



Connaught
School for Girls

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Headteacher — Alexander Silk, MA

seize the day

Friday 17th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, I have the weekly update for you as always to celebrate what is going on in the school. Following a rigorous process, we have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher, Laura Binz, who will start in September and bring great strength to the leadership team and the school. I am confident that this appointment will help to drive forward my vision for school improvement.

Coffee morning with SLT and Governors supported by the PTA

This Wednesday we will be raising money for the Red Cross pour a cup of kindness appeal, we will have a bucket appeal on the school gate in the morning, a PTA bake sale and parent/carers coffee morning and then a student bake sale at breaktime. We look forward to seeing any parents/carers that wish to come into the school on Wednesday morning between 9.00-10.30am. I will be there with members of SLT and school governors to meet and to talk. There will be cakes/hot drinks for sale managed by the PTA and all donations will go to the Red Cross appeal (see attached poster). If there are any parents/carers who are unable to attend, but can donate cakes/baked goods for selling then please ask your child to bring it to the school in the morning on Wednesday. Anything that was donated and not sold will then go to the students for a cake sale in the playground at break time. Any student wanting to buy cakes at break time will need to have a small amount of change with them to buy cakes.

If you are unable to attend in person, but would like to make a donation, please do so via this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/connaught-school-for-girls-1715950594419>

Please note that we are a NUT FREE school and all donations must be nut free.

New cricket club

After half term we are offering a cricket club, instead of basketball. This will be run by Ms Agilara, Head of the PE Department. The session will run Friday afterschool from 2.20-3.20pm. Information regarding this has been posted in your child's year group google classroom with a questionnaire for her to complete if she wishes to attend the session. Deadline is Tuesday 21st May by 3.00pm.

Use of student diary and parent checking signing diary

Student diaries are a great tool for communicating with parents/carers. They give a good overview of work that needs to be completed and any concerns regarding your child's work or behaviour, which would be written in 'red'. To ensure that parents/ carers have checked their child's diary we ask that they sign this every week, this is also checked and signed by their tutor weekly. The student diary also helps with organisational skills and has many useful pages at the back regarding their education.

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Student diaries should be well presented and not have any graffiti on the front or back covers. We encourage the students to look after their diaries and use them to organise and structure their learning. We appreciate your continued support in helping us with this.

Uniform

We have been enjoying the warmer weather towards the end of this week in school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our uniform expectations, particularly around the wearing of blazers. If students are too hot, in weather like we have had this week, the first item of clothing to be removed is a coat or jacket. If students are still too warm, they can remove their jumper, as this is an optional item of uniform. If they are still too warm, they should speak to their teacher to be permitted to take off their blazers. When the weather is very warm notices will be given to the students to allow them to not wear blazers. As the blazer is the most expensive item of uniform students own, we do not want them getting spoiled by being stuffed in a school bag, alongside pens, packed lunch and similar. Consequently, we should never see students without their blazer but with a coat on, or without their blazer with a jumper on. We are proud of the reputation and the history we have as a school and always want this to be upheld. Many thanks for your ongoing support with this.

Safeguarding and Support

Please find our new monthly parent safeguarding newsletter attached. If there are particular topics/issues you would like to be included in future newsletters or if you have any questions or concerns relating to student safeguarding and well-being please email safeguarding@connaught.waltham.sch.uk.

Housing Options Open Day: register now

Please also find details below of an information session organised by Waltham Forest Early Help Family Hub regarding housing options for families currently on housing waiting lists.

Our Housing Options Open Day is for people who are currently on the housing register list and would like to find out more about their alternative housing options. For example you could be:

- living in Council accommodation and have requested a move to a different home **or**
- are a homeless applicant and/or have been placed into temporary accommodation by the Council **or**
- are a general housing register applicant.

The event takes place on Thursday 30 May at Frederick Bremer School, Siddeley Road, E17. There will be three hourly sessions which will be repeated throughout the day, at 10am to 11am, 11.45am to 12.45pm and 2.30pm to 3.30pm. [Find out more](#).

Please note space is limited in the venue and you will be only be able to attend if you have registered for one of the sessions. If you have any questions or need any support to participate, contact the Housing Engagement team on engagement@walthamforest.gov.uk

I hope you can enjoy the warmer weather and have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Silk
Headteacher