

**Camden School for Girls**  
*Celebrating 150 years of education*

## May 2023 Newsletter

We are enjoying the sunshine and brighter days of the summer term. The exam season is well and truly underway and I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement of the students during this challenging period. During the month of May it has been a pleasure to see everyone, students and staff, enjoying the outdoors during break and lunch. We have been industriously engaged in a range of gardening initiatives with students from all year groups, including rewilding the area near the sixth form, making elderflower cordial and growing fruit and vegetables from seed. The students have been particularly delightful planting herbs and flowers around the site. It was wonderful to see parents at the CASCA AGM and I hope to see you soon at the Summer Fest in June. An enormous thank you again for supporting the school and making this a remarkable school community.



**Kateryna Law, Headteacher**

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## Model United Nations



The Model UN Club have been meeting on Thursdays after school, debating a range of topics including the global prevalence of child labour, how to eradicate global poverty and the destruction of the Amazon rainforest. In addressing these issues, we have also been looking at the effectiveness of the Sustainable Development Goals (the UN's 17 objectives designed to serve as a "shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future"). We have regularly had great attendance, stepping into the shoes of world leaders as the "General Assembly of the United Nations". Particular credit also to the Year 12

member-leaders who have acted as the "UN Secretariat". The students have all been incredibly impressive with their thoughtful engagement with the issues, their ability to develop and conduct considered debates, and their passion for making the world a better place in the future.

Many thanks to CASCA for funding this work – the Model UN club is thriving and we have great ambitions to expand the project into competitions with other schools.

Ms Boyle



## V&A Museum Innovate Design Competition

Congratulations to Cosima, Tilly, Sam, Zofia and Lotte in Year 9 who were chosen as one of 10 National design team finalists in this year's V&A Innovate competition. They won their category 'Disrupt' in the final, held at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Alongside the other finalists they spent the day at the museum where they attended workshops and pitched their ideas to the judges.



At CSG DT club, the students worked hard on their concept to redesign ballet point shoes aiming to make them more affordable, longer lasting and more inclusive. The judges praised the quality of their design sheets, prototypes and professional pitch. The team used modern materials and methods to rethink the shape, construction

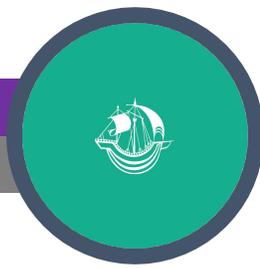
and sustainability, producing a design solution that is more affordable, and takes into account racial diversity and range of body types. Here are their reflections on the day:

*"Going to the V&A to pitch our product was an amazing experience! I developed skills in problem-solving, co-operation, public speaking and iterative design. I am glad to have seen the 9 other incredible designs fitting the theme Care, adapt and disrupt. It was inspiring."*

*"Listening to other people's pitches was really interesting. It was amazing how diverse people's ideas were. I loved the workshops and the people running them were really nice and friendly."*

*"I really enjoyed my day at the V&A Innovate competition. I particularly enjoyed the seaweed workshop and listening to the ceramics lecture after our pitches."*





## CSG Portrait Competition

A big thank you to all entrants to this year's CSG portrait competition. There were 26 entrants in total across all year groups, in a broad range of media and styles, including paint, pencil and digital drawing. It was a tough task to judge, but we arrived at a winner for each year group and an overall competition winner.

The winners are listed below and prizes were awarded in assembly. All entries will feature in a competition display in the school foyer.

Mr Penny



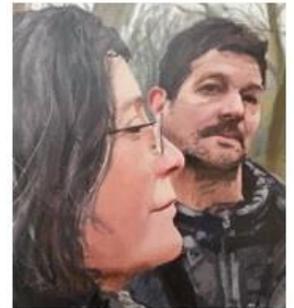
Matilda Y7



Suni Y8



Zizi Y9



Moya Y10



Max Y11  
(Overall Winner)



Amelie Y12



Noah Y13



## Mathematics Tournament – Count on Us

**A** big congratulations to the Camden Squadrilaterals, a group of Year 9 students who took part in the Count on Us mathematics tournament.



Count on us is a London wide maths tournament with five competitive maths problem solving rounds, and the team did the school proud by coming first in the heat and securing their place at the final in July.

The students committed many lunchtimes and after-school sessions to develop their ability to solve complex problems and their hard work paid off. They were highly praised by teachers from the competing schools for their quick and creative thinking and algebraic fluency.

Loveday and Nilima! The maths department is very proud of you and wish you luck for the final. Go Squadrilaterals!!

