

Message from the head

Welcome back to you all. I hope you all had a fabulous Summer and were able to spend quality time with your children. I thoroughly enjoyed my holiday and the extra time I got to be with my own children. However, by the end of the long break I think my children were definitely ready for the extra stimulation of being around their friends and what being in school brings them and were happy to be going back to school this week. I know from chatting to many of your children they felt the same (as did many of you!). It has been brilliant hearing about the fun things they did and seeing how excited they have been getting to know their new teachers. It is already looking like an action packed year and I can't wait to be able to share with you all, through the newsletter and twitter each week, the amazing learning they are doing. Next week we are holding curriculum meetings for each class (see 'dates for your calendar' below) . I really hope that you can all come along so that the teachers can share all of the fun learning they have planned for the term and explain how this year will map out for your child in their new year group. Even if you have had children going through that year before, things change all the time and so I urge you to come along. Working together, we can ensure the children achieve and reach their highest potential. Have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday for the start of our first full week.

Clubs for this term

Today you should have received a letter about clubs for this term. Please complete the club request form and send it back to the school office by Tuesday next week. We are keeping the costs the same for our clubs, which is still much cheaper than most schools. Clubs cost £2 per session, or free for children who are in receipt of FSM. If you are struggling with the cost of any clubs please come and speak to Mr M^cGibbon. We don't want any child to miss out due to cost. We would ask, if you are able, to pay for the term's clubs for your child up front in one lump sum. This makes the admin of the club much easier. If this is not possible you can pay week to week, however please pay any monies directly to Lisa in the Office each week and not give the money to the person running the club. This way, it is much easier to keep track of things and avoid any problems. If you have any questions or queries about clubs or payment speak to Lisa in the office.

Meet the Parents

Our annual Meet the Parents event will be on Tuesday 25th September at 6.30-7.30pm. Families from the local secondaries will be here to give you the most up-to-date information about their school experience. Parents from all year groups are welcome at this invaluable event, where you can ask any questions you want and also talk privately to panellists afterwards. We will have representation from Acland Burghley, Haverstock, Parliament Hill and William Ellis schools. To find out more, go to:

www.meettheparents.info



School Dinners Reminder

If you are going to change the lunch your child has from School dinners to packed lunch, you must inform the Office immediately. If you don't, you'll be charged for them whether your child eats one or not. The kitchen place orders and cook quantities based on the number of children we have on the system wanting school dinners. If you don't inform the Office, they won't have been changed over. Also, for Year 3 parents, your child's lunch is no longer free under the Government scheme for free lunches for all under 7s. If you don't qualify for Free School Meals as determined by the Government criteria and verified by Camden, you will now have to pay for your child's school dinner. The cost of a school dinner is £2.13. Please see the Office for more information or to find out about applying for Free School Meals.



Attendance and Punctuality

Last year our attendance for the year was just above 95%. However, we know we can do even better. Attendance and punctuality are consistently shown in studies to be one of the biggest contributors to school success for children. We hope you will continue to work with us this year to improve our attendance and punctuality even more and ensure children don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities. Remember, we do not authorise absence during term time unless in exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. Also, please check the term dates carefully (they are on the website and on the back of this newsletter) so that you don't book any holidays when your children should be in school. Please don't assume because a friend or family member's child at a different school is off that we will be closed too. Dates vary from school to school, local authority to local authority, it's best to check. In terms of absence due to illness, if your child is a little under the weather, help them to build up resilience by not automatically keeping them off school for minor coughs or colds. Encourage and help them to come in. If once in, a child is really struggling and needs to be at home, we will call you straight away to collect them. Equally, if you do decide to keep your child home due to illness and part way through the day they perk up, bring them in for the remainder of the day. It's better to be in for some than miss a whole day. The less school time they miss the better. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Overall Punctuality 2017-18

This year, our overall punctuality award went to Year 4 Who had the least number of lates over the whole year. Well done to them, lets see if we can improve on punctuality overall this year!



Overall attendance 2017-18

The class with the best attendance last year was Year 3 with 96.51%. Well done to them and thank you to all of their parents for helping them. Let's see if they will win again this year. Remember, if your child is unwell or has an appointment, please call the Office in the morning to let us know.



Dates for your calendar

11th September	Year 5 & 6 Class Meeting for parents @ 5.30pm
12th September	Year 3 & 4 Class Meeting for parents @ 5.30pm
13th September	Year 1 & 2 Class Meeting for parents @ 5.30pm
17th—28th Sept	Year 5&6 Bikeability Course—40 places altogether
20-21st Sept	Year 3 Bike Training in school
20th September	Year 4 to Museum of London
21st September	Parent Coffee Morning—All welcome!
25th September	Year 1 to Parliament Hill (am)
25th September	Meet the Parents Event @ 6.30pm for Y5/6 parents
15-19th October	Year 5 to Sayers Croft
22nd-26th Oct	Half Term week
21st December	Last day of term—finish at 2pm
7th January	INSET Day—School closed
8th January	Spring Term Starts—children back

Open events 2018



Acland Burghley School

Burghley Road, London NWS 1UJ 020 7485 8515
www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk

Open evening: Wednesday 26 September 2018, 6 to 8pm
Open mornings: 24, 25, 26 and 27 September, 9 to 10.30am
Sixth Form: LaSWAP: Thursday 22 November, 5.30 to 8pm
(pre-registration is required – see the school website or laswap.camden.sch.uk for details)

Camden School for Girls

Sandall Road, London NWS 2DB 020 7485 3414
www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk

Open evening: Monday 17 September 2018, 6pm
Open mornings: Wednesday 12 and Friday 14 September, 9am
Sixth Form: Tuesday 20 November 2018

Hampstead School

Westbere Road, London NW2 3RT
020 7794 8133
www.hampsteadschool.org.uk

Open evening: Thursday 27 September 2018, 5.30 pm
Open mornings: Tuesdays 18, 25 September, 2, 9, 16 October, 9am
Sixth Form: Thursday 22 November, 6pm

Haverstock School

24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ
020 7267 0975
www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk

Open evening: Wednesday 3 October 2018, 5 to 7pm
Open mornings: 28 September, 1 October and 8 October, 9.30 to 11am
Sixth Form: Please contact the school office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk to arrange a personalised tour.

