

Welcome to Camden School for Girls



Key staff

- **Ms Kateryna Law:** Headteacher
- **Ms Kathia Derrar:** Deputy Head in charge of Pastoral, Behavior and Safeguarding
- **Ms Deirdre Toman:** Assistant Head
- **Ms Sophia Earnshaw-Punnett:** Head of Year 7



Getting to grips with the basics:

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Students first days:

- **Thursday 3rd September 2026** - 8.45am - 3.00pm
Team Building activities. Bring lunch, or a lunch will be provided for students who receive free school meals.
- **Friday 4th September 2026** - 8.30am - 12.45pm
In tutor groups doing induction activities. Bring snacks for break time if you want them.
- **Monday 7th September 2026** - 8.45am - 3.30pm
Normal lessons start. Registration begins promptly at 8.45am.



The Normal School Day

- Registration starts at **8.45am** and students must be in their form room before then (students are welcome on site from 8:30am).
- School finishes at **3.30pm**, except on a Wednesday when it finishes at **2.50pm**.
- **Break** is from 11.00 – 11.20am.
- **Lunch** is from 12.40 – 1.30pm.



Break and Lunch

- The school canteen is open **both** at break and lunch.
- We are a **cashless** school and students use a fingerprint scan to pay using their ParentPay account.
- Students can bring a packed lunch.
- Students will need to bring lunch or have credit on ParentPay to buy it on **Monday 7th September**.
- All students in year 7 are expected to attend at least 1 club per week at lunchtime.



Attendance

- **Punctuality is important** - students should aim to be at school for 8.35am so they can fill up water bottles and get to their form rooms on time.
- If students arrive after 8.45am they will need to attend a **late detention** the same day from 1.00 - 1.20pm if they do not attend, they will be collected from their last lessons by a member of staff and escorted to an after school detention - you will be notified if they did not attend the lunchtime detention. We appreciate your support in encouraging punctuality.
- If your child is going to be late (after 8.45am) for any reason, then please let us know via a phone call (020 7485 3414) or an email (absent@csg.school).
- If students are late **persistently**, they will be put onto late report to support them with managing this and the educational welfare officer might want to discuss this with you.



Good attendance has a big impact on progress and students should be in school every day.