Well done to Yoanna, Maja, Mathilda,

Ms Hussain

## GCSE Art Exhibition

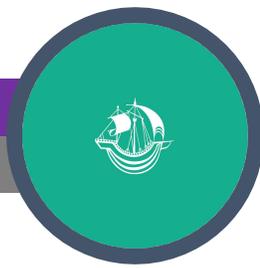
All families are warmly invited to our annual GCSE art exhibition.

### Camden School for Girls GCSE Art Exhibition



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

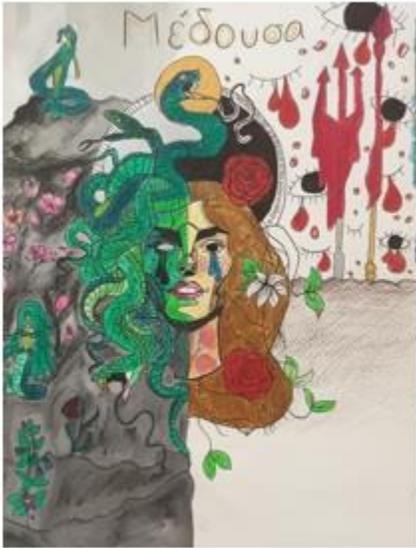
4 to 7 pm



## Year 8 Classics Medusa Competition

Year 8 have produced portraits of the famous Medusa, showcasing traditional, modern and their own interpretations of this ever-popular myth. The overall winner in year 8 is Priyanshi in 8C, and the overall runner-up is Suni in 8T.

Mr Deary



Priyanshi 8C



Suni 8T

Well done to them, and to all the class winners and runners-up below!



Bella 7C



Indigo 8R



Judith 8T



Neamin 8M



Sara 8M



Thuba 8R



## Goodbye and Good Luck to Year 11

On Friday, we sadly said goodbye to our Year 11 students who have started their GCSE exams. They took part in the traditional Leaver's Lunch in the hall and their teachers came down to see them off as they ate pizza and danced into the afternoon. A huge well done to the Head Prefect team who led the entertainment and to all those involved in organising the hoodies and yearbook orders.

We are all so proud of every single one of our Year 11 students and we all wish them the best of luck in their exams and their future studies. Onwards and upwards!

Ms Brown and the Y11 tutor team





## Bloomsbury Fundraising Walk



Thank you to a wonderfully enthusiastic and inquisitive group of parents, carers and alumni who joined one of our generous parents, Elena Paolini, an accredited Camden Tour Guide, on a guided walk around the historical 'blooming' area of Bloomsbury. The tour included a general history of its squares and gardens, a bit of literature, some history of the university and stories of the suffragists and suffragettes. Plenty of positive reviews after the event which ended at yet another

kind parent's gallery and café for reflection, chat and a much-needed coffee. A percentage of the proceeds from the refreshment sales were donated to the school too. Thank too to Quentin from The Observatory!

All funds raised will contribute to the planned refurbishment work of our much-loved school building.



## Robotics Challenge

Year 7s and 8 students took part in the Lego Robotics Challenge in April. Below is an account from Shekinah in Year 10 who volunteered to help the team:

“We came third, with only 1 point behind from 2nd place, and as a result, we were labelled as a ‘wildcard team’, which perhaps allows us to qualify through to the finals in June.

On the day, we travelled to the RAF Museum, where the competition was held, and lasted for the whole day. Everyone had great fun and was in a competitive, but positive spirit, and worked together through various challenges, both with individual skills, and with great teamwork skills.

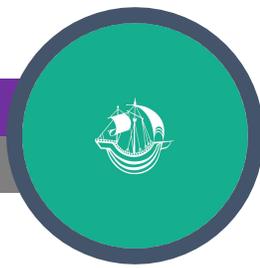
Most people started preparing and training for this competition all the way back in September, whilst I only joined a couple of



months before the competition, focusing on the coding for the robot to operate and execute the challenges. This was a great opportunity for me to challenge myself and interact with some of the Year 7 and 8 students, who share similar interests as me. We’re just waiting for the results from the competition, to see if we passed through to the finals, and currently we’re trying to see what

we can improve. Overall, it was a great experience for everyone. ”

Shekinah 10T



## Art Department News

Lara in Year 12 was the recipient of a prize at this year's prize giving ceremony, held at the Painters' Hall on Friday 31 March 2023.



This event was organised by the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers, one of the City's oldest livery companies, which has been promoting, supporting and representing the visual arts for more than 500 years.

This annual event recognises the talents and skills of young artists in London. It gives them an opportunity to represent their schools, participate in a respected event and take pride in their achievements.

Well done Lara!





## The Spanish Riveter

Year 12 and 13 Spanish students, accompanied by Ms Garcia, had the opportunity to learn about contemporary Spanish literature by attending the event "The Spanish Riveter: Riveting Writing from Spain", which took place in the British Library.

