



Celebrating our Therapy Dogs
 Through the volunteer service, man's best friend can often be seen at Konstam and the hospital. Therapy dogs provide more than just companionship. Scientific studies have shown that interacting with animals can release endorphins, leading to a calming effect and reduced stress levels. We feel exceptionally fortunate to have dogs like Reuben visit us each week, offering their unconditional love and support.

Jack Petchey Achievement Award
 Sir Jack Petchey sadly passed away on the 27th of June 2024 after a long and prosperous life, filled with warmth and generosity. Pictured opposite are the Woodhouse winning team who completed a 3 month project gathering information from young people and their families waiting in A & E in order to address need, improvements and to explore the reasons why they attended the Royal Free rather than other hospitals.



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Exam Results Day Support Guide

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Dates for Academic Year 2024-25:
 Autumn term 1 Wed 4 Sep - Fri 25 Oct
 Autumn term 2 Tue 5 Nov - Fri 20 Dec
 Spring term 1 Tue 7 Jan - Fri 14 Feb
 Spring term 2 Mon 24 Feb - Fri 4 April
 Summer term 1 Tue 22 Apr - Fri 23 May
 Summer term 2 Mon 2 June - Fri 18 July

Examination News
 This was our busiest ever examination series, with 19 internal and 45 private candidates sitting exams. The A level results will be emailed directly to students on Thursday 15 Aug between 9.00am and 9.30am and GCSEs on Thursday 22 Aug at the same time. For urgent queries on the day please email exams@royalfree.camden.sch.uk. The link to useful advice for results day can be found here. [Exam day Brochure](#)

2023-24 INSET Days:
 1. Mon 2 Sept 2024
 2. Tues 3 Sep 2024
 3. Mon 6 Jan 2025
 4. Mon 21 July 2025
 5. Tue 22 July 2025
 A level results Thurs 15 Aug 2024, GCSE results Thurs 22 Aug 2024

Message from the Headteacher
 Examinations went very well and we are really proud of how our Futures cohort responded to the challenge. Thank you to Steve, Liberty and all the team here for providing access for our young people including an increasingly large number of candidates without a home school. We ran 51 different specifications this summer and are proud of the service we provide in this area.
 Change and growth is essential in any healthy organisation so finally a huge congratulations to both David (the new Headteacher) and Amy (our new SENDCO) – we are really excited to see how their leadership, alongside Steve and Sue, takes the school forward next year. I am immensely proud of the work we have done here and would like to thank all our staff, volunteers and governing body as well as everyone in the wider school community and at Camden Council for their fantastic support over the years.
Alex Yates

Activity Week Highlights



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Message from the new Headteacher



I am very excited at being appointed the new headteacher at RFHCS. I feel incredibly fortunate and lucky to be given such a great role. The warm reception I felt during the interview process made me immediately realise how special a place the school truly is. The students and staff were fantastic and I left feeling inspired by the work done by everybody. I will work with passion, compassion, commitment and enthusiasm to ensure the school develops in a way that builds on the exceptional legacy left by Alex and the team. I look forward to working with each of you in September!
David Wilson

Asthma Research Project

When dealing with asthma, it is important to know what it is and what are the triggers. We understand that young people with asthma often find this question to answer, so Nina Schneider a current intern at the school from the University of Indiana, is working closely with Dr Kin Man to develop a set of online educational tools to improve knowledge, satisfaction and confidence in approach to all aspects of asthma. The project has involved working collaboratively with young people in clinic to establish their preferred learning styles to ensure greater impact.



How did the Thomas Group get its name?

In 2005, I was asked to teach The Medical Needs Group when Kirralee Thomas, their teacher and her LSA, had been killed in a tragic accident, two days before Kirralee's 27th birthday. They were on a flight in South America when their plane crashed. A tree was planted at Camden Learning Centre in memory of Kirralee and her Australian family still visit it. When I started teaching The Medical Needs Group they didn't like that name so we changed it to The Thomas Group, in memory of Kirralee.

Margaret Moore – Thomas Group Director



The commemorative plaque and tree still remains at the previous location of the Thomas Group based at Camden Learning Centre.

Camden Summer University

Camden Summer University is back

Camden Summer University means young people can stay safe, have fun, learn something new, make new friends and have something useful to show when applying for university, apprenticeships or work. They can choose from nearly 70 free courses in arts, media, fashion, sport, cookery, work and life skills at prestigious venues including the British Museum, the British Library, Central School of Speech and Drama and London Zoo. It's free to enrol if they're 13 to 19 and either live in Camden, go to a local state school or attend a council-run youth centre. [The programme](#) will run from Thursday 25 July to Friday 23 August 2024. Check [the website](#) from 5 June onwards to view courses - bookings open on 17 June. You can also download the [Camden Summer University 2024 leaflet](#).

Cookery

Health, Fitness & Sport

Fashion & Beauty

Film, Media & ICT

Music, Dance & Performing Arts

Fashion & Beauty

FREE COURSES FOR ELIGIBLE 13 TO 19-YEAR-OLDS IN CAMDEN 25 JULY TO 23 AUGUST 2024



International Nurses Day Bake Off

To mark this event we hosted a bake off with our NHS colleagues. Alex and Steve were delighted when they were asked to be judges and to sample all of the delicious treats. Taking the role seriously, staff were even supplied with a judging criteria that included taste, ingredients quality and innovation. From a boozy ganache to homemade chocolate cookies, it was a difficult decision but in the end paediatric consultant, Victoria, was crowned a worthy winner with her unique take on a Victoria sponge.

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Autism Awareness Day

In recognition of Autism Awareness Day, the school ran a sequence of invaluable specialist staff Autism training sessions, delivered by our Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDSCO). The idea was to raise awareness and increase staff knowledge to match the increasing number of referrals. Autism awareness is now firmly embedded at the heart of the school's lesson planning, professional development and training.

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