



News Update (12th November 2021)

Dear families

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter, with updates from the PE department and the recent Year 10 Art Trip.

Items coming up

On Monday, 15th November, Year 7 will have their form group photographs taken with their tutors. These pictures can be a special keepsake marking students' first term at secondary school and families will receive details of how to order copies from the photographer (Tempest). On the same day students who were absent when school photographs were taken in September, and those who have joined us in the last few weeks, will also have their individual pictures taken.

I'd like to remind you that on Thursday 25th November we will be hosting the LaSWAP Open Evening. Students will be dismissed early on this day to allow for preparations for the event. Years 7-9 will finish at 2:05pm and Years 10-13 at 1:10pm. The following day, Friday 26th November will be a Professional Development Day for staff as indicated on the website. **The school will be closed on this day.**

Winter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme in Camden

The final Camden [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme](#), is due to take place in December, with a further 1,000 children expected to benefit from the programme, which offers free fun activities with a healthy meal. There has been a strong focus on safety, wellbeing, playing and learning and all future provision will follow government guidelines about the current restrictions and will be COVID-secure.

Places will be free for children and young people aged five to 16 who are registered for free school meals. These are limited and we expect them to book-up quickly. Availability will be refreshed periodically and new activities will be added so please keep checking the website.

Key dates for the winter HAF Programme in Camden:

- **16 November:** Booking page link to share with SEND / children in need families and social workers
- **23 November:** Booking page link to send to all Camden schools to share with families who are eligible to receive free school meals. If families are already registered for free school meals, they will be able to search for and book activities.

The HAF winter programme is for four days, four hours per day, 16 hours per week in total across the two-week school Christmas holidays. Providers are free to choose the week and dates. Due to staff shortages, some providers are unable to deliver a 16-hour programme. So instead, they will provide either a two or three day programme and offer each child a food hamper and an activity pack to take home.

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Most of the providers are running the programme on 20, 21, 22 and 23 December, for four days. However, a few providers are delivering the programme on 29 and 30 December. We will be keeping you up-to-date once bookings go live. For more details and if you have any questions, please email:

info@youngcamdenfoundation.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Izzy Jones".

Izzy Jones,
Headteacher



More news of sporting success from the PE Department!

William Ellis boys brought home a total of 7 medals from the Camden and Islington cross country competition last week. 38 boys represented the school in 4 age categories on a very muddy course on Hampstead Heath.

The Year 7 team, venturing out for the first time, were running against some very talented runners and put in a great performance with Harvey and Alex leading the way finishing 7th and 8th respectively.

The Year 8 team showed their dominance with all 10 runners finishing in the top 17. Mohamed lead the race from start to finish and it took a photo finish to separate Josh and Gaspard, finishing in 2nd and 3rd respectively.

The Year 9's performed superbly with all 9 runners finishing in the top 30 places. The team were over the moon for Joseph, who finished 2nd overall.

It was a dominant display from the Year 10 and 11 team, with all 13 runners occupying the top 15 places. Year 10 Jojo took first place followed by Year 11 runners, Zak and Kian.

All the boys performed superbly on a tough course, in hazardous conditions. They conducted themselves superbly and did us all proud. Well done to everyone involved!

Based on these results Mohamed, Josh, Gaspard, Joe, Jojo, Zak, Kian and Adam have all been selected to represent Camden in the London Youth Games cross country competition on 20th November.





Christine Mercier Peart, Head of Year 11:

Last week, during tutorial sessions, Year 11 students have been writing their own revision timetables for their forthcoming mock exams, ensuring at least two hours revision a day: two hours for English, Maths and Science and one hour for their other subjects. They were asked to write down the unit or topic to be revised, where they would be studying, and what resources they would be using. Please do talk about exam revision with your son – see if he feels confident to use the revision timetable and strategies he has drawn up and check that he knows what to revise and how. If your son is not sure about any of these things you can always suggest he talks to his teachers.

All Year 11 students have now been issued with an overview timetable for their mock exams, which are starting on **29th November**. A personal timetable will be issued to your son the week before the Mock Exams start.

With only two weeks before the mock exams start, please do encourage your son to have a balanced lifestyle: study regularly, plan some relaxing time, eat well and have a good night's sleep avoiding late nights.

Camden Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Webinar Series for Parents/Carers

The MHST are pleased to offer parents/carers a series of free workshops to support their children's well-being.

Webinars for Parents/Carers of Secondary aged Young People

- Supporting your Anxious Young Person
- Understanding Adolescent Development

Webinars that are for both Parents/Carers of Primary and Secondary aged children and young people

- Why Early Intervention Matters: Introducing the MHST
- All about sleep
- Therapeutic conversations with your child and young person
- Screen Time

Parents and carers can opt in for all topics, or whichever most appeals to them. The webinar series will run from Friday 12th November 2021 until Thursday 10th March 2022.

Each workshop will last up to 60 minutes and have an optional follow-up of 30 minutes for parents/carers to ask questions or discuss the topic further.

Parents and carers can register for any of the free webinars through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-parent-and-carer-webinar-series-2021-2022-tickets-184684756077>