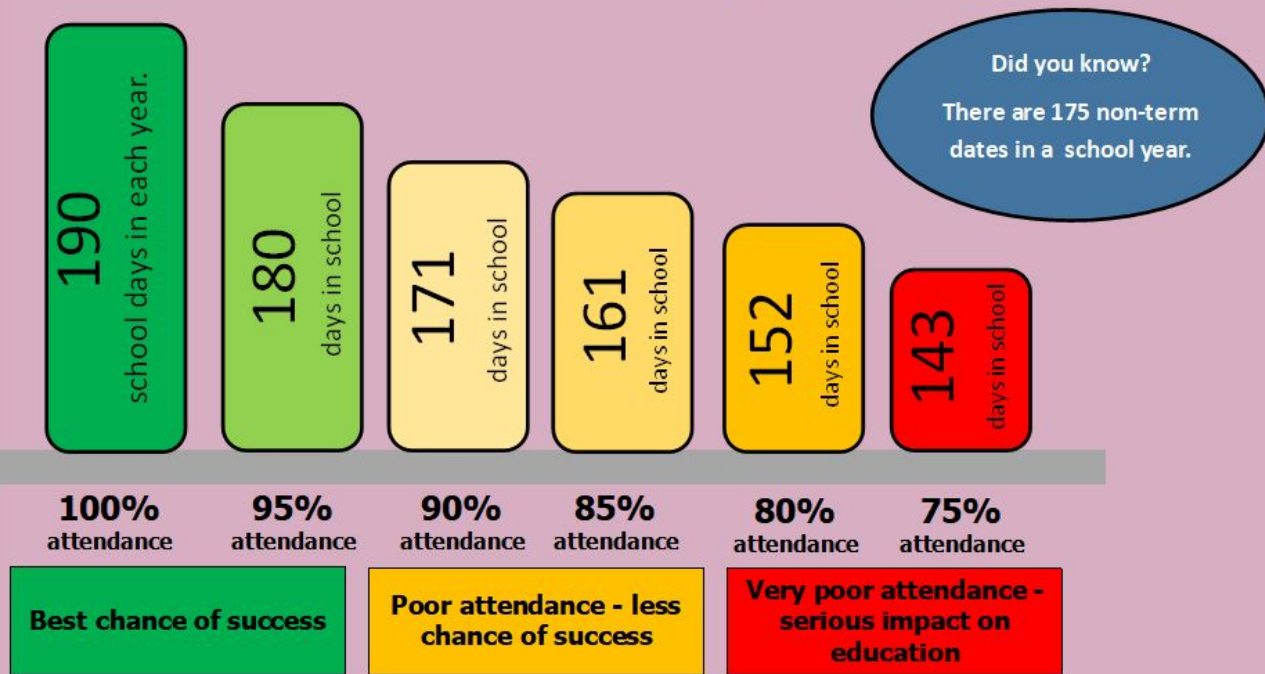
- **Illness:** If a student will not be in school because they are unwell then you need to let us know by 9am via a phone call (020 7485 3414) or an email (absent@csg.school)
- **Pre-authorised Absences (1-2 days):** If you need to authorise a 1-2 day absence for an extracurricular activity or other circumstance then permission must be sought in advance by emailing your request to searnshaw@csg.school
- **Pre-authorised Absences (more than 2 days):** Permission should be requested in advance by emailing csg@csg.school
- **Holidays During Term Time:** Holidays during term time are not allowed and will not be authorised. For pre-authorised absences of more than two days permission should be sought from csg@csg.school
- **Attendance Support:** We have an **education and welfare officer & an attendance officer** who works to encourage good attendance: lcaufield@csg.school & fopito@csg.school



365 days in a calendar year

Being in school at least 97% of the time (184 to 190 days)

That is no more than 6 days off per year.





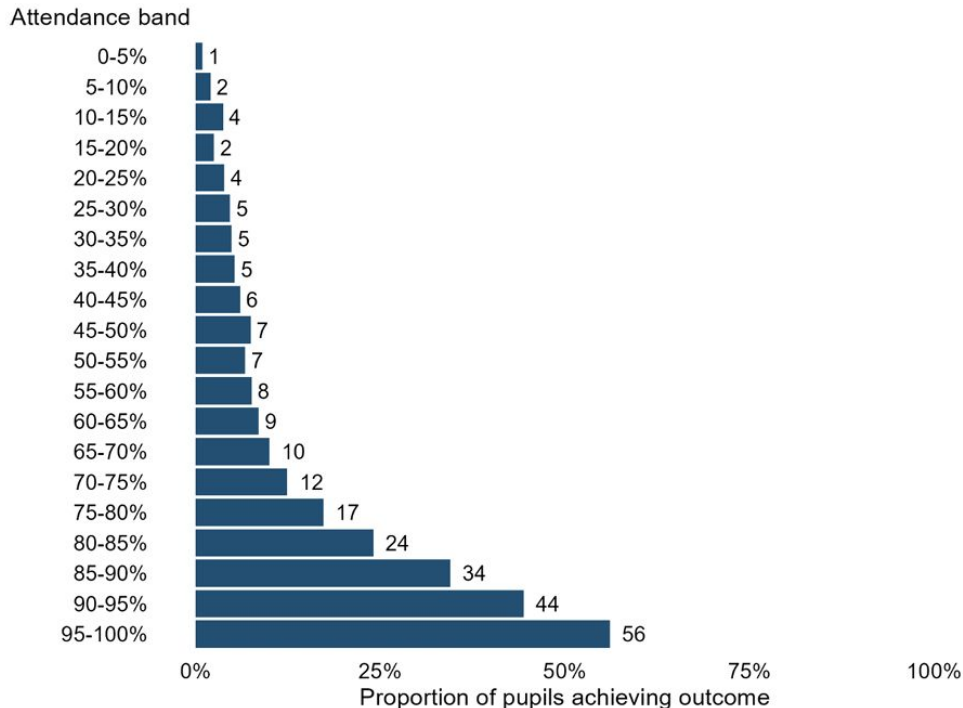
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Pupils with 95-100% attendance were **1.6 times** more likely to achieve the expected outcome in reading, writing and maths than pupils with 90-95% attendance and **2.4 times** more likely than pupils with 85-90% attendance.

