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Letter sent by email

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Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Summer holiday activities

At the end of term, we wish every student and their families a restful and enjoyable summer holidays.

On the school website, there are links to lots of activities available to young people locally during this time. Many of these are free or low-cost and the Camden and Islington holiday programmes also include a free lunch for those who qualify.

We are sure that many parents and carers will also appreciate the sense of routine and purpose these Summer Schools can offer their children over a long break from school.

Please see this page: https://www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk/holidayactivities

Pride in our students

As we round off the 2024-25 academic year, there is so much to be proud of. Our dedicated Y11s and Y13s prepared well for their exams which showed in the packed revision sessions they attended. We look forward to seeing the fruit of all their hard work on the Results Days in August.

We were proud to give the Y11s our signature red-carpet send-off, supported as always by the fundraising efforts of our wonderful PTA. The new Y11s have also shown great resilience. They completed their end of year exams during some of the hottest days this Summer. A record number of the cohort also embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions this term.

Younger students have also embraced many of the opportunities offered. *Step Around Town*, the whole school production of *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Magic Flute* at the Southbank Centre, have been just some of the highlights in the performing arts calendar. A big thank you goes to the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and the OAE Young Producers who provide so much of the high-quality sound and tech support at these events.

Celebrating Excellence

Thank you also to everyone who came to the Celebrating Excellence event last Friday. For those of you who were unable to make it, it was an evening full of celebration and community spirit. There were student performances in the amphitheatre, an excellent display of Y11 and Y13 artwork in the hall and a barbecue hosted by the abPTA. Four students in each year group received awards, in categories ranging from outstanding achievement to community contribution. Do take a look at some of the photos and videos from the event on our social media channels.

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Artsmark Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts Council England

£1m National Lottery Award

I was also thrilled to announce that the school had recently been awarded a phenomenal £1,053,918 by The National Lottery Heritage Fund for our ongoing *Hall for All* project! Many of you will have read about this in the *Families Bulletin* or seen the news in the local press.

This very generous grant will allow the school's unique Assembly Hall to be transformed into a world-class performance, arts and heritage space for student and community use.

We now need to raise the final £150,000 to reach our target of £2m. We are asking families who can, to give a monthly or one-off donation to help us ensure that we can complete the project next year without any debt.

Please visit https://hallforall.org/ if you are able to help. We are really grateful to everyone who has donated so far.

Start of term

We look forward to welcoming **new Y7 and Y12 students** back to school on **Wednesday 3 September at 8.35am**.

Y8, 9, 10 and 11 should come in **at 1:40pm** on **Wednesday 3 September** to attend **period 5**.

Y13 students are expected in school **at 8:50am on Thursday 4 September**, along with **all other students**.

As always, thank you for working in partnership with us.

Best wishes,

Nicholas John
Headteacher