



Camden School for Girls
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Summer Term Newsletter

July 2025

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful students, our dedicated staff, and the entire school community for their incredible effort, enthusiasm, and support. We are immensely proud of the many new and exciting opportunities we've created for our students this year, and their engagement and commitment have been truly outstanding.

The musical performances have been stunning, the calibre of the artwork exceptional, and the drama absolutely impressive. The Camden spirit remains strong, and we are tremendously proud of the attitude, creativity, and tenacity our students have shown throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support—it means so much. I wish you all a restful and joyful summer break.



Kateryna Law, Headteacher

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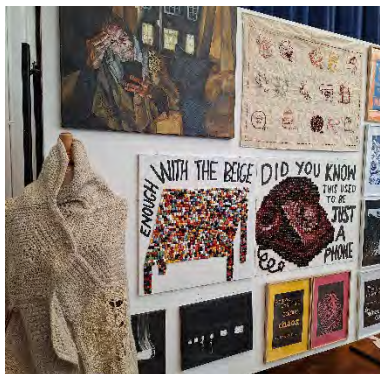
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A Level and GCSE Art Shows



The annual A level and GCSE Art Shows took place in June and were a wonderful showcase of the creativity, talent and sheer hard work of the CSG Art students and the Art Department. Our main school students were taken to look at the show during lesson time, they returned inspired and ready to discuss their ideas. A significant number of the A level cohort have gained places on Art Foundation and other creative courses. Thank you to all families and friends who took time to visit the exhibitions.





Celebrating CSG Cultures on Culture Day



Students enjoyed a vibrant showcase of global music, dance, and poetry at Friday's Culture Show in the Hall. Led by new Head Prefect Rijana and 1st Prefect Miya, with support from the new prefect team, the event opened with an enchanting UNESCO-listed Albanian dance.

Performances from France, Georgia, Jamaica, Greece, Ireland, and beyond took the audience on a cultural journey. It was a joy to see so many students celebrating the diversity that makes our school unique. Thanks to everyone involved—an impressive £367 was raised for Médecins Sans Frontières.





Busy Term for CSG Musicians

On Wednesday 30 April, over 60 students took part in a fantastic concert at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Camden Music Festival. The Junior Choir and several CSG musicians in Camden ensembles performed to a packed audience - a memorable experience for all involved.



The following week, the music department hosted two exciting events despite ongoing preparations for the inaugural Belgium music tour and end-of-year production. First was the annual Transition Jazz Workshop, where CSG's junior jazz band collaborated with Brecknock and Torriano primary schools on jazz classics like Mercy, Mercy, Mercy and Cantaloupe Island, culminating in a lively end-of-day concert. Special thanks to Daisy Coole, Rod Arran, and Oliwia Kimber for making it possible.





Then came the Summer Fest and Battle of the Bands—an energetic evening judged by professional musicians. Compered brilliantly by Zoe and Rhea, the event showcased impressive talent, with Year 9 band Avocets taking the win.



To top off an incredible few weeks, congratulations go to Jess (Y12), appointed principal viola of the National Youth Orchestra; Dora (Y12), winner of the North London Festival's 15–18 solo violin class; and Lilah (Y12), accepted into Trinity Laban's Junior Department. Their hard work and achievements are truly inspiring.

In June the Music Tour to Belgium was a memorable experience for all involved. The students gave concerts in Ghent and Bruges which included symphonic items, choral music and Mozart concerto movements. The audiences were very appreciative of the high quality music performances. Students also enjoyed sightseeing in these beautiful locations.