The link between attendance and attainment in an assessment year

Research Report
March 2025

Figure 6 Proportion of pupils in each 5% attendance band for Year 11 achieving Grade 5 or above in English and Maths GCSE at the end of KS4



The Pastoral Team

- Pastoral care at CSG is a priority and a strength. The Head of Year works closely with a team of tutors, learning mentors, SENCO, as well as external agencies ie: CAMHS, inclusion team within the borough and MASH.
- Your first point of contact for most pastoral concerns will be your **child's Form Tutor** - for example, friendships issues or family bereavements.
- More serious safeguarding concerns can be discussed directly with the **Head of Year**.
- Please keep the school informed of any important issues that arise for your child - we can take the best care of them if we have a good and clear picture of what is happening.



How to Contact Us:

- Contacting the school is easy via **phone** or **email**. The reception staff can often answer any questions relating to the school and day and your child's tutor should be your first point of contact for any pastoral concerns.
- For any **academic** concerns, contact your child's **class teacher**. Emails are the teacher's initial and surname followed by @csg.school.
- It is important to maintain good communication with the school and we will communicate with you via Parentmail or phone calls. Please ensure all contact information are always up to date. There is also a lot of information available on the school website.



What to Bring:

Helping your child pack their bag the evening before will make mornings easier.

- A comfortable bag - a rucksack is best
- Exercise books for lessons if they have been taken home
- A water bottle
- A calculator (available to purchase from the maths department)

- A pencil case:
 - Blue or black pens
 - A green pen
 - A highlighter
 - A pencil
 - A ruler
 - An eraser
 - A glue stick
 - Scissors
 - Pencil sharpener
 - Whiteboard pen for planner whiteboard



What to Bring:

- P.E kit, if it's a P.E. day:
 - **Black or navy tracksuit bottoms** (not leggings) or **shorts** (not cycling shorts)
 - A **white t shirt** - a CSG P.E. t-shirt is available to buy from school in September
 - **Trainers with laces** that are suitable for sports (not high top, wedge or platform)
 - A **plain sweatshirt** if it is cold
 - A **hairband** to tie back long hair



What Not to Bring:

- We strongly advise not to send students to school with any high value items (such as headphones or jewellery) or money as these can be lost around school.
- Remember they do not need money for school.
- **Phones:**
 - Smartphones are **banned** at CSG. This includes smartwatches and fitbits.
 - Basic or 'brick' phones are allowed and must remain inside student's bags and switched off at all times.
 - Airtags or equivalent are also allowed.



Phone Policy Sanctions:

- If a teacher sees a student with their smartphone or smartwatch out, they will confiscate it and it will be left in reception to be collected at the end of the day by a parent.
- If this happens again, the student will be internally excluded for a day, and then an external exclusion will be issued.



School Planner

Week Beginning

	Subject	Homework Details	Date Due	Time Spent
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				

Friday

Subject	Homework Details	Date Due	Time Spent

Attendance Record

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Example		Totals		
am	pm							P	P	Present	
										A	
										L	

Signed (Parent/Guardian): _____

Signed (Tutor): _____

Homework - extra information, messages from tutors, things to remember.

Parent /
guardian to
sign here
every week

Space for
notes to
teachers/tutor

Space for your child to write in their homework



What to Wear:

- We are proud of our students and respect their individuality and originality. Students' clothing needs to be practical for a working school day and reflect the environment of the school.
- Students wearing clothes which are not appropriate for school will be asked to go home and change or wear alternative clothing provided by the school.



