



**Connaught**  
School for Girls

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seize the day

Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. We said a final goodbye to Year 11 this week, as they have now completed the last of their exams. As is always the case, it was a bittersweet goodbye; the joy that their exams are complete and that they have some freedom to look forward to this summer, with many students sad that their secondary experience has come to an end.

If Year 11 families have any items of uniform or PE kit that are in good condition we would welcome any donations. If you can help here, please drop clean clothes off at reception.

### Global Girl Leading Inspirational Film Project

In this week's Global Girl Leading workshop, we picked our most powerful 'SHEroes', who were our personal female heroes. We went through their most impacted moments and acknowledged the fact of how they helped younger and older women in the past, present and future. We brought in props to impersonate their personalities, and embraced how they were represented as an individual. One notable example discussed was Halle Berry, who made history as the first Black woman to win the Academy Award for Best Actress, an achievement that took 74 years to occur. Crafting our own award speeches provided valuable insights into the challenges women of colour face to gain recognition for their accomplishments, deepening our understanding of their ongoing struggle for equality and acknowledgment in various fields.

*We discussed Da'Vine Joy Randolph, who received the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in March 2024. In her speech, she spoke of her struggles as the only Black student in her class at school and how she realised she had to forge a pathway for herself. We are looking forward to next week's session. Safiyah Badat 9w*



## **Pride Month Workshop with Kelmscott School**

Mr Phillips and a small group of students went to a Pride Month workshop at Kelmscott school today and we will get feedback from them. More on this next week....

## **Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is running from Monday 24th June - Friday 28th June. We have an epic 3 for 2 offer on all the books - the cheapest book is free. Our Apprentices have been running the show by creating their own campaigns. They've been creating posters, presenting in assembly and more! Every student that buys a book from the Book Fair will be asked which Apprentice group has persuaded them to buy a book. The group with the most votes will win!

There are a few ways you can pay: 1. In cash at school. 2. With a debit card at school. 2. Fill in a wishlist and ask parents/guardians to pay online. 3. Buy gift vouchers from Scholastic Book Fair so students don't need to bring in cash. (<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>)

Parents and guardians are invited to be a part of their child's reading journey by visiting our Scholastic Book Fair. On Monday 1st July and Tuesday 2nd July parents and guardians will be visiting the dining hall after school to buy books from the Bookfair. This is a great way to support your child and the school's library as the more money we raise, the more new books we can have ready on our shelves for September. Our Apprentices will also be running stalls and asking parents which group best persuaded them to buy a book. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Please check the attached poster.

## **Work Experience**

Year 10 students start their work experience on Monday 24th June until Friday 5th July. We are extremely proud of the tenacity and resilience the students have shown in acquiring their placements and look forward to visiting the students at their chosen placement.

We have again this year had a variety of placements, from riding stables and libraries to law courts and hospitals. The work experience programme is a vital part of our CEIAG curriculum and is invaluable at providing students with an experience of the world of work, as well as equipping them with the transferable skills that they will need to apply for colleges, apprenticeships or work.

We wish them well on their placements and look forward to hearing all about their experiences on our visits over the coming fortnight.

## **Year 7, 8 and 9 PE Inter-form Tournament.**

The PE Department is pleased to inform you that we have scheduled a PE Inter-Form Day for Years 7-9. This event promises to be a day of fun, sportsmanship, and enjoyable activities, providing an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their athletic skills and engage in friendly competitions with their peers.

On the day of each event, students are to arrive at school at the normal time and will finish at the usual time. We request that all students come dressed in their sports attire. Each form has decided on a specific colour, and we encourage students to wear this colour. Alternatively, they may wear their school PE kit. Your child must wear trainers for safety and comfort, not fashion style trainers such as vans, converse etc.

It is also important for your child to bring their own refillable water bottles to stay hydrated throughout the day, as well as sunscreen and hats if the weather is warm.

**Year 7: Wednesday 26th June. Year 8: Thursday 27th June. Year 9: Friday 28th June**

## **Culture Day and PTA fundraiser afternoon**

The Friends of Connaught PTA are gearing up to end the school academic year with a fundraiser in conjunction with the organised culture day/non-uniform day. This festive event will feature a variety of engaging activities, including sponge the teacher, beat the goalie, henna, sweet cones, ice pops and our ever popular bake sale. We look forward to welcoming all the students straight after school from 2.30pm to 4pm in the school playground to have fun with their friends. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to come together, celebrate our diverse community, and support our school.

If any parents/carers would like to help or support the event in any way please do get in touch [connaughtschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:connaughtschoolpta@gmail.com)

Please see the attached poster from the PTA

I hope you have a good weekend,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Silk', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Silk  
Headteacher