



## **News Update (17th March 2023)**

Dear families,

Welcome to the most recent version of our newsletter, with information about recent trips and visits and events in school and the launch of our literacy road maps.

We would like to congratulate Year 11, 12 and 13 students on their efforts in examinations this week and I hope that they found this process useful in preparing for summer exams. Results of these will be fed back to students and families shortly. We would also like to thank families more widely for their support of students during the days that we have been closed to other students for strike action. As you have probably heard in the media, no further NEU strikes have been announced but a settlement has not yet been reached with the government. We will update you with the arrangements for any further strike days if they are announced.

### **Transition events**

We welcomed the majority of our new Year 7 families last week to introduce them to the transition programme and there is a catch up event this coming Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm. It is important that as many families as possible attend, even if an older sibling is or has been in the school, as each year we amend our arrangements slightly. Families of next year's Year 7s should have received further information about this.

### **Arrangements for the rest of term**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 11 students have another English mock exam. There are also increased rehearsals for music students preparing for the Camden Albert Hall concert. On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> a number of Year 7 students are attending the "Hamlet in an Hour" performance at the Dorfman Theatre.

On the last day of term on 31st March, students will be dismissed at lunchtime:

Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be dismissed at 2:05pm, having had a normal lunchtime and period 4.

Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form students will be dismissed at 1.10pm after their period 4 lesson – they will be able to have lunch before they leave if they wish.

Yours faithfully,

Izzy Jones, Headteacher



## Year 10 'Business of Football' Trip Lily Mallick, Business Studies Teacher

Year 10 Business Studies students attended a workshop at The Emirates Stadium on 'The Business of Football'. The first part of the workshop was a stadium tour which allowed students to visit many exciting areas of the stadium, including the changing rooms, director's box, and media room. There were photo opportunities along the way and students even got to go pitch-side, walking down the same tunnel that the players emerge from.

After the tour, students were well placed to link what they had seen to the business concepts they have been studying in lessons. They discussed all the ways a football club makes money and what their main expenses are. In groups, students thought of ways that clubs could boost their revenue and reduce their costs, linking this to the concept of cash inflows and cash outflows that they have been studying.

The trip brought to life some of the concepts from the syllabus and was an excellent experience for all involved.

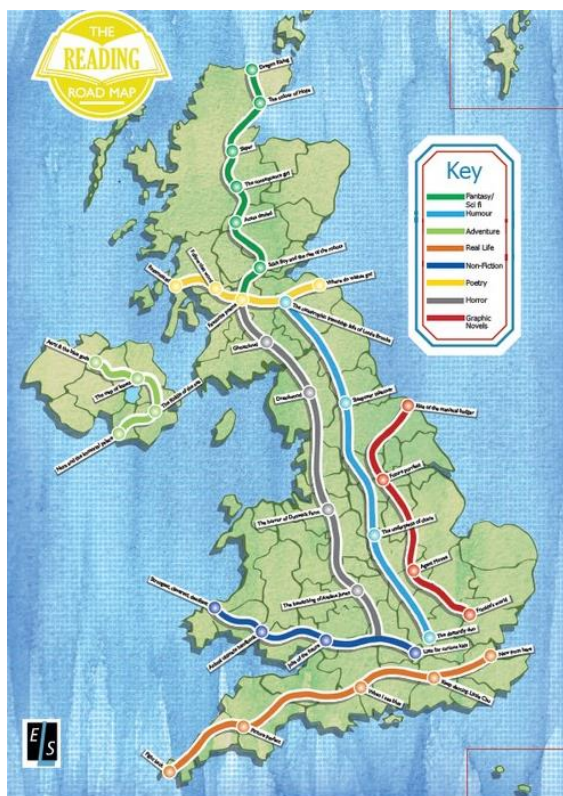


## Year 8 Theatre Trip Anna Hughes, Head of Drama

On Tuesday 7th March, almost all of Year 8 visited Shakespeare's Globe for a performance of *The Tempest*. This ties in to our work on the play in drama, and ongoing study of Shakespeare in English lessons.

We got the tube to London Bridge and enjoyed walking through Borough Market and along the Thames on our way to the theatre. The production was made for school groups and used many of the magical techniques we'd thought up in our lessons. The characters of Ariel, Ferdinand, Trinculo and Stephano were particularly popular!





