



News Update (1st July 2021)

Dear families

Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter, which comes in the middle of Camden [Youth Safety Fortnight](#), which launched on Friday 25 June at Regent High School and runs until Friday 9 July. I was so proud to see the multimedia entry constructed by our students, who were highly commended for their work up against the competition of older students from many other schools. The final film [can be seen here](#).

Across the borough there are a range of community and school-based workshops, events and activities listed and you can read more about Youth Safety Fortnight and the work of the Youth Safety Steering Group, as well as see the winning schools' youth safety multi-media projects here: <https://www.camdenrise.co.uk/newsandblogs/-/blogs/youth-safety-fortnight-launches-with-events-to-help-keep-young-people-safe>.

This falls in the middle of a week when there are wider conversations about health, safety and how schools will operate in September, with what we hope is significantly less disruption than during this academic year. Like you and our students and staff, we are all craving the return to the full life of a school, with events and visits and trips and celebrations. At the moment the arrangements we will have to put in place for September are still not clear – as soon as we know more, of course we will communicate it with you. **Currently, we would expect to see all students back in school on 2nd September.**

End of Year Reports and Progress Review

At the end of term, all students in Years 7 to 10 will receive an annual report, showing their attainment and progress in all subjects and a short comment from their form tutors. All students in those year groups will be invited into school with their parent or carer on Wednesday 21st or Thursday 22nd July to collect their report. They will have a fifteen-minute progress review meeting with their form tutor or another member of staff, which gives them a vital and precious opportunity to reflect on what they have learned this year, and how they have developed in their study skills and ambitions. We know that the transition from one year group to another is a significant moment for all students and this kind of meeting enables it to be captured properly.

You will be sent the date and time of your appointment very soon. In the past these meetings have been very productive and we look forward to seeing you then. The final day for Year 12 teaching is Wednesday 21st July.

Below you will find other news items about our 6th form 'Futures Day' to prepare Year 12s for further study, and the Carnegie book project with Key Stage Three students.

Yours faithfully,

Izzy Jones,
Headteacher



Flora Wilson, Director of Sixth Form & Carnegie Award Shadowing Group Leader

On Wednesday, 16th June, the boys who have been shadowing the Carnegie award attended an online celebration event organised by Islington Library Services.

They write: "We heard from Sita Brahmachari, a writer that has written many books. She talked to us about her experiences of becoming an author. All of her books are based on people that she has met and inspired her to write amazing books, enlightening people to make a difference in the world.

We also saw presentations from two schools (St Mary Magdalene and Stoke Newington), on their favourite books from the Carnegie shortlist. We didn't agree with their choices - or with the choice of the actual judges! This is partly because we think we don't like books written in poems, which the other schools really liked, and although we liked some of the short stories in *Look Both Ways*, we felt they were a bit similar to each other. Our favourite book was *Echo Mountain*. There are copies available in the school library if you want to read it for yourself and see why it is so good!

We have made a decision to continue meeting to discuss books we have enjoyed reading - please do come and join us on Mondays after school if you enjoy reading, and discussing, different sorts of books!"



Felix, Yasir, Jaime, Teddie, Sam, Pierre, Felix, Ben, Felix, Marvin in Years 7-9

Camden Youth Safety Fortnight launch event at Regent High School

Last Friday, 25th June, was the launch of Camden Youth Safety Fortnight held at Regent High School in South Camden. Present at the event were the three schools who had been shortlisted for the first prize in the multi-media competition: ourselves, Acland Burghley and Swiss Cottage schools were present as the finalists. A host of dignitaries from Camden including Keir Starmer, Councillor Abdul Hai and Georgia Gould leader of Camden Council were also in attendance.

We are very proud to say that our WES entry created by 13 Year 7 students – Mark 7B, Archie 7K, James 7L, Yasin 7F, Ishmael 7L, Julian 7K, Frankie 7F, Ehsanul 7W, Oliwier 7K, Arbab 7F, Stan 7W, Elijah 7F and last but not least Charlie from 7W – was awarded highly commended runners up!



Our entry and our theme here at WES for this year's event has focused on 'emotional intelligence'; both its importance for mental health and as a vital component of diffusing conflict with others.

The students who took part did so through engagement with the ARTiculate programme at WES, The ARTiculate programme is designed by the British Association of Art Therapists to facilitate children and young people's emotional literacy through using Art in an educational setting.

Ms Özkaya who led the programme writes: "I am extremely impressed by how hard all the students in the group worked, tackling the subject of emotional intelligence, learning to express feelings and emotions of one's own and being aware of, and sensitive to the feelings and emotions of others, especially when those feelings are sometimes difficult and complex to express. They have all accomplished, a very creative and moving piece of work that they can feel very proud of!

