



The Camelot

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Camelot School Ofsted Report 2017

Yesterday our full report was released—copies are available to collect from the school office for any interested parent/carer.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/100780>

You can be proud your child attends an exceptional local school that Her Majesty's Inspector reports this:

Main findings

#exceptionaleveryday

#its_now_our_time

Your plans for improvement are clear and sharply focused on weaknesses identified at the last inspection. You and your new senior leadership team have communicated your ambitions and expectations promptly and effectively to the whole school community. Teachers are very clear about how you expect them to use the intensive training they have received since your arrival. As a result, the quality of teaching is improving rapidly in the current school year. Pupils' work shows that their progress is consistently improving. More opportunities are evident for the most able pupils to apply their skills and explain their thinking. For example, in mathematics, pupils are expected to write about the patterns and relationships they notice in number investigations.

Governors understand the impact of your work and understand their role in your plans for improvement. The chair of the governing body is rightly determined to ensure that senior leaders have the necessary skills and resources to secure rapid improvements. She has a clear and ambitious vision of when and how the school will become good.

We look forward to 2017 being the year of an exceptional education for all with the support of the highest authority of the quality of a school. For Camelot School, read:

- *“Plans for improvement sharply focused*
- *Quality of teaching is improving rapidly in the current school year*
- *Pupils' work shows that their progress is rapidly improving*
- *Teachers are providing clearer and more challenging guidance to help pupils deepen their understanding*
- *Attitudes to learning have improved because pupils understand what teachers what teachers expect of them*
- *Provision in the Early Years is also improving as a result of the sharp focus on areas for improvement”*

100% Attendance to School = Exceptional opportunities to learn

Please remember from today for the whole of 2017 every child starts with the fresh chance to earn the prizes and praise for being an 100% attendee. Please make it your aim to get your child to school every day for 2017.

Our school target is 97%. Our current attendance needs big improvements in 2017 - currently 95.6% for 2016.

Please note, if any child's attendance falls below the above target, the school is required to monitor any reasons for absence and share any concerns with the school's education welfare officer or other social care support officers. Thank you for your support in this area.

After School Clubs for Upper School children—Spring 2017

Parents/carers will be invited to sign up for clubs from today on the signing up sheets outside the staff room in the Scarfell Playground. Parents/carers may sign up their child for more than one club and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis for any first choice club. For the Winter months we will only be offering places to children who are keen to attend clubs and who sign up. All clubs are free unless stated and run from 3.30—4.15 p.m.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Years 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football	Years 2, 3 & 4 Colouring and Drawing	Year 2, 3 & 4 Ball Games	Year 5 & 6 Football Squad (Invite only)	Year 2, 3 & 4 Football (£25 for 10 weeks)
Years 5 & 6 Board Games	Year 5 & 6 Arts & Crafts	Years 2&3 Games Club	Yr 2, 3, 4 Dance Club	Year 6 08:15 Computing & Programing
Years 2,3 & 4 Movie Club	Years 2,3 & 4 Drama	Yr 4, 5 & 6 GLIM Performance	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Music & Movement	Years 4,5 & 6 Art
Years 5 & 6 Debate Club	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Netball	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Touch Rugby/ Hockey	Yr 4 & 5 Homework support	Yr 2 & 3 Homework support

Knights of Camelot

It was greatest pleasure to knight our first Knights of Camelot. Sir Andy Murray and Dame Jessica Ennis Hill and now these new knights!

A Camelot Knight is someone who shares all of the school behaviours of:

Inquisitiveness, Enthusiasm, Helpfulness, Kindness, Resilience, Determination, Honesty, Respect

Yr 6 Knights: Manuel, Jade, Bibi, Shaqueal, Youssef, Maria

Yr 5 Knights: Cecelia, Samuel, Kakei, Beatriz, Camilla, Adam

Yr 4 Knights: Kerri, Callum, Leyla, Abdiraham, Shakia, Abdurahim

Yr 3 Knights: Rania, Lucy, Mariam, Naria, Jada, Chaima

Yr 2 Knights: Iqra, Ashley, Yusra, Macarena, Archie, Angel

Yr 1 Knights: Houssinatou, Zainab, Ali Hussein, Yleida, Liam, Faith

Congratulations to all our special children whose next task is to meet Mr Robinson and to share their ideas about new learning behaviours that will become our shared focus for 2017. We look forward to sharing their ideas.