*One of the two wonderful concerts.
The orchestra performed the first
concert at Sint-Michielskerk, Ghent.*

*The orchestra's second concert took
place at Sint Gilliskerk, Bruges.*

*Our outstanding soloists in Mozart
Sinfonia Concertante were Dora
Bottrill, Hugo Jopling, Jessica
Keenlyside and Jessica Elliott.*



*Great achievement by the whole
orchestra with thanks to Ms Birchall-
Sampson for conducting and Ms
Segal for making it happen and a
donation from the school's Foundation
to help all participants partake in the
tour.*

CSG musicians sightseeing in Ghent

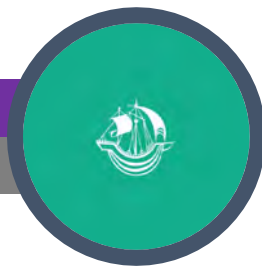


School Trips

Year 7 Geography Trip to Docklands

Year 7 travelled by boat, tube and the DLR to Docklands last week to continue their work on maps out of the classroom. They read tube maps on the Northern line, used grid references in West India Quay and played Riverboat Bingo using a sketch map of the River Thames. A good time was had by all.





Year 8 trip to Camden Highline: Tracking the Heritage

On Wednesday 18th, 17 Year 8's attended a workshop run by the Camden Highline. They learnt all about the heritage of their local area, taking part in several activities including a walking tour of the area and an artistic response to Camden's heritage. We also learnt all about the plans for the Highline and even gave our own suggestions on what should be included in this proposed space in our local area.

The students did fantastically, well done for all the hard work especially in the intense heat!



Ms McDade

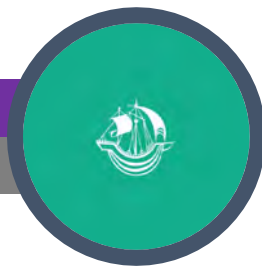


Year 9 trip to see Noughts & Crosses

On Thursday 10 July, a large group of Year 9 students walked to Regent's Park for a picnic in the shade and then a matinee of the stage version of Malorie Blackman's brilliant and ground breaking novel Noughts & Crosses. This thought-provoking and at times quite upsetting play left the students with much to discuss about race, power and love. They were impressed by the acting, especially of the main young couple, and the stark staging and dramatic effects, such as explosions. The Year 9 students were a pleasure to take on this trip, and managed especially well given the sweltering heat!

Ms Trench, Ms Gibson, Ms Scott & Mr O'Connell





Y10 History trip to the National Archives

On Thursday 10 July, Year 10 historians visited the National Archives in Kew to support their GCSE study of Elizabeth I and Migration to Britain. In one session, students explored Elizabeth I's letters and speeches, handled original Tudor documents like the Tide Letter, and practiced deciphering Tudor handwriting to learn about her leadership and governance.

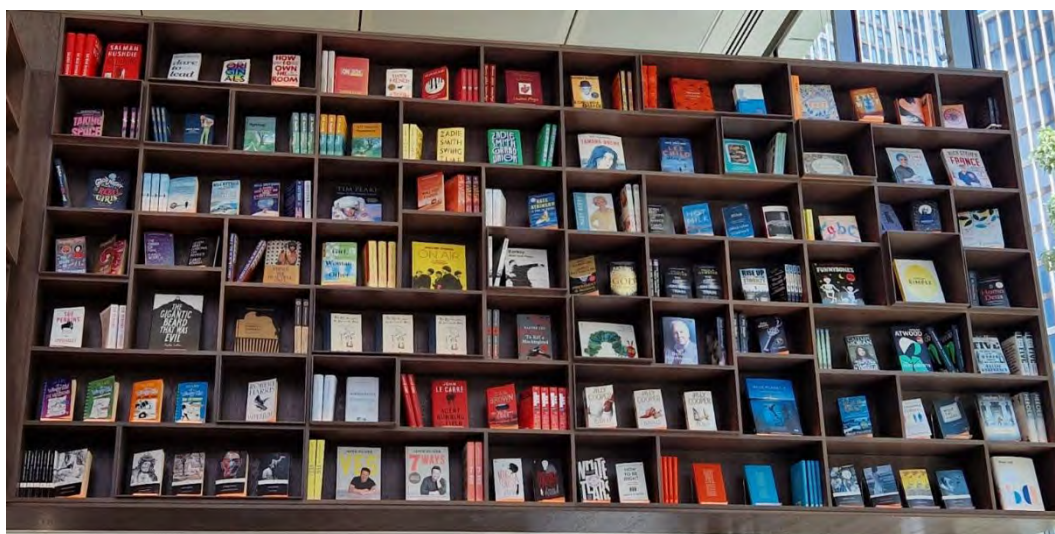


In the second session, students investigated the lives of Indian seafarers (lascars) and examined documents revealing their travels, work, and experiences, including the effects of the 1920 Alien's Order. A key moment was handling the original passenger list from the Empire Windrush, connecting their studies to post-war Caribbean migration and the Windrush Generation.