Sadly, we were not able to take all the students and their parents to the launch event due to current Covid restrictions we were only able to invite three students and their parents to come along. We could think of no fairer way than to pull their names out of a hat!"

Here is a picture of James, Ehsanul, and Ishmael whose names came out of the hat! They are standing with Anes Bouzouina Camden Youth MP, Councillor Abdul Hai and Keir Starmer outside Regent High School after the event.



Ms Özkaya also writes: "As well as being very proud to be highly commended runners up, another absolute highlight of the event for me was listening to Anes Bouzouina, an ex-William Ellis student, speak in his capacity as Camden Youth MP. An extremely proud moment for me to see a member of my previous tutor group at WES from the Year 11 class of 2020. Anes did a fantastic job of talking about the work that the Youth Safety Taskforce have been doing, and how young people in Camden have been involved in assisting the efforts to make Camden a safer place to be for our young people.

You can find out more about Youth Safety Fortnight that runs until July 9th across Camden by following [this link to a press release](#).

And you can watch our highly commended short animation film by following [this link](#).



A message from our Uniform Supplier, Schoolwear International

As Summer term draws to a close, we're already looking ahead to September. SWI is working hard to make sure that despite the challenges posed by international shipping, Covid and Brexit, our families will be able to find everything they need.

This is a reminder that the best way to ensure your child has all the uniform they need in good time for the start of the school year is to **shop early, if this is possible for you**. We are confident that all orders placed before our recommended date of **Monday 2nd August 2021** will be delivered before the start of term. However, it is possible that a small number of orders placed during June and July may take longer than our normal 3-5 working days.

Please visit SWI's website, and [register an account](#) so that you can complete your shopping for September in good time and also receive reminders, news on stock and special offers.

We know not all parents are able to shop early, but the challenges posed when large numbers of families shop in the last two weeks of August is something we are all keen to avoid.

After what has been an interesting school year, please help us to help you to ensure we all return in September raring to go!

SWI's new Parent Guide

SWI have launched their new guide for families which includes information, offers and benefits including tips for buying uniform, discounts for early ordering and entry to a prize draw to be in with a chance of winning back the cost of your uniform.

Please click on the link for more information: www.swischoolwear.co.uk/parentguide

Or, for further queries, contact SWI direct: customerservice@swi.co.uk



Andrew Mangham, Head of Year 12

Year 12 were involved in a 'Futures Day' all day on Monday. The event was organised by Madeleine Landreth, our in-house Higher Education adviser, and myself.

We had a wonderfully informative day, where students looked at engaging materials that helped them to make the first steps in starting to write their UCAS applications; something that we will be focussing on in tutorials until the end of term. Students viewed what a completed UCAS application looks like and were shown and discussed areas within it where common mistakes can occur.

Students then chose which live webinars to attend from a range of talks which included 'How to choose your university and course' by the University of Reading, 'Applying to Oxbridge', Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,



'Apprenticeships' by ASK, 'Applying to competitive universities/courses' by Kings College London and finally 'Applying for Medicine and Dentistry' by Newcastle University.

The presentations were all superb with every aspect of choosing and applying dealt with clearly, succinctly and in detail. They will really help to guide and prepare our students and encourage them to think of all the aspects required when considering a course, before they make their final choices for their UCAS applications.

In the afternoon, students were introduced to the concept of a personal statement and given resources what will help them construct an individual and effective account of themselves, ready to attach to their UCAS or apprenticeship application. A good day was had by all – students left happy and content in the knowledge that they had started the next stage of their future.

Dr Caroline Smith, Head of Year 13

Despite COVID, our year 13 students successfully completed their A levels and BTEC courses by June the 17th. We are so proud of all their hard work. They have proved themselves to be resilient and very committed students. It was also lovely to see everyone at the leaver's assembly.





Although the LaSWAP prom had to be cancelled, we were able to have a William Ellis barbecue last week.



We look forward to seeing everyone again on the 10th of August for results day. Most of our students will be starting university courses in September and others will be starting apprenticeships.

Child Employment Permits

Pupils aged 13 – 16 who have a part time job or holiday work need to ensure that their employer has applied for an employment permit from the council where the business is based.

During school holidays pupils aged 13 and 14 can be employed for up to 5 hours a day from Monday to Saturday and 2 hours on a Sunday for a maximum of 25 hours across the week.

Pupils aged 15 and 16 can be employed up to 8 hours a day from Monday to Saturday and 2 hours on Sunday for a maximum of 35 hours across the week.

All pupils must have two weeks leave during the school holidays.