Our 2017 resolutions—please help us keep them

(the ones that every child and parent/carer needs to know about)

- * **Uniform Resolutions**—the school's decision to have a smart and practical school uniform needs everyone's support. Our efforts for 2017 will focus on school shoes, an appropriate school white shirt, our school tie and jumpers in addition to wearing our special smart blazers on celebration Fridays as well as on other celebration occasions. School PE kits are also expected—all available at our uniform supplier, APT on Rye Lane. Thank you.
- * **Exceptional Manners**—school staff are committed to teaching our children the highest standards of manners to prepare them for later life. We ask for your support in ensuring your children thank their teacher at the end of the day before being collected as well as we ask for that you support our efforts to teach children to hold their knife and fork when eating their lunch. All children are already excellent at greeting visitors to school as well as holding doors open for adults but we aim for further improvements in this area.
- * **Punctuality to school resolutions**—our school provides an education for each child which is planned to maximise the school day. School gates are open from 8.45 a.m. every morning so all children can be collected from their line when the beeper sounds at 8.55 a.m. School gates then close by 9.00 a.m. after which any child is late for their class and such lateness causes a disruption to learning. Any lateness needs a reason provided and we ask that these are offered and parents/carers should expect to be questioned on these reasons as the school is required to share this information where necessary.

Class Assemblies—Thursdays across Spring 2017

All parents/carers and family members are invited to attend our programme of special class assemblies where classes have the chance to take over our daily assembly and share their ideas with us all. Please arrive at the school office no later than 10.30 a.m. on the day of your child's assembly when you will be collected and taken up to the McKinley Floor of the Everest Building.

January Thursday Assemblies:

12th—Yr 5 Tien Shan; 19th—Yr 5 Andes; Tuesday 23rd—Yr 5 Himalyas;
26th— Yr 4 Huascaran

February Thursday Assemblies:

2nd—Yr 4 Salado; 9th—Yr 4 Nevado 23rd—Yr 3 St Elias

March Thursday Assemblies:

2nd—Yr 3 Orizaba 9th—Yr 3 Logan 16th—Yr 2 Drakensberg
23th—Yr 2 Simien 30th—Yr 2 Atlas

Three key dates for January for all Parents/Carers

1. Headteacher Questions & Answers Session—Tuesday 10th January 9.00 a.m.
Come and have a tea/coffee with Mr Robinson and hear about his plans for the school in response to our recent Ofsted report as well as his vision for 2017. Ask questions about school life and Camelot 2017. Meet outside his office at 9.00 a.m.

2. Governors Tea/Coffee Morning—Friday 13th January—9.00 a.m.

The school relies on a group of volunteer governors, including three parents who are often the best people for you to pass on your comments and feedback. Come and meet these governors over a tea/coffee in the Kilimanjaro Floor of the Everest Building before they spend the day in the school meeting staff and children.

3. Spring Term Parents Evening—Wednesday 18th January 2017
Times between 3.40—6.40 p.m.

This is an essential opportunity for all parents/carers to meet their child's class teacher for an update on their school work and contributions to school life. Signing up sheets will be displayed from Monday 9th January in the playground or parents/carers can email or inform the school office regarding a preferred time period. All appointments will be accessed via the Hillary Room (where Mr Robinson works) for children in Reception and Year 1 and from the playground into the school library for children in Years 2 to Years 6.

Key dates for Spring 2017

Week Commencing Monday 9th January

Camelot's Writing Week No.1—
see separate information sheet.

Tuesday 10th January—Last Open Day for Reception 2017—Please tell your friends and neighbours about the chance to enrol at Camelot School for 2017-18.

Thursday 12th January—first Class Assembly—Yr 5 Tien Shan then every Thursday after that for Yr 5 to Yr 2.

Monday 16th January—Young Voices Choir at O2—exceptional opportunity!

February 2017—Year 6 with National Theatre for Romeo & Juliet production.

Friday 10th February — half term starts.

Monday 20th February—First day after half term.

Friday 31st March—Last day of term.

Key Reminders for 2017

1. Email Addresses:

Please ensure you have an email address that we can use for letters and communication. No email address will mean you will miss key messages from school.

2. Uniform Items:

As stated earlier in this newsletter, please can we ensure all parents/carers have planned for their children to be suitably dressed for school for the year ahead.

3. Celebrating the love of Reading:

If every day is a 'Reading Book to and from School' day then parents/carers will need to buy book bags—available from our uniform suppliers, APT on Rye Lane.

4. Coats (& tracksuits?)

...and the winter months means all children need an appropriate coat as currently its 'Everyday is 'Coat to School' day. We also recommend your children having a tracksuit for their PE days. Plain blue tracksuits are recommended and available from high street stores.

5. The holiday challenge—deadline

All children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have until this Friday 6th January to complete their holiday challenge. The best maps will be displayed from Friday and all children submitting an entry invited to a special tea party with Mr Robinson. Please get your child to hand in their entry by Friday 9.00 a.m.

To remind you — find and label the main countries of the world as well as write on the map the main mountains. Colouring in is encouraged but not with felt tips. Thank you for any help given to your child.