Year 10 Creative Writing Club Trip – Penguin Random House

On 8th July, Year 10 creative writers visited Penguin Random House HQ. Students enjoyed presentations on publishing, design processes, and marketing, even receiving free books. Sam (10M) described the trip as “informative, calming, and fun.





Main School PE Trip to Devon

Before half term, 45 students went to Devon for a weekend of outdoor and adventurous activities!. We all had a great time, with the Year 10s rock climbing for their GCSE assessment while the Year 8s and 9s on the trip had a great time wading through a river, climbing rock faces, abseiling, bog running, quarry jumping, kayaking and raft building, as well as sleeping outside on Dartmoor! We got to do things most people don't have the opportunity to do, and got to overcome our fears!

Naima 9R





Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) participants recently completed their expedition, which included a three-day trek. Students also shared their experiences completing the personal, physical, and volunteering skill sections of the award.

Highlights from the Expedition:

- Training Day: Students practiced navigation and equipment checks, enjoying scenic views.
- Day 1 & Setting Up Camp: The team walked for approximately six hours, arriving at camp on schedule ready to set up the tents despite windy conditions.
- Day 2: An early start helped avoid the heat, and the group completed their journey back to Chalfont and Latimer station.
Cooking: Teams prepared meals like pesto pasta, pancakes and sandwiches, learning from both successes and challenges with cooking in the field. We won't be making pancakes again if we do silver award.
- Expedition Aim: The team tracked participants' mental health and attitudes throughout the trip, planning to create a graph of their findings.

Skill Section Experiences:

Volunteering: Emi S volunteered at her old primary school, helping with the after-school club and gaining a sense of responsibility.

Physical & Personal Skill: Eva F utilized her Army Cadets training for both skills, learning navigation, drills, and discipline. She also highlighted her boxing sessions for her physical skill, which helped her prepare for the expedition.





Sixth Form Trips

'Great Gatsby' at Coliseum

On the evening of Wednesday 18th June, Ms Scott, Ms E-P and Ms Gibson went with 16 English Literature A-Level students to see 'The Great Gatsby' at London's Coliseum, to support the students in their American Literature Comparative and Contextual study (as well as the obvious appeal of the show - and the air-conditioned theatre!)

The show had all the glitz and excesses of the novel, with some excellent songs thrown in. It offered an interesting take on Fitzgerald's novel, and we really enjoyed our outing.

Many thanks to Ms Scott, who did all the organising!



'Backstroke' at Donmar Warehouse

On Tuesday 1st April, Year 12 and 13 Drama students attended a powerful performance of *Backstroke* at the Donmar Warehouse, featuring Tamsin Greig and Celia Imrie. The play tells the moving story of Bo and her mother, weaving together scenes from her mother's final days in hospital with memories of Bo's childhood and her mother's later struggle with Alzheimer's. The cast delivered deeply emotional and captivating performances, leaving the student audience thoroughly engaged throughout.

Thanks to the Donmar's outreach programme, students received free tickets and also took part in a post-show Q&A with the cast and stage management team. This session offered valuable insights into the rehearsal process, backstage stories, and industry advice for aspiring performers.

It was a memorable and inspiring final trip for the Year 13 students before their upcoming exams.



Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip to Sussex

At the end of March, the Geography Department took 34 A level students to East Sussex to study coastal landforms, beach morphology and coastal management, as well as gaining some invaluable fieldwork skills needed for their coursework. The students worked hard and the weather just about held, although at times our views were somewhat obscured by the rolling sea fog.





Year 12 Art Trip to Amsterdam

From 13 to 16 March, Year 12 Art, Photography, and History of Art students took part in a cultural trip to Amsterdam, visiting several of the city's leading museums and galleries. Highlights included the Van Gogh Museum, where students explored Van Gogh's iconic works and his Japanese influences, and the Stedelijk Museum, where they viewed Anselm Kiefer's large-scale mixed media pieces. They also visited Rembrandt House to learn about the artist's life and his links to Japanese art.

