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil and Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

Please keep following the rules to keep Camden safe

From Monday 17 May, restrictions will be eased slightly but until then, please remember that you can only socialise indoors with your household or bubble, and outdoors in groups of 6 people or 2 households. Whether you're meeting up with others, going for an outdoor meal or popping to the shops, please keep following the rules to keep yourself and those around you safe.



For more information on easing of restrictions, visit gov.uk/coronavirus

Book your COVID-19 vaccine now

If you fall into one of the below categories, you're eligible to have the COVID-19 vaccine now:

- Everyone aged 38 and over
- People at risk or high risk from coronavirus (clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable)
- Health and social care workers, including care home workers
- People who have a learning disability
- The main carer for someone at high risk from coronavirus

Book your appointment now by calling 119 for free or visiting nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine

Make rapid testing part of your weekly routine

Rapid tests are for people without COVID-19 symptoms. Everyone is eligible for two free tests a week and you get results in 30-45 minutes. Please log your test result with the NHS, even if it's negative. This helps Public Health keep track of the virus and helps to stop the spread.

To find your closest test site, home test pick-up or delivery options, visit camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

Please note the rapid test site at the London Irish Centre closes this week.

If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms, you need to self-isolate and book a PCR test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119. Rapid tests are not suitable if you have symptoms.



As we look ahead to the next step in the Government's roadmap on Monday (17 May), I want to reiterate my thanks for the vital role you've all played in helping to keep Camden safe. The combination of following the rules, along with the vaccine roll-out and regular testing, has undoubtedly saved lives.

With more businesses and venues opening from next week, such as museums and cinemas, and the rules easing to allow customers to sit inside hospitality venues, many will be looking forward to enjoying more of what our borough has to offer. Camden's businesses have been working hard to welcome you back safely, but it's vital you continue to follow the latest guidance, which includes the rules around fences, face, space and fresh air, and I urge you to take up the offer of free, rapid lateral flow tests (for people without symptoms).

Mental Health Awareness Week (10 to 16 May) reminds us that this continues to be a difficult time for many. So check in with your loved ones, and if you need any support, visit camden.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing

Finally, Eid Mubarak to those who are celebrating. We've included some tips below to help you mark the occasion safely – thank you for all you're doing to keep Camden safe.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Helping to keep Camden safe

As more hospitality venues, including pubs, restaurants and cafes reopen for indoor dining from Monday 17 May, the Council's Frontline Presence Team is out across the borough offering support and advice to residents and businesses on how to keep each other safe.

Our high streets and town centres are at the heart of our community. Local high streets, markets and shops are following government guidance to welcome you back safely. Shop local, enjoy what's new and rediscover old favourites. To find out more, visit camden.gov.uk/highstreets

Local businesses can download a copy of the Council's toolkit for reopening safely, including information on support available, at camden.gov.uk/business-support

Support with money concerns

Camden Council recognises people are experiencing new financial challenges due to COVID-19. If your circumstances have changed, there is help available from the Camden Advice Network and the Council. Support includes affordable repayment plans for debts to the Council, help accessing financial support, and access to employment, debt and mental health advice. The Council can also help with one-off crisis or self-isolation payments.

- For general financial support call 020 7974 4444 (option 9) or visit camden.gov.uk/financialsupport
- For council tax debt call 020 7974 6414
- For council tenant debts call 020 7974 4444 (option 3, then 5)
- For leaseholder debt call 020 7974 3559

Eid Mubarak

If you're celebrating Eid al-Fitr, please do it safely to prevent yourself catching or passing on coronavirus:

- If visiting your local mosque, follow on-site signage and guidance.
- If celebrating at home, pray with loved ones virtually over Zoom or live-stream prayers.
- Please enjoy the Eid meal and catching up with loved ones safely by following public health guidance. In addition, avoid sharing platters of food and, if celebrating inside with your household or bubble, open windows to keep the space well ventilated.

For more information, visit mcb.org.uk/resources/coronavirus

camden.gov.uk/coronavirus 020 7974 4444 (option 9)



[Click here for more information](#)

Term Dates & Diary

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Thursday 2nd September 2021: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Friday 3rd September 2021: First day for pupils

Monday 18th October 2021: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021

Friday 17th December 2021: Last day for pupils

Winter Holiday: Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022: First day for pupils

Friday 28th January 2022: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Half Term: Monday 14th February to Friday 19th February 2022

Friday 1st April 2022: Last day for pupils

Spring Holiday: Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April 2022

Summer term 2022

Tuesday 19th April to Friday 22nd July 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022: First day for pupils

Monday 3rd May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Monday 18th July 2022: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Friday 22nd July 2022: Last day for pupils

Summer Holiday: Monday 25th July 2022

[Click here to view term dates](#)

CAMDEN Special Parents Forum SUMMER Calendar 2021

Welcome to our SUMMER Calendar of events, workshops and socially distanced meet-ups for anyone in Camden with a child or young person (0-25 years) with special needs.

We will continue our COVID-friendly programme so that we can still "meet" and support each other whilst trying to gather views on how SEND services in Camden could be shaped. Please join us!

ZOOM 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, currently on Zoom.

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@kafes.org.uk or Marie.Schultz@kafes.org.uk. Text or call Marie on 07805 671 523 or Rachel on 07713 757 058.

We are on Facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and Twitter @CamdenSPForum

Month	Day	Event
April	21 Wed	Sleep Well Webinar 18.30-12pm (limited tickets available)
	22 Thu	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	26 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
May	5 Wed	Parent Expert Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	9 Mon	EP Parent Discussion Group 5-7pm
	10 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	12 Wed	CPD forum meeting 10-12pm on ZOOM
	17 Mon	Preparing for Adulthood event series (Part 2 in your diary - info to follow)
	20 Thu	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	24 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	25 Tue	BHC Needs Assessment Workshop with SENDIASS 10.30-12pm on ZOOM
June	1 Wed	Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30pm on ZOOM
	14 Mon	Speech and Language Therapy Workshop "Total Communication" 10.30-12.30pm on ZOOM
July	5 Wed	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	14 Mon	EP Parent Discussion Group 5-7pm
	22 Thu	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	28 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
August	6 Tue	CPD forum meeting 12-2pm on ZOOM
	12 Mon	Walk and Talk (and optional SWIM), 10.15-1pm, Hampstead Heath

[Click here to view the full calendar](#)

Invitation from Hamdi, Israth and Rob

Tuesday 18th May

Parents and Carers Picnic

Meet outside the school gates at 10 am or go to the park directly for 10.30am

Contact us for more details if needed on 0207 681 8080 ext 150

Speak to Robert on 0207 681 8080 ext 150 to find out how you can join in

Everyone is welcome

[Click here for more information](#)



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