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# SCS Newsletter

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

We proudly highlighted the voice of our families in an event we supported for the Evidence for Learning network. Over 500 schools across England, Australia, New Zealand, and UAE use the Evidence for Learning system. The school was invited to provide the keynote for an event that explored partnerships.

Our Parent Governors, Maria & Sadia, were keynote speakers alongside Vijita and Professor Barry Carpenter in the online event focussing on Family Centred Practice. Maria and Sadia shared their reflections on how EfL has enabled families and the school to nurture a closer working partnership, and how it is used to empower families outside of school through that connection, dialogue and ability to share evidence and resources back and forth.

They represented our families and challenged other schools to embrace the opportunities that system like EfL offers in working together to nurture the talents and progress of all pupils. We will share the recording once it is released, and look forward to a podcast that is also in development!

## Evidence for Learning – Talking to Families... Listening to Families... Working with Families

Maria Schultz

Sadia Mahmud-Marshall

Family Centred Practice

Talking to Families;  
Listening to Families  
Working with Families.

Professor Barry Carpenter  
– a father, teacher and author.  
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Family Centred Practice

Talking to Families  
Listening to Families  
Working with Families

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## Comments from the Keynote:

From Amy Carrick to Everyone:

Thank you for sharing, what fantastic videos and evidence of Alex's learning!

From alistair crawford to Everyone:

Again a massive thanks for sharing Amaya's learning journey - inspiring!

## PMLD Awareness Day – 5<sup>th</sup> May

Wear your brightest clothes to celebrate and raise awareness for PMLD Awareness Day on 05.05.21!



Next Wednesday is #PMLDAwarenessDay! As you know, every year we wear our brightest clothes to school, and spread awareness to the world about this amazing cohort of young people. So please start brainstorming ways that you can celebrate next Wednesday. We celebrate with switch accessible disco, sensory story session, soundboard sessions, music sessions, colourful art sessions and decorating the classrooms in bright colours.

### Preparation for Adulthood Week, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 23<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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. The event will be relevant to families with a child/young person aged 14 and above to attend.

For more information and to book, please visit:

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

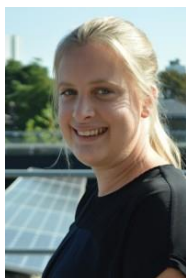
We hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend. It is a Bank Holiday on Monday so we welcome all pupils back on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Yours sincerely,

The Senior Leadership Team



Vijita Patel  
Principal



Becky Shaw  
Vice Principal



Mia Dodsworth  
Vice Principal



Lucy Hall  
Assistant Principal



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Assistant Principal  
(Lower)



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(Upper)



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Manager



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## Term Dates & Diary

### Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September to Friday 17th December 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: 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 to Friday 1st April 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022: First day for pupils

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

Half-Term: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th 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 2nd May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils

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

Monday, 4th July 2022: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Friday 22nd July: Last day for pupils

Summer Holiday: Monday 25th July 2022 -

[Click here to view term dates](#)

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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 programmes 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@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](https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum) and Twitter @CamdenSPForum**

### April

21 Wed Sleep Wise Webinar 10.30-12pm (Limited Tickets available)  
22 Thur 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  
5 Wed EP Parent Discussion Group 1-2pm  
10 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath  
12 Wed CSPF forum meeting 10-12pm on ZOOM  
17 Mon Preparing for Adulthood event week! (Put it in your diary - info to follow!)  
20 Thur Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM  
24 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath  
25 Tue EHC Needs Assessment Workshop with SENDIASS 10.30-12pm on ZOOM  
26 Wed Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30pm on ZOOM

### June

9 Wed Speech and Language Therapy Workshop "Total Communication" 10.30-12.30pm on ZOOM  
14 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath  
22 Tue EP Parent Discussion Group 1-2pm  
24 Thur Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM  
28 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath

### July

6 Tue CSPF forum meeting 12-2pm on ZOOM  
12 Mon Walk and Talk (and optional SWIM), 10.15-1pm, Hampstead Heath

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