At the Rijksmuseum, students viewed both American photography and Dutch masterpieces, including Rembrandt's *Night Watch*. The Foam photography museum showcased moving exhibitions by Diana Markhosian, Sakir Khader, and Saul Leiter, covering themes from family history and conflict to innovative uses of colour in photography.

The trip offered a rich mix of historic and contemporary art, providing students with inspiration and insight. A special mention was given to Albert Heijn supermarket as a surprise favourite of the group.





Look who came to visit!

French School visit to CSG - Tuesday 13 May



Year 10 students played hosts to a group of French visitors from Brittany on Tuesday last week. They welcomed 19 French students and their 3 teachers to school in the morning. The visit started with a tour of CSG with our excellent guides, they then shared presentations and photographs of each other's school and school life. After break, students worked in small groups conversing on a range of topics such as family, hobbies, social media and holidays in French and English. (There was a hint of competition with a game of Pictionary). After lunch, the French and English students walked down to Camden Market and had a little shopping therapy. Almost every Year 10 French student took part in at least one activity. The enthusiasm, kindness (and bravery!) of our Year 10 made us once again very proud. The French School absolutely loved their experience and told their teachers this was the best part of their trip. Thank you to all participants!

Ms Benzina & Ms Brown

On Tuesday, journalist, author, presenter and podcaster Zing Tsjeng came into school to talk to Year 9 students about her career. Year 9 students have been focusing recently on non-fiction, after writing their brilliant speeches they are now looking at a range of memoirs. Zing spoke about the experience of writing her recent cover article for Vogue, her book *Forgotten Women* and her current BBC podcast *Good Bad Billionaire*. The students hugely enjoyed her visit and asked some really interesting questions at the end.

Ms Trench





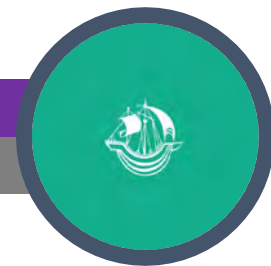
Therapy dogs

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming Fiona and her two therapy dogs, Freddie and Belle, to school. Fiona spoke to a group of year 8 and 10 students about her work at Grass Roots, an equine assisted learning centre, and her path to working with animals. Afterwards, we ventured outside and Freddie and Belle worked through some puzzles with assistance from the students. We all thoroughly enjoyed our time with Fiona, Freddie and Belle and hope to have them back again!



The therapy dog demonstration was an exciting experience with two friendly and intelligent dogs. We got to create puzzles with them and stroke them endlessly. It was lots of fun and I would recommend the experience to anyone (except if you're allergic to dogs). - Leonie 10M

I thought the talk was really inspiring. It was amazing to learn how she uses different animals to support people with disabilities and make a real difference in their lives. The two dogs she brought were so friendly, calm, and well-trained - it was an amazing experience overall which I really enjoyed! - Agatha 8C



Competition Successes

Chemistry Olympiad



Earlier this year, 6 year 13 students sat the UK Chemistry Olympiad - a challenge designed to test chemical knowledge through a written test with real-world chemistry problems - and all were very successful - achieving Silver Awards! A big well done to Naz, Lucas, Bohm, Thalia, Florence, Jenelle and Nina.

V&A National Schools Challenge

Two teams from our school reached the final of the prestigious V&A National Schools Challenge, a competition celebrating young people's design and innovation skills. Competing against schools from across the country, both teams impressed a panel of celebrity judges with their creative pitches: a 'Smart Pot' to help young people improve their cooking skills and 'Glow Cycle', a product designed to make cycling in busy streets safer.

In addition to pitching, students took part in creative workshops at the V&A, including sessions with a ceramicist and the recycling team 'Are You Mad?'. Team Glow Cycle won the award for Best Pitch, but equally impressive was the supportive spirit shown between both teams and their confident, engaging presentations to a large audience. Tristram Hunt even remarked that CSG are "always the ones to watch." Congratulations to all involved!



