

## Harriet Harman - MP for Camberwell and Peckham

Newsletter - July 2014

### Listening to parents at the school gate

Summer is a good time to meet parents, carers and teachers at the school gate as they drop their children off. Together with local councillors I have done 'school gate' meetings at Camelot Primary in Peckham & Hollydale Primary in Nunhead.

### Parliament & Equality

It's important for our democracy that Parliament is properly representative of the people in this country— women, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and the LGBT community. You can read on my website the full text of the 'Speakers Lecture' which I gave at the invitation of John Bercow, the Speaker of the House of Commons.



### Campaigning for the return of the missing Nigerian schoolgirls

It was a privilege to meet Nigerian Finance Minister, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, when she came to speak in Parliament at a meeting convened by the UN Special Envoy for Global Education, Gordon Brown, on the Nigerian schoolgirls who were abducted from their school almost 100 days ago. It is essential not just for each child, but for Nigeria's economic future, that all girls in Nigeria go to school. We must keep up the pressure and support the Nigerian Government's efforts to bring all the girls home safely.

### Challenging the Government on their failures on the NHS

All around the country people are having to wait longer at A&E. I challenged the Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg in Parliament about the increase in waiting times. I also met with Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group to discuss the problem of GP waiting times.

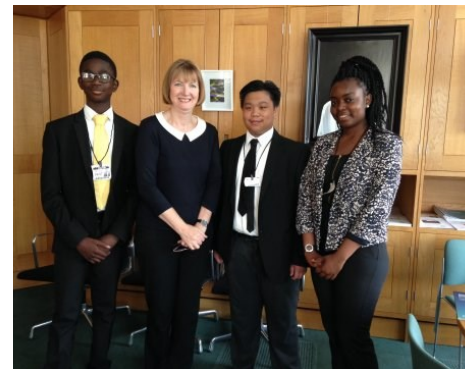


### Work experience for local students studying for their GCSE's

It's important for young people to get work experience. I was pleased to welcome three young people from schools in my constituency to undertake work experience and training as part of their GCSE studies: Blessing Ayenge, Olu-Watomiwa 'Tomi' Sanyaolu and Hanz Espino.

### Supporting local Head Teachers

The transition from primary to secondary school is one of the most important periods in a child's life. I'm working closely with local Head Teachers and the Council to improve the transition process for children, parents and schools.



### Campaigning in Camberwell Green

In the run up to the General Election, we are going to be campaigning in all 9 wards in C&P. I joined local Councillors Mark Williams and Radha Burgess along with local Labour Party members for a 'door knock' in Sceaux Gardens estate in Camberwell.

### Bonamy Estate advice surgery & walkabout in Livesey

Thanks to Pat Hickson and Kiri Pieri from the Residents' Association, Cllrs Richard Livingstone and Evelyn Akoto, and Council officers Ifeanyi Onabu, Robertson Egueye and Michael Mann for a very useful walkabout and advice surgery on the Bonamy Estate.

## Are parents in Camberwell & Peckham getting the choice of secondary school they want for their child?

Many parents in my constituency are concerned that they can't get the secondary school they want for their child. It's an important issue which I report on, on an annual basis, and my latest report shows that:

\*Out of the 9 schools that serve children in Camberwell & Peckham, 7 are undersubscribed - Kingsdale, Walworth Academy, ARK All Saints, Harris Boys, Harris Girls, Harris Peckham & St Thomas the Apostle - and only 2 are oversubscribed - Charter School and Sacred Heart.

\*Of particular concern is Harris Peckham - parental 1st choice has fallen 12% to 27% despite good GCSE results I'm discussing what can be done about this with the Council, Head Teachers, Education Ministers & parents

*You can read the report on my website: [www.harrietharman.org/speeches\\_and\\_reports](http://www.harrietharman.org/speeches_and_reports)*

**Newsflash!** Lib Dem Bedroom Tax U-Turn – Nick Clegg says he now wants to axe the Bedroom Tax. They should never have backed it and should now vote with us to abolish it.



### Newsflash!

Thanks to Barrie Hargrove for agreeing, once again, to be my agent for the 2015 General Election!

### Newsflash! David Cameron's false claims

At PMQ's on 16/7/14 David Cameron claimed that I called for a tax increase on middle income earners. This is a false claim, a pathetic and desperate misrepresentation, and he should apologise. If we win the General Election, we will cut the taxes for low income earners with a new 10p lower rate and we would restore the top rate by increasing the rate for those earning over £150,000 from 45% to 50%

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**MY ADVICE SURGERIES ARE NOW AT  
Walworth Methodist Church 'Clubland'  
54 Camberwell Road, SE5 0EW**



Fri 18 Jul 9am  
Tue 29 Jul 5pm

Fri 8 Aug 9am  
Fri 29 Aug 9am

Fri 5 Sept 9am  
Tue 30 Sept 5pm

*Getting to Clubland: Bus Routes: 468, 148, 171, 45, 68, 176, 12*

### Casework Update July 2014:

Since my last report in June:

- Action on 369 cases
- Including 120 new cases
- 3 advice surgeries
- Attended by 69 people
- Average reply time: 8 working days

