



WILLIAM ELLIS SCHOOL
HIGHGATE ROAD
LONDON
NW5 1RN

HEADTEACHER: MS IZZY JONES

TEL: 020 7267 9346
www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk
info@williamellis.camden.sch.uk

12th January 2024

Dear families

Welcome back to the new term and the start of 2024. I hope that you all had a restorative break over the holidays and thank you for your support in helping students to return to school successfully. This letter has some operational updates for the coming weeks and looking forward into the term.

Welcome to new staff

We were sad to say goodbye to a few staff members at the end of December, some of whom had been part of the school community for several years. We have been joined by the following new staff members:

New Staff	Role
Ms L. Gkelezi	Catering Manager
Ms A. Charalambos Clarke	SENDCo
Mr N. Chogah	Geography Teacher (starting end of January)
Ms E. Steel, Mr A. Hogsveden	RE and Humanities teaching

A small number of students have had minor changes to their timetables and teachers that are visible on MCAS and SatchelOne – this is to ensure that we make best use of subject specific teacher knowledge to cover the curriculum, especially for Year 11 students.

Attendance

We are currently appointing a new Attendance and Behaviour Officer to replace Ms Ellis, as the original appointee was not able to start the role as planned. Thank you for bearing with us if you are communicating with a number of different staff members about attendance.

If you need to contact us about attendance, please use attendance@williamellis.camden.sch.uk or call the main school phone number and select the attendance option.

Congratulations to 11K, 11W and 7B, three forms with the strongest attendance this week at 94%.

Feedback on examination results

Year 11 students are currently getting feedback on their mock examinations in class and will be issued with a new gradesheet during the week of 22nd January. Parents are reminded to ensure they

make bookings for the upcoming parent evening on Wednesday 31st January via MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) app.

Congratulations also to the Year 12 and 13 students who received their Maths and English GCSE resit results this week, many of whom achieved an improved grade and are now able to apply to more competitive post-16 courses and plan their university applications.

Canteen update

I wrote to you at the start of the week about the need for a limited service in the canteen in the first few days back. With the support of Camden colleagues I'm pleased to say that the canteen has been able to offer hot food for students in the last two days, and Ms Gkelezi and her team have worked hard to guide the students through this process. From next week, the canteen offer will be back to serving a 3-week rolling menu for the term and we will be on week 2 for next week. Full menus can be found at <https://www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk/canteen>. The pricing for canteen food can also be found following this link.

Updates from Camden and local organisations

Lauderdale House, in Highgate, have two offers of interest to William Ellis students:

- **Fresh Youth** – We currently host a weekly creative session at Lauderdale House on Thursday evenings from 4pm, in partnership with Camden Youth Services. The session is open to young people from 13 – 19 years old (up to 25 for disabled young people). The focus for this half term is photography, and young people are welcome to drop in for any week. For more information and how to register, please see our website: <https://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk/learning/fresh-youth>
- **Wonders of Waterlow Park Activity Book** – This free activity book funded by the Art Fund allows children to learn more about local nature through fun and creative activities. Follow the trail, around Waterlow Park whatever the season and discover the local flora and fauna of Highgate. Find out how to get yours here: <https://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk/waterlow-park-activity-trail>

Information from Camden to support wellbeing

Reporting and removing sexual images of under 18s from the internet

ChildLine have launched 'Report Remove' which enables young people to report and remove sexual images of under 18s from the internet. This will be of interest to Designated Safeguarding Leads. Details of 'Report Remove' can be found [here](#).

Get ready for winter with our wellness coffee mornings Encourage parents to join us for a series of [coffee mornings](#) where we'll be discussing how to stay healthy during the cold season. Our main points of discussion will include:

- **Protecting your health in cold weather**
- **Cost of living support during winter in Camden**
- **Immunisation information**

A great way for parents to learn about staying healthy during the winter season. Opportunity to learn about the different types of cost-of-living support available in Camden, such as saving energy, reducing energy bills, and accessing food. Additionally, we'll be discussing the importance of immunisation and the different types of immunisations available.



WILLIAM ELLIS SCHOOL
HIGHGATE ROAD
LONDON
NW5 1RN

HEADTEACHER: MS IZZY JONES

TEL: 020 7267 9346
www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk
info@williamellis.camden.sch.uk

Key dates for this term

- 17th-18th Jan - Year 11 Art & Graphics Mock Exam
- 22nd –24th Jan - Year 13 Graphics Mock Exam
- 31st Jan - Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 1st Feb - Deep Learning Day
- 8th Feb - Students' last day of half term
- 9th Feb - Staff Professional Development Day
- 12th-16th Feb - Half Term
- W.b 19th Feb - Year 8 Camden Dance Festival workshops
- 21st Feb - Year 9 Options Evening (tbc)
- 23rd Feb - WESPA Quiz Night
- 26th Feb- Year 9 Enterprise Day
- 1st Mar - Year 7 offers day for September 2024
- 7th Mar - World Book Day
- 7th Mar - Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 8th-10th Mar - Working Weekend at The Mill (further information will follow next week)
- 13th Mar - Year 7 trip to the Globe Theatre
- 14th Mar - Year 12 Parents' Evening
- 26th Mar - Year 8 Poetry Project performances at Lauderdale House
- 28th Mar - Ski Trip departs
- 28th Mar - Last day of Spring Term

Yours faithfully,

Izzy Jones, Headteacher

Please continue to the next page for the WESPA Round Up

WESPA Round Up | Welcome back and Burns Night Social

Dear families,

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed restful and fun holidays.

Our first meeting of the year is just round the corner so wrap up warm and head over to WES next week for our January catch up. There's lots to cover - communications, careers, updates from the Eco, Science and Music Groups and plans are afoot for our February quiz. You can find the agenda below.

Those of you in Y9 will already know, and for the benefit of other years, head of year 9 Jeremy Pratt has been keen to organise a repeat of the social last year. Riding off his coat tails we have decided to include all year groups so please pencil Thursday 25th January in your diaries for a WESPA 'Burns Night' Social.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,
Al

Chair WESPA

William Ellis School Parents Association (WESPA)

AGENDA

**Tuesday 16th January 2024, 6.30pm
William Ellis School Library**

WESPA welcomes all parents, carers and staff at the school. For any questions, please email:
williamellispa@gmail.com

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Approval of last minutes

3. Matters arising



WILLIAM ELLIS SCHOOL
HIGHGATE ROAD
LONDON
NW5 1RN

HEADTEACHER: MS IZZY JONES

TEL: 020 7267 9346
www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk
info@williamellis.camden.sch.uk

4. Chairs' reports

5. Finance report

6. Events and initiatives

a. Events and initiatives in planning or booked:

<https://sites.google.com/view/williamellispa/calendar>

b. Donations in kind: <https://sites.google.com/view/williamellispa/how-to-help>

c. Fundraising and grants

d. Potential events and initiatives: Group discussion and call for ideas

7. Date of Next Meeting

8. AOB

Al Mobbs

Chair WESPA