



Connaught
School for Girls

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seize the day

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. A Friday update as we reach the end of a very hot week, we have had a lot going on in school and out of school this past week.

Global Girl Leading Inspirational Film Project

*On Monday 24th June, we went to Mulberry School for Girls to continue our documentary. At the beginning of the session, we talked about what we should have in our documentary, such as specific stories, struggles, and opinions about women across time. Afterwards, we wrote on pieces of paper, the challenges of women, then scrunching them up and throwing them around to another person to then think of a possible solution. Additionally, we then acted out those possible solutions as a group, for example, "For a woman to be safe walking around at night," and the whole group would stand up behind her, like support, and then it was filmed with props. Overall it was a very interesting and fun session, and we can't wait for next week's session, at Connaught. **Written by Amna Baig 9W***

Next Week on Monday the filming and the work is taking place at Connaught School with the film crew, staff and students from Mulberry School for Girls coming to our school to do the