How to Behave:

The behaviour of students at CSG is outstanding and we have high expectations of the way students conduct themselves. The full behavior policy is available on the school website.

- Students who have consistent issues with behaviour will be put onto behaviour report. Students who behave poorly in lessons could be sent to patrol which is an internal exclusion.
- Good behaviour is rewarded in assemblies and the Friday News, and through commendations from class teachers and the head teacher.



How to Help at Home:

- **Checking in with your child each day is really helpful.** Having open discussions around issues in and outside of school is a great way of supporting your child.
- Discussing topics such as social media, homework, mental health, sexual development and health, motivation, exercise and targets for the future are all important ways of supporting your child.
- Stay in good contact with the school and make us aware of any issues that might affect your child in school, or any changes in circumstances or address.



Assessment:

There are 6 academic stages in Year 7:

- **Foundation**
- **Beginning**
- **Developing**
- **Secure In** (the expected level for most students by the end of year 7)
- **Extending**
- **Excelling**

Students are expected to make **two** stages of progress in each academic year. For example, if they start the year on beginning then they should progress to secure in.



Homework:

- Your child should receive about **30 mins per subject per week** on average, although it might be on a two- weekly schedule.
- Tasks can be in many forms, for example: reading, writing, research, questions, making, filming.
- Make sure you check your child's **planner** or their **google classroom** to check their homework daily.
- Departments run homework clubs to support students to complete homework.



Extra-curricular Activities

- CSG has an amazing range of extra curricular activities and trips available. Some popular clubs from this year include, Feminist Society, Big Band, LGBTQ+ Club and Magazine Club. The clubs list will be finalised and added to the school website in September.
- Peripatetic music lessons are also available and students will receive information about this in September.



Camden School for Girls
Extracurricular SummerTerm Programme 2026

Monday		Tuesday			Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Lunch 12.45-13.15	After school 15.30-16.10	Before School 8.00-8.40	Lunch 12.45-13.15	After school 15.30 -16.10	Lunch 12.45-13.15	After school 15.30-16.10	Lunch 12.45-13.15	After school 15.30-16.10	Lunch 12.45-13.15	After school 15.30-16.10
Trampoline All years Gym	Debate Mate Year 7-10 3:30 - 4:30 Room 1.2	Year 10 Further Maths 1.14	12.55-1.25 Art History Club Year 10 0.5	Movement/ Mindful Yoga Club Studio	Dance Company Gym	Football: Arsenal All Years Cantelowes	Senior Chamber Choir Year 9-13 C30	Netball All Years MUGA	Basketball All years Gym	Big Band 3.30 - 4.30 C30
Bridge Club All years + 6th form 0.5	Boxing All years Gym	Year 11 Science Breakfast Club 8:20 - 09:00 2.18	Junior Strings C30	Symphony Orchestra All Years 3.30 - 5pm C30	KS4 Advanced sewing Club C10	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze/ Silver award Year 9-10	DT Club Y7 & Y8 C13	Year 10 Further Maths 2.9	Chamber Music Year 10-13 C30	
Philosophy Club 3.2	Geography Fun Club KS3 1.10		MultiSports All years Gym	Cooking Club Y8 C12	Creative writing club C23	Book Club Year 7-11 Library	Junior Jazz C31	Year 11 Further Maths 2.7	STEM Club Year 9-10 C13	
			Textiles Yr 7-8 C10	Y9-11 Science Support 3.11	Chess Club Library	Jewellery Club Y9-10 C11	KS3 History Club 2. 4	Introduction to Ancient Greek Yr 9 2.0	Podcast Club All years	
			A Cappella Choir (auditioned, years 7-13) C31	Year 10 + 12 Greek GCSE 3.40- 4.40pm 2.5	Junior Choir Year 7 + 8 1pm C30	Homework Club Library			Magazine Club All Years C23	



Q&A

