

Families Bulletin - Friday 11th September 2026



Celebrating fantastic exam results. Follow [link](#) for more information.

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful summer break and that your daughter has returned to school feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities ahead.

Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who collected their examination results in August. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the dedication they have shown throughout their studies. With 47% of GCSE grades at 7-9, these were our strongest results yet. Our A Level results were also stellar and above national performance.

Year 11 students have secured places on a wide range of post-16 pathways, while our Year 13 students are preparing to begin the next stage of their journeys at universities across the country, including Cambridge University, King's College London, Royal Veterinary College, Imperial College London, Glasgow and Bristol. You can read more about this year's results on our [website](#).

Last year we saw the positive benefits of our [phone policy](#) across the school. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create an environment that promotes learning, wellbeing and positive social interaction. As a reminder, smartphones are not permitted for students in Year 7 & 8. For students in other year groups, phones must remain switched off throughout the school day and while on the school site. Any smartphone that is seen will be confiscated for two weeks.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a successful and rewarding year ahead for all our students.

I wish you and your family a relaxing weekend when it arrives.

Sarah Creasey
Headteacher

Key Dates

15th September 2026 - KS4 Information Evening (Years 10 & 11)

5.00pm - 6.00pm. Students do not need to attend this meeting.

24th September 2026 - Early closure due to Open Evening

Year 7 and 8 will leave at 2.05pm, straight after period 4.

Years 9 - 13 will leave at 1.15pm

FSM packed lunches can be collected at breaktime

25th September 2026 - Late start

Students should arrive to school at 9.35am, for a 9.40am start in their registration class

30th September, 1st October and 6th October 2026 – Open Mornings

[**View Term Dates 2026-2027**](#)

Club List

The Autumn clubs list is available here – with information on what is available for each year group.

All our clubs are free with no need to book, we offer rich and varied opportunities beyond the curriculum.

We are especially excited about some brand new clubs on offer this year.

- Food Growing Club Monday after school 3:15 – 4:15 for all students
- Dungeons and Dragons – Thursdays after school in M20 Years 7,8 and 9
- Crystal and Knot club - Thursdays after school in M22 Years 7,8 and 9
- Parli Plus (home learning support) is now available to all students every day after school

Please do actively encourage your child to attend a club.

[**Club List**](#)

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance to school ensures your child reaches their full academic potential. Research shows that good attendance to school leads to better GCSE/A level performance. It also teaches a valuable supports emotional wellbeing, teaches young people a valuable life skill and helps prepare young people for the world of work.

The Department for Education considers attendance above 96% to be good, although by the end of the academic year this still equates to 7½ days of lost learning, please see information overleaf. By the end of the school year, attendance of 90% means a young person has been absent from school for 19 days, and missed 95 hours of lessons.

For those students who have managed to maintain attendance of 96% or above in previous years, congratulations, this is an incredible accomplishment. For those students where attendance is below these levels, we are aware that sometimes there are extenuating circumstances; sometimes illness or other circumstances mean absences are unavoidable. If you have not done so already, we urge you to work with us to improve your child's attendance. I know you share our view that good school attendance is very important.

On the reverse of this letter, I have included some useful contact details and Camden's guidance around school attendance. We aim to update families about individual student attendance each half term and we follow up with families where attendance drops below 96%. I have also enclosed our Attendance Matters leaflet, which should answer any questions you have about our attendance practices.

A reminder, we do not authorise any term time holidays.

Our lateness policy is very clear. If a student arrives late to school, which is after 8.40am then we issue a **same day 30 minute late detention**. Students do not have the opportunity to sit a 'second chance detention' unless a parent/carer has contacted attendance to share specific details of a medical appointment, such as an appointment card.

Finally, thank you for all your support and communication around attendance. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself as the attendance lead, or other relevant staff members. All staff can be reached by phone on 0207 485 7077 or via email.



Sandra Poole, Assistant Headteacher – Personal Development

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How much education is your child missing?



Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100% 99%	190 days 188 days	0 2	0 10
Good	98% 97% 96%	186 days 184 days 182.5 days	4 6 7.5	20 30 37.5
Cause for concern	95% 94% 93% 92% 91%	180.5 days 179 days 177 days 175 days 173 days	9.5 11 13 15 17	47.5 55 65 75 85
Unsatisfactory	90% 89% 88% 87%	171 days 169 days 167 days 165 days	19 21 23 25	95 105 115 125
Serious Cause for Concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85% 84% 83% 82% 81% 80%	161.5 days 159.5 days 158 days 156 days 154 days 152 days	28.5 30.5 32 34 36 38	142.5 152.5 160 170 180 190

Year 11 English Mock Exam

23rd September: Period 1 – Language paper 2, writing section - in class

The writing section of AQA language paper 2. Students will be asked to write a piece of creative nonfiction such as a speech, letter or newspaper article, on a specific topic. This assessment will take place in class and will last 45 minutes.

2nd October: Period 5 – Language paper 2 reading section - in the hall

The reading section of AQA language paper 2. Students will be asked to analyse and compare two pieces of literary nonfiction on a similar topic. This assessment will take place in the hall and will last 1 hour.

How can I support my child?

The best way to prepare for this exam is to read and discuss current affairs and news topics. Looking at the daily newspaper headlines, then discussing and analysing these for language techniques and choices is a good place to start.

KS4 text Payments: Years 10 and 11

At Parli we choose to provide every student with their own copy of their GCSE literature texts because we know the positive difference it makes. Students are able to highlight, annotate and most importantly, form a personal connection with the text in their hands.

We are pleased to provide the modern text and poetry collection free of charge. We do, however, ask families to contribute towards the cost of the Victorian novel and Shakespeare play, via parent pay. Students eligible for Free School Meals receive a 50% reduction in the contribution.

KS4 Text Contributions

Year 10

- Year 10 Victorian Text – £3.74
- Year 10 Victorian Text (50% FSM reduction) – £1.87

Year 11

- Year 11 Shakespeare Text – £4.39
- Year 11 Shakespeare Text (50% FSM reduction) – £2.20

We kindly ask that contributions are made via [ParentPay](#) at your earliest convenience.

Year 12

After a stellar set of exam outcomes for the outgoing year 13 this summer, we welcomed a new cohort of year 12 students into the sixth form at Parliament Hill last week. 191 students make up the new year 12 who attended a two-day induction in the first week of term before lessons began. They took part in ice-breaker activities, including building couture fashion pieces from newspaper, met their form tutors and were introduced to academic life at Parli. The induction finale was a series of rounders matches against the other three LaSWAP schools on Hampstead Heath, which Parli won!

Year 13 began the term with one-to-one academic mentor meetings to reflect on their progress and set objectives for the year ahead. They will be working hard in the run-up to mock exams in the first week of October.



SEND Update

Allergy reminder

Students should carry their emergency adrenaline devices and asthma pumps in their school bag and store a spare at student reception. Students will not be able to participate in offsite activities if they do not have their adrenaline device or asthma pump on the day of the activity.

Families should ensure that any prescribed personal medication or adrenaline devices left at school are in-date and in the original packaging that includes the dose. Families should inform the school office immediately of any new or changing allergies.

Please avoid sending high-risk items (such as nuts or items containing hidden nut derivatives) to help protect our severely allergic pupils.

In line with the new statutory guidance, the school holds spare, in-date emergency adrenaline devices on-site to treat anyone experiencing severe anaphylaxis. All school staff receive annual, mandatory allergy awareness and emergency response training.

Our school kitchen works under strict allergen controls and the Caterlink menu is published on the website. Please contact enquiries@parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk if you need to discuss the lunchtime menu.

Black History Month – Staff contributions and ideas

This year's Black History Month theme is 'Honouring Our Communities', celebrating the people and communities whose contributions help shape and strengthen our society.

We are planning a programme of talks, workshops, assemblies, trips and activities throughout October and would really value your support in helping us make the programme a success.

Please let me know if you would like to contribute or have any recommendations for inspiring people, speakers, organisations or activities that could support the programme. This could be through:

- a workshop or assembly
- recommending a guest speaker or contact
- recommendations for a trip or visit
- sharing a resource or idea linked to this year's theme
- any other contribution you feel would enrich the programme

If you have an idea or would like to get involved, please email me at rm@parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk.

Thank you for helping us create an inspiring and meaningful Black History Month for our students.



Parli+, our school's home-learning club will be starting again on Monday the 14th of September.