### Year 7 & 8 Reading Road Map Sam Nunnery, Assistant Headteacher

The Reading Road Map for Year 7 and 8 students features 35 titles and authors, hand-picked by our librarian. Its main focus is raising literacy levels through reading for pleasure. The jump from Primary to Secondary often sees a dip in reading interest. We believe that reading for pleasure is the best way to increase literacy levels; the more students read, the better their literacy skills. By having access to the titles on the Map, students will be able to expand on what they would normally read and open up to new authors and different writing styles. If your son is in year 7 or 8 and is interested in taking part, please ask him to see me or our librarian for more details.

For more information please see the link provided:  
<https://www.ukreadingroadmap.org/>

### SEND Notices Vu Gawe, SENDCO

Camden's parents and carers are all invited to join the **SEND Parents Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-2pm at The Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town**, which is being jointly run by [Parent Forum](#) and [SEND Information, Advice and Support Service \(SENDIASS\)](#).

- There will be a line-up of speakers, time for lunch together and opportunities for parents and carers to give feedback on their experiences.
- All Camden parents and carers are welcome, whatever their experience. It is a day to listen, to join in and to get together with friends.
- Please go to [Camden SEND Parents Day Tickets, Fri 24 Mar 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

## SEND Parents Day

With Camden Parents Forum and SENDIASS

**For Camden parents & carers of children & young people with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND).**

Join us to hear from speakers, meet other parents & give your feedback!

**All welcome!**  
For more information email: [CamdenSPF@kids.org.uk](mailto:CamdenSPF@kids.org.uk)

**WHEN** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-2pm **FREE LUNCH!**

**WHERE** Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town, NW5 1LB.

Together for better outcomes

– with Camden managers of SEN education, Social Care & Health services.

Camden SEND Strategy – what's next for families?

Martin Pratt, Deputy Chief Executive, Camden.

Doing it yourself

– Emma Colverd founder of Safehaven Basketball club

Book your FREE place NOW!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camden-send-parents-day-tickets-559600118017>

Give your feedback to Camden.

What's working? What needs to change?

This event is for Camden parents & carers only. We are unable to provide a crèche or any children/young person's provision.



I would also like to bring your attention to 'Key Words'; a local playwriting project for children aged 11-14 year with dyslexia and challenges with writing.

Over 10 drama-style workshop sessions in Summer Term (after school) with a professional playwright and drama practitioner, participants each write their own play which is then performed on stage by actors. Do note that this project is completely FREE to participants.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up, then do get in touch with Holly at Turtle Key Arts: [holly@turtlekeyarts.org.uk](mailto:holly@turtlekeyarts.org.uk)

You can read more below, and take a look at the [Turtle Key website](http://Turtle Key website) where you can see some great short films from their previous young writers' plays being performed:



**Is your imagination better than your writing?**

**Can you picture your play on stage?**

**Are you 11-14 years old and have dyslexia or other issues with writing?**

Watch a short film and apply on-line  
[turtlekeyarts.org.uk/keywords](http://turtlekeyarts.org.uk/keywords)

**WHAT:** Work with a professional writer to create your own play  
**COST:** FREE  
**WHEN:** Thursdays 4-6pm. 11th May-20th July (exc half term)  
**WHERE:** First 2 sessions in school- 25th May onwards at The Park Theatre. 13 Clifton Terrace, Finsbury Park, London N4 3JP  
**WHO:** Contact Turtle Key Arts 020 8964 5060 [holly@turtlekeyarts.org.uk](mailto:holly@turtlekeyarts.org.uk) for more details



## **British Psychological Society (BPS) Free Webinar, 30th March**

As exam season approaches, students may be feeling the pressure of expectation, which can undo a lot of their hard work. The BPS is offering a free webinar to students and families to share strategies to help take control of the process. They will be talking specifically about:

- Good habits
- Planning
- Exam stress strategies

Although participation is free, registration is required, so [please click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

## **Sixth Form Student's Achievement Flora Wilson, Director of Sixth Form**

Kadie, a current Level 3 student at LaSWAP has won Camden's Young Volunteer Award – nominated by Sophie and Lee from the Sports Education & Training Programme at Talacre.

The reply from Camden Youth Award reads:

*Your nomination for Kadie was successful, they have won the Young Volunteer Award as a young person who has shown determination and strength of character in overcoming a particularly difficult year and faced challenging circumstances and shown resilience to come through this time*

The Camden Youth Awards take place today, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, at the British Museum. The Award Ceremony will be attended by Kadie and her grandmother, and Kirsty Pealling from the team.

Well done to all those that have supported Kadie's journey!