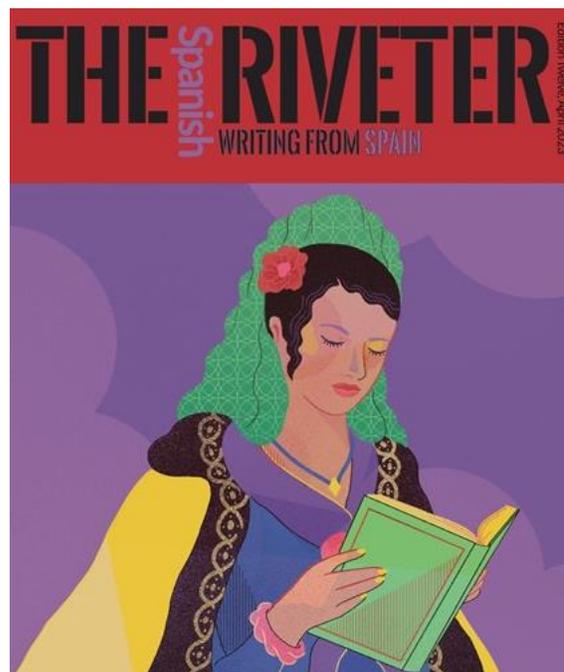
The readings by the authors gave the students a glimpse into historical and emerging Spanish writing.

Writers, translators, publicists and academics participated in the event, who underlined the

popularity of Spanish literature amongst the British.

Rosa Montero and Juan Cruz read fragments of some of the best-known Spanish works. In addition, students received copies of "The Spanish Riveter", a magazine of contemporary Spanish literature and translation into English, which will allow them to delve deeper and expand their knowledge of Spanish culture and writing.

Ms Benzina





## Year 12 Photography

Professional music photographer Eva Pentel talked to our current Year 12 photography students about her career. Starting as an assistant for Rankin, Eva is now working as a freelance photographer and shared her experience of running her own studio and shooting on location. She also shared stories of working with Little Simz and Easy Life, photographing the NME Awards, Glastonbury Festival and recently touring.



Students were able to ask questions about the industry and any challenges she had encountered, such as gender inequality and how it's changing for the better and how much creative freedom she can have on a job.

Eva left them with the advice to always be flexible, how to be resourceful with materials and that it pays to be nice!

Ms Goldsworthy  
Head of Y12



## Year 12 Oxbridge Classics Open Day

In March, a team of passionate Year 12 Classicists travelled to Oxford to take part in the 2023 Oxbridge Classics Open Day, beginning the important and exciting process of exploring their Classical options in higher education.

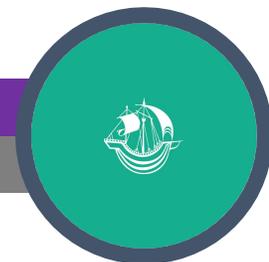
We enjoyed informative and supportive talks from the outreach officers at both Oxford and Cambridge, explaining the differences between the courses and demystifying the application process. Taster lectures followed: our first was an excellent mixture of linguistics and literature, exploring the idea of Alternative Futures in Epic by Emma Greensmith, which explored the powerful and unusual moments in Homer when possibilities are laid open by the question 'what if?'. Shushma Malik, who so recently visited CSG for a masterclass on Nero, delivered a fascinating overview of Roman conceptions of empire, very supportive for our Y12 students about to embark upon studying the Aeneid.

The (quite rainy) afternoon included a very engaging tour by current students of Brasenose College, photo opportunities included, and the chance to ask anything of current students and tutors and students at both universities. Our final stop was a guided tour by PhD students of the cast library at the Ashmolean Museum, a chance to examine up-close a variety of replicas of some of the most exceptional sculpture from across the ancient world.



We came home tired but excited, loaded up with Oxford and Cambridge tote bags and stickers - and with plenty of food for thought.

Ms Maguire



**We would like to wish all our students and families relaxing Half Term break.**

**We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 5 June.**

## Important dates for your diary

	Monday 5 June	Start of the second half of the Summer Term
	Monday 5 June – Friday 16 June	Year 12 Mock Exams
June	Thursday 8 June	GCSE Art Show – everyone welcome
	Wednesday 21 June	Oxbridge Information Evening – for Year 12 families. Year 11 and Year 10 families welcome.
	Friday 23 June	CASCA Summer Fest
	Friday 30 June	Inset Day – school closed to students
	Wednesday 5 July	Year 12 Careers Conference
July	Thursday 6 July	School Summer Concert
	Friday 7 July	Danceathon – 9am – 3pm: Year 7 – Year 10
	19 – 20 July	Special Activities
	Friday 21 July	Last Day of Term



## 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 half term holiday!