This year **Parli+** will operate in **K22 on every day of the school week** apart from on all-staff training days.

We will be posting a fortnightly timetable outside K22 so that students are aware of the training days. This information will also be posted fortnightly in the Family bulletins.

Parli+ is a great place for your child to complete home-learning with support and develop the habit of completing work on time.

Please note there will be no Parli + on **Thursday 17th September**



Put simply, mindfulness is the basic human ability to be fully present: aware of what we are doing, as opposed to worrying about what might happen in the future or ruminating about what has already happened.

On Wednesday the 16th of September we will be launching the Mindfulness lunchtime workshop.

Y7 and Y8 students: K16, every Wednesday, KS3 lunchtime 12:15 to 13:00

Y9, Y10 and Y11 students: K16, every Wednesday, KS4 lunchtime 13:15 to 14:00

KS5 students: Venue and time will be shared soon.

Mindfulness helps students develop a greater sense of presence, remain calm under pressure, and strengthen their memory, all of which are invaluable skills for school life.

The programme consists of nine lessons delivered over nine consecutive Wednesdays. Upon successful completion, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Virtual Reality language workshops for Camden students

This is a great opportunity where students can practise real-world speaking scenarios in VR that pair realistic 3D environments with conversational AI characters. This interactive experience helps students build confidence in low-pressure settings while delivering instant, detailed feedback on grammar, vocabulary, and performance. See posters below for full details.

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Location: London AI Campus, Charrington Street, London NW1 1RD
Day: Tuesday 22nd September 2026
Time: 4–5:30pm

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APEX PEOPLE
Job interview / Asking for information in a professional setting
Level: Advanced (A level)

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Days: 23rd and/or 24th September 2026



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Local Information

Nominations open for the Camden Youth Awards 2026

Nominations for the Camden Youth Awards 2026 are now open until **4 October**. The Youth Awards recognise and celebrate the inspiring journeys of young people, the hard work and dedication of staff and voluntary sector projects that make a real difference to the lives of children and young people in Camden.

This year we have six award categories which are outlined in the [Information Pack](#). Please read the pack and complete the [online form](#) to nominate a young person / group of young people aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 with learning difficulties or disabilities), staff member or project. The nominations will be reviewed, and winners selected by a panel of staff and young people from Camden Youth Council. Winners will be announced at an event on Wednesday 4 November, as part of Youth Celebration Week.

Free after-school hip hop and street dance classes for children – enrolling this September

Remix Dance runs free weekly after-school hip hop and street dance classes, as well as offering performance opportunities, to children aged 5 to 16 from the Regent's Park Estate and across Camden borough.

The after-school classes, which take place during term-time on Wednesday and Thursday, are now enrolling.

Wednesdays at Euston Community Hub, North Gower Street, NW1 2LY, is hip hop dance with boogie for children and young people aged 5 to 11 plus, with a homework and study support group running in a separate room.

Thursdays at Old Diorama Arts Centre (ODAC), 201 Drummond Street, NW1 3FE, is street dance with Mia for children and young people aged 5 to 11 plus. There are also Tuesday and Wednesday after-school homework and study support groups. [Find out more and sign-up.](#)



Early Help

Parenting Lead Team
Strengthening Families,
Strengthening Communities
(SFSC)

Venue:
**Netherwood
Youth and
Family Hub,
5 Netherwood St,
Brondesbury
NW6 2QU**

**Free
childcare
and travel
available**

Dates:
**Thursdays
17/09 – 17/12/26
11am – 2pm
including
lunch**

SFSC parenting programme for parents with children aged 4 - 17 years

**Do you have a good relationship with your children?
Do you enjoy spending time together?**
After completing the 13-week programme the answers to
the questions will be **YES**.

Sign up now and you can expect to:

- **Meet other parents and carers**
- **Share your views & experiences of parenting in a confidential space**
- **Understand why you parent the way you do and how to make improvements**
- **Set boundaries for your children which they will enjoy and respect**
- **Build a better relationship with your child**
- **Motivate your child to do their best at home and school**
- **Address concerns about drinking, drugs, antisocial behavior or truanting**
- **Make connections with your wider community and services in Camden**
- **Develop your confidence as a parent**

For more info and to book a place, please contact:
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