



The Life of Pi

We would like to extend our thanks to the Mousetrap Foundation for providing tickets for this superb West End performance of the Life of Pi, which brought all of the imagery and imagination of the book to the stage of the Wyndham Theatre. We would also like to thank the staff of Northbridge House, who in collaboration with the Mousetrap Foundation, ran a Life of Pi-based puppeteering workshop completely free of charge (with no strings attached...)



Message from the Headteacher

As I write, 15 young people are on their way back from a residential trip to Surrey – and this marks a huge staging point in their progress. Thank you to all staff that made this possible and - especially - our fantastic learning support assistants.

I am excited to announce that we will be expanding our provision at Camden Learning Centre from September 2022. With the additional space, we will be able to offer individualised and small group programmes for young people unable to access existing alternative programmes. It will also provide a physical base for members of our outreach team. On an additional note, a massive thank you to our expanding team of volunteers who bring a tremendous variety of skills and experience to all areas of school life and enable us to run the range of programmes that we do. Finally, do have a look at this recently published research paper on Emotionally Based School Avoidance - don't know who this study is centred around but they sound ace ;)

Alex Yates

Animal Magic

Everyone is a friend of the Day School at Futures. Here are some recent visitors . .



Au Revoir Europe

Leaving the European Union did not mean we had to drop our ties with our Erasmus programme colleagues visiting from Poland for 3 weeks in July. This was a valuable example of cultural exchange at its best, where best practice and great ideas are shared, and valuable insights into how hospital schools work differently, not just in different countries, but can also work differently in the same country. We were delighted to host Marianna and Katarzyna from the Children's Memorial Health Institute in Warsaw.



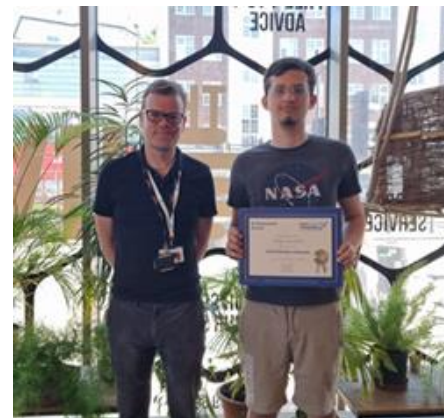
Now we can! NCS Futures Programme

For the last week of the summer term, the National Citizen Service (NCS) delivered a bespoke programme designed to improve teamwork, communication, listening, debating and leadership skills, with the intention of better preparing our young people for that often difficult transition into work and adulthood.



Jack Petchey Achievement Award

Frankie was nominated by the Allergy Team for outstanding achievements in boxing and fundraising. This summer he visits St Thomas's in Kenya, where he will be teaching the noble art as well as delivering school equipment for the school. Frankie will be using the award to buy much needed sporting equipment for his boxing club in the East End of London. Jeremy was nominated by the Day school and used his award to take the entire group to watch the latest Elvis movie, followed by a celebratory pizza.



Dates for Academic Year 2022-23:

Autumn term 1	Mon 5 Sep - Fri 21 Oct
Autumn term 2	Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec
Spring term 1	Wed 4 Jan - Fri 10 Feb
Spring term 2	Mon 20 Feb - Fri 31 Mar
Summer term 1	Mon 17 Apr - Fri 26 May
Summer term 2	Mon 5 June - Weds 19 July

2022-23 INSET Days:

1. Thurs 1 Sept 2022
2. Fri 2 Sep 2022
3. Tues 3 Jan 2023
4. Thurs 20 July 2023
5. Fri 21 July 2023

A level results Thurs 18 Aug 22, GCSE results Thurs 25 Aug 22



Doreen Addy Awarded at School Picnic

Doreen Addy was a hugely valued former teaching assistant, who sadly died after a short illness whilst in post. One way her memory lives on is through the annual nomination of a student we believe to have made the greatest impact and personal progress based on the school's fundamental principle's of contribution, cooperation and consideration. This year's winner of the award is Izzy. After finishing her GCSEs, she intends to study A' levels and we wish her all the very best for the future. Very proud.



A Jubilee What Matters to You Day

In order to provide better quality of care, hospital's throughout the NHS take a snapshot in June of what really matters during hospital admissions. We think this is one of the most important dates in the year, and rightly celebrate the process as joyously as possible, trying our best to promote fun, participation and wellbeing. The Panto Dame, Grand Magician and our volunteer and local author of 'Whatever Next, Grandma!' fame, Alison Grunwell helped make the day even more fun for our young people.

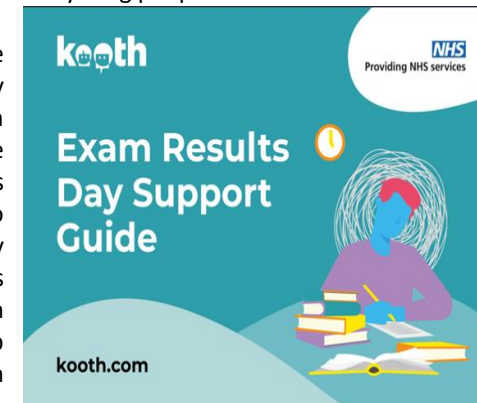
For a Super, Stimulating Summer . . .

Camden Summer University runs over 30 courses, both in person and online, to ensure summers are super stimulating for young people wishing to maintain mental, social and physical activity, all key to maintaining our wellbeing. Any Camden resident between 13 and 19 can sign up at www.cmdn.co.uk, but hurry, hurry as spaces are filling up fast.



Examination News

This summer, A' level results will be emailed directly to students on Thursday 18th Aug between 8.30am and 8.45am and GCSE on Thursday 25th Aug at the same time. Steve Green, the school's Examinations Officer, will be available to deal with any queries on the day immediately via email. Everyone feels anxious prior to results day and Kooth provide excellent advice to help keep things in perspective. Their brochure can be accessed here. [Exam day Brochure](#)



There and Back Again

It is remarkable to think that the young people who arrived at the Day School earlier this year have transformed into such a confident and adventurous group of outdoor activity enthusiasts! Ropes were climbed, canoes navigated and caves explored, during this 3 day residential activity trip in Surrey organised by John and assisted by our wonderfully talented team of Teaching Assistants Szilvia, Mereym and Lilli. Those unable to stay overnight managed to attend via day trips, and considering the obstacles the general group overcame to take part in this activity (and the heat), everyone should be highly commended.



Quality Improvement Winners

This year, we continued to celebrate our collaborative, ward-centred quality improvement projects on the ward in both Allergy and Diabetes at Edinburgh's World Organisation of Allergy and British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology conference in April and at Liverpool's Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health conference in June. Steve Green, Dr Minal Gandhi and Dr Jonny Hart won the prestigious Peter Jay Award for allergy education for their work around raising awareness of food allergies during hospital admissions: Food Matters.