Ms Ronayne



Maths

A big congratulations to the Camden Squadrilaterals, who came first place and are now the 2025 Count on Us Champions.

Count on us is a London wide maths tournament with five competitive maths puzzle rounds, and the team did the school proud with all their hard work and focus. There were twelve other mathematically strong schools at the final, tough competition, but the team came out with top scores. Each member walked away with a medal.

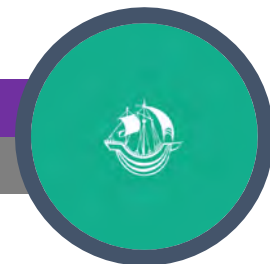


They committed many lunchtimes and after-school sessions to practise the puzzles, which led them to success. They were highly praised by teachers from the competing schools for their quick thinking and algebraic skills.

Well done to Iffy, Lana, Lila, Lily and Sophia!

The maths department is very proud of you. Go Squadrilaterals!!





Danceathon 2025 & Dance at CSG

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Danceathon 2025 was without doubt a day to remember! In fact, Ms Law described it as “quite possibly the most exciting, dynamic and fun Danceathon in the illustrious seven-year history of CSG Danceathons!”

The energy was unbelievable, the choreography was incredible, and the finalists battled it out in a nail-biting finish that saw our judges needing time out to deliberate. Most importantly, it was clear that everyone – students and staff – had a fantastic time.



Big congratulations to 9R for their very well-deserved victory, and to Zoe for winning the solo dancer crown.

And a big, big thank you to all of you who donated to sponsor the students. With your help we raised £1,800! We're so grateful for your support, and it will be put to good use in our school clubs so all our students can benefit from additional activities. Until next year!

A huge CASCA families' CASCA through events and bar



CASCA News

thank you from the school to this year! Thanks to our generosity and involvement, raised an incredible £40,000

Dance Club success at Step Live showcase in Cadogan Hall.



sales. These funds have directly supported a wide range of school projects, including:

- £19,400 for equipment, books, and stationery for departments
- £5,500 for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze & Silver Award
- £3,900 to support students through hardship funding
- £3,800 towards Debatemate workshops and programme
- £2,500 for library books and new furniture
- £2,100 to help decorate Room 1.0 and the dining hall
- £1,400 for Model UN activities
- £1,200 for A Level Psychology resources

This success wouldn't have been possible without your donations and the dedicated volunteers at our events. We're also grateful for the support from new local corporate donors – LabTech, Olivers Town, and Anaconda Swim School – as well as a generous donation of 30 used laptops from a financial services company. Expanding corporate partnerships will remain a priority for CASCA next year.

Special thanks to Mary Kavanagh, who organised her 30th CASCA jumble sale this year, and Lucy Baron Thomas, who has brilliantly managed the CASCA bar in recent years.

Carenn & Sandra
Co-Chairs of CASCA

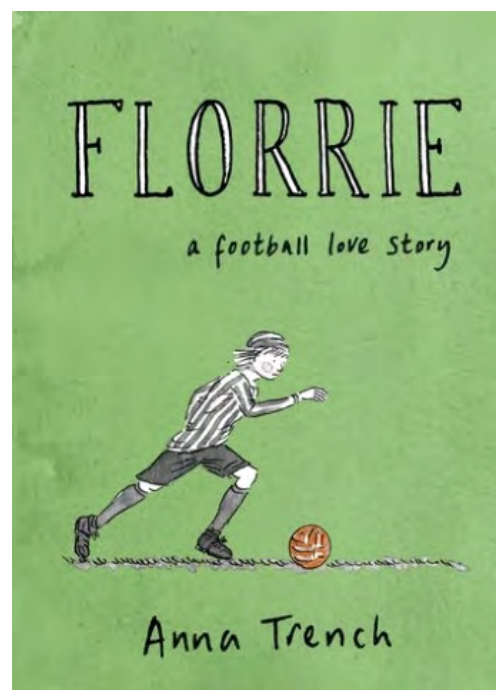
Florrie – A Football Love Story

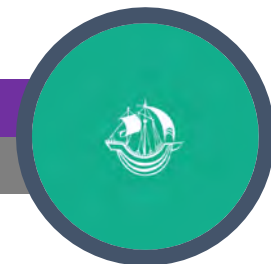
Anna Trench, one of our wonderful English teachers, has written and illustrated a beautiful graphic novel, published on Thursday 19th June by Penguin:

'The story of female footballer Florrie and the amazing hidden history of the women's game come to life in this debut graphic novel about football, friendship and falling in love.'

