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NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 150 years of education

“The Spring Term at Camden School for Girls has been especially delightful this year. We have welcomed the warmer, brighter days of Spring and worked hard on ensuring we have some brilliant opportunities for our students. There is so much that makes Camden School for Girls special. From robotics to concerts, from eminent speakers to dance, there has been a wealth of exciting activities and I hope you enjoy reading about them in this termly newsletter. We would like to wish all families and friends a lovely Easter break.”

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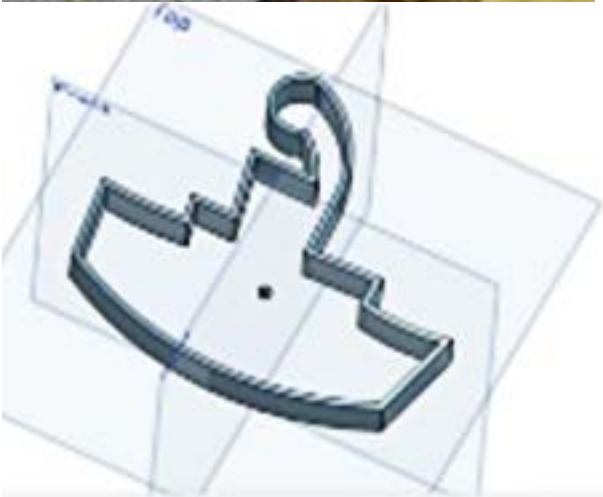
Year 7 3D Printing



Year 7 DT students designed and 3D printed some original biscuit cutters taking inspiration from the famous design company, Alessi.

Students learnt how to use 3D drawing software and researched how 3D printing technology is revolutionising creations and the yummy biscuits they made in class.

Well done year 7!





DT and STEM Club Trip to IBM

Year 9 and 10 students visited the IBM Innovation Centre to continue their work with TeenTech, working together to identify the core issues which young people feel should be incorporated in the Young Person's Charter for Ethical Innovation.



This continues our relationship with Maggie Philbin, radio and TV presenter and co-founder of TeenTech, who selected our CSG students based on their insightful contributions during our previous workshop.

“I really enjoyed the trip to IBM. They were really welcoming and gave us really good food! We were taken on a tour of some of the AI tech that they use there, like a fully projected screen room where it showed us about their partnership with Wimbledon and the fully AI boat that they sailed to America using solar power. We used the suggestions and the views of young people from around the country to write more concise statements to include in the Ethical Charter. To end the day we presented our ideas to industry experts, other schools and got even more fancy cakes and a free book about the quantum fridge. It was cool! “

Sara year 9

“Our trip to IBM was fun and interactive; during our day we were able to experiment with and see cool technologies and innovations that IBM uses, such as the quantum computer model and the Boston Dynamics dog (they also fed us lots of really good food). “

Keira year 9



Day of Dance



CSG Dance Company attend Day of Dance at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Dance organised by Step into Dance. This was a wonderful opportunity for young people to experience training, meet likeminded dancers from other groups on the Step into Dance programme and have the opportunity to share their work with other school groups.

Each group got the opportunity to take part in a contemporary workshop, observe a professional dance class and share the choreography they have been working on in their Step into Dance sessions with Ellie. This was followed by some guided feedback and a Q&A session with first year students in training.



It was a jam packed and inspirational day for pupils to experience an aspect of Dance training that they could aspire to on the future pathways. The pupils from CSG certainly worked hard on the day and their talents shone through in their performances.



Computing and Computer Science



Binary beads

Year 10 have been working on binary and hexadecimal number systems. In mathematics and in computing systems, a binary digit, or bit, is the smallest unit of data. Each bit has a single value of either 1 or 0. Computers can represent numbers using binary code in the form of digital 1s and 0s inside the central processing unit (CPU) and RAM.

These digital numbers are electrical signals that are either on or off inside the CPU or RAM.

As part of this we did a practical lesson where students converted their name into binary using the ASCII table and then made a binary bracelet or mobile phone charm.

Lego robotics

Here at CSG we have a number of Lego Mindstorm robotics kits which we use for extra curricular clubs. A number of students to borrow the kit to have a play and see what they could come up with. One student in Year 7 did very well by building a robotic driving base which she then programmed to work.