La Sainte Union

Highgate Road, London NWS 11RP 020 7428 4600
www.lasainteunion.org.uk

Open evening: Thursday 27 September 2018, 4 to 7pm
Open days: 4 October, 10am to 2pm; 10 October, 2 to 3.30pm
Sixth Form: LaSWAP: Thursday 22 November, 5.30 to 8pm
(pre-registration is required – see the school website or laswap.camden.sch.uk for details)

Maria Fidelis School FJC

North Gower Street, London NW1 2LY
020 7387 2359
www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk

Open evening: Thursday 11 October 2018, 4pm
Open mornings: Every Tuesday through the year 9.30 to 10.30am at the new site, Drummond Crescent
Sixth Form: Thursday 15 November 2018, 4 to 6pm

Parliament Hill School

Highgate Road, London NWS 1RL
020 7485 7077
www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk

Open evening: 27 September 2018, 5pm to 7.30pm
Open mornings: October 9, 10, 11, 9am to 10.45am
Sixth Form: LaSWAP: Thursday 22 November, 5.30 to 8pm
(pre-registration is required – see the school website or laswap.camden.sch.uk for details)

Regent High School

Chalton Street, London NW1 1RX 020 7387 0126
www.regenthighschool.org.uk

Open evening: Thursday 4 October 2018, 4.30 to 7.30pm
Open mornings: Wednesdays 3, 10, 17 and 31 October, 9am
Sixth Form: Thursday 8 November 2018, 4 to 6.30pm

The UCL Academy

Adelaide Road, London NW3 3AQ 020 7449 3080
www.uclacademy.co.uk

Open evenings: 19 September and 15 October 2018, 4.30 to 7.30pm
Open mornings: Book online for a space: 25, 26 September, 17 and 18 October, 9 to 10am
Sixth Form: Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 21 November, 4.30 to 6.30pm

William Ellis School

Highgate Road, London NWS 1RN 020 7267 9346
www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk

Open evening: Thursday 27 September 2018, 6 to 8pm
Open mornings: 2, 10 and 11 October, 9 to 10.30am
Sixth Form: LaSWAP: Thursday 22 November, 5.30 to 8pm
(pre-registration is required – see the school website or laswap.camden.sch.uk for details)

Camden Moving On event for parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils

Thursday 20 September, from 4pm to 6.30pm

Haverstock School, 24 Haverstock Hill,
Chalk Farm, London NW3 2BQ

Register at eventbrite.co.uk (search for 'Camden Moving On')



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/2019

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 5 th September 2018
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 22 nd Oct – Friday 26 th Oct 2018
Last day of term	Friday 21 st December 2018

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 18 th Feb – Friday 22 nd Feb 2019
Last day of term	Friday 5 th April 2019

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 24 th April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2019
Last day of term	Tuesday 23 rd July 2019

Staff Inset days:

Mon 3rd & Tues 4th September 2018

Mon 7th January 2019

Tues 23rd April 2019

Mon 3rd June 2019

Please note Nursery and Reception start dates differ and parents will have received their child's start date already. If unsure call the office.

Camden Clean Air Action Plan

Last term many of you completed a questionnaire to help Mr McGibbon feedback some of your thoughts and concerns regarding air quality for an event he was attending as part of the council's work on the Camden Clean Air Action Plan. Following on from that event we received the message below. The council wants people to comment on the themes and actions that came out of that event. Please take some time to visit the website mentioned below and have your say. Thank you.

Dear Schools,

With more links being made between the negative impacts of air pollution on human health, especially children's health, we **really** want to hear from you. Camden is seeking feedback on how we can improve the air we breathe.

We all have a role to play in improving air quality in Camden, that's why we're asking you to help develop our Clean Air Action Plan.

During our Camden 2025 community conversations you told us that air quality is vitally important, with participants in particular asking that we work together to improve the air that we share.

With this in mind, we launched our Camden Clean Air Partnership in July, bringing together residents, local businesses and campaigners for a 'Design Day', exploring practical ideas for air quality improvement.

Key themes covered on the Design Day included:

1. Transport emissions
2. Construction and development emissions
3. Public health and awareness raising
4. Delivery, servicing and freight
5. Communities and schools
6. What can you do to help improve local air quality

Now we're opening the discussion wider with a new website where you can have your say. We're keen to capture as many of your voices as possible to help us develop our Clean Air Action Plan which will launch next year.

Please note that this engagement is not a formal consultation our future Clean Air Action Plan but rather a review of the Design Day outputs, which will inform the Action Plan development.

Read the full details of actions from the design day and join the conversation by **Sunday 30 September**.

To leave your feedback visit <https://camdencommunitychallenges.commonplace.is/>