We're so proud of Ms Trench, and we have already ordered copies of 'Florrie' for the library.

Ms Gibson - English Department





Alumni News and Fundraising

Thank you to all our CSG Alumni whether you are actively involved in alumni network right now or not. Your time will come. CSG Alumni have been welcomed back to school on a number of occasions this year; for the End of Year Christmas drinks, on Founders Day, the culmination of the Spring Term and celebration of all things in CSG (but most significantly celebrating our Founder Frances Mary Buss and more recently in our garden for the Summer Alumni Afternoon Tea.

Alix Bauldry Memorial Scholarship

On Monday morning, 30th June, the students attended a special one-off prize-giving assembly where the Alix Bauldry Memorial Scholarships were awarded. This scholarship was established last year by an alumna from the USA, Ms. Jenny Davis JD, Professor of Practice in Fashion Media. Jenny studied here in the 1980s and was close friends with Alix Bauldry. Tragically, Alix passed away in her twenties, and this award was created in her memory.

The scholarship was presented to four Year 11 students in recognition of their tenacity, grit, humour, and style. Congratulations to Lana B, Aajal R, Eva A, and Halima B, who each received a certificate of recognition along with a prize of £250.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jenny for making the journey to the UK to personally present the awards. We look forward to welcoming her back again next summer.





Stronger Starts fundraising campaign

Camden School for Girls has been selected to participate in the TESCO Stronger Starts fundraising campaign, which could provide £1500 for the PE department to purchase essential gym mats.

To help us win, please collect a blue token every time you shop at Tesco and place it in the designated box near the cashier. You can ask for a token at self-checkout as well.

Voting continues until the end of September and is taking place at our local Tesco and the following nearby stores:

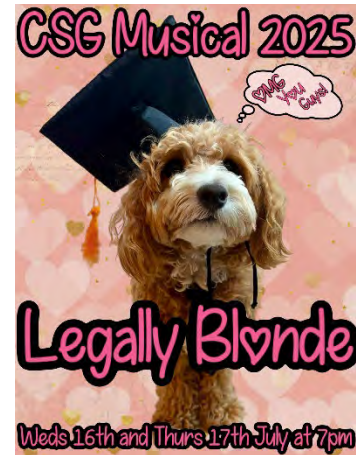
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Belsize Park Express NW3	Tottenham Court Road Express W1	Chalk Farm Express NW3
High Holborn Express WC1V	Swiss Cottage Express NW3	Camden High St Express NW1
Kentish Town Express NW5	Kilburn Express NW6	Belsize Road Express NW6
West Hampstead Express NW6	Fortune Green Road Express NW6	Farringdon Road Express EC1M

Please vote and spread the word.



Legally Blonde – Our Grande Finale to the 2024-2025 Academic Year

The final week of term ended on a high with a fantastic performance of our end-of-term musical – now a much-loved CSG tradition. This show was the result of countless hours of hard work and rehearsals, and it truly paid off. Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved: the Drama and Music Departments, the dedicated backstage crew, and of course, the talented students who lit up the stage on the night. A brilliant team effort!





We would like to wish all our students and families a wonderful summer holiday!

We look forward to seeing you back in September

Please see here for the [start of term arrangements](#)

Support the school

An enormous thank you for all your donations. We could not make all these events and opportunities happen without your support. Camden School for Girls continues to face significant and ongoing cuts to its funding. As a voluntary aided school, we rely on your support to keep the high-quality provision at the school. If you wish to support the school we now have a very easy to use CAFdonate page available [here](#) or you can scan the QR code.



We would like to thank all families for their ongoing support of the school and wish you a relaxing summer break!