Year 12 Staff Portrait



Sixth Form Higher Education Conference



Camden Sixth Form welcomed academics from a range of institutions to deliver taster sessions to our Year 12 students to support their choices post-Sixth Form. We welcomed speakers from: UCL, UAL, London Metropolitan University, Cambridge University, ASK Apprenticeships, Edinburgh University, Imperial College, Kingston University, Goldsmiths, KCL, QMUL, University of West London, University of Westminster from a range of faculties.

Subjects covered included: Art Foundation, English, Studying in Scotland, Studying in the US including Ivy League preparation, Chemistry, Architecture, Economics, Journalism, International Relations, Medicine, Biomedicine/Pharmacology, Law, Film Studies, Liberal Arts.



Sixth Form Assembly Speakers

CSG Sixth form hosted a diverse range of assembly speakers this term, including Bee Rowlatt - writer, journalist and cultural programmer at the British Library, Patty Hopkins OBE, the founder of Hopkins Architecture firm and Richmond Fellowship Charity and CSG alumni from the 60s Adi Cooper OBE – unveiling a compelling narrative of the multifaceted world of social work





Band Night

Bands Night back in February was a huge success.

The music department wants to say a big congratulations to all of the students who took part.

There was a varied repertoire with all groups giving excellent, musical performances.



National Youth Orchestra



Students from CSG, Dora, Jessica and Charlotte selected from musicians all over the country joined the prestigious National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. They performed in concerts around the UK where the orchestra played works by Smetana, Strauss and Dani Howard. This photo shows the orchestra at the end of their fantastic concert at the Barbican Centre in London, conducted by Sir Mark Elder.

Congratulations to our three students!

Music Masterclass

CSG students enjoyed two visits from concert pianist Eva Maria Doroszkowska. Eva gave a masterclass with advanced CSG piano students in front of a captivated audience. Each student played a piece and then benefitted from Eva's expert guidance and demonstration. It was inspiring to see the developments made to each performer's playing.

Eva returned to give a recital celebrating International Women's Day, with music by 20th century composers Lūcija Garūta, Grażyna Bacewicz and Ester Mägi.



Eva introduced these composers and their works with spoken introductions and slides, and the large audience of students and staff listened intently throughout to the exquisite and virtuosic music. It was a wonderful week of music. Many thanks to Eva Maria Doroszkowska and congratulations to all involved!



CSG Anonymous Art Auction

Families who were a part of our community between 2017 and 2019 will remember the success of our Anonymous Art Auctions. We have launched the Camden School for Girls Anonymous Art Auction 2024 raising funds to improve our facilities and ensure we can continue to offer the enriching and broad programme of education deserved by all our pupils.

We invite artists in the school community and other artistic well-wishers to create and donate an artwork in any medium, on an A5 postcard. If this is you, we would love to hear from you, or if you know other creative people who may like to participate, please let them know.



The identity of the artists will be a secret until the auction closes so buyers will base their choice purely on what they like, with the potential that they could snap up a piece by a renowned artist or celebrity.

In previous years we have had works from wonderful artists including Cornelia Parker, Ryan Gander, Mark Wallinger, John Keane, Gaby Boyd, Jake and Dinos Chapman, Mona Hatoum and Maggi Hambling. The artworks will be auctioned through an online auction site with names of contributors listed but not which art work is theirs. If you can help, please email friends@csg.school with a postal address so we can send you a pack with further details, a blank postcard on which to create your piece and a reply-paid envelope. Deadline for return of artwork is April 29th. Here are a few examples from previous years



CASCA News

CASCA have made amazing contributions to the school with some whopper Spring Term

Car Boot Sale

This was back for its 19th year and with more sellers than ever. Hundreds queued along Sandall Road eager to rummage for bargains. It was a great way for people to have a clear out and make some money for themselves whilst supporting CSG. Thank you to all who baked cakes for CASCA to sell at the event...not a crumb was left.



Quiz Night

Quiz Night was once again a huge success. Thanks to all the parents that volunteered their time, attended and bid on items in our silent auction. The evening raised £12,000 and all the money will go directly to supporting the students and staff needs at the school.



Summer Term

APRIL

Monday 15 April

First day of the Spring Term

Friday 3 May

Year 11 Last day of lessons before study leave - including Leavers Lunch

Friday 10 May

Year 13 Last day of lessons before Study Leave

27-31 May

Half Term Break

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We would like to wish all our students and families a wonderful Easter break.

We look forward to seeing you back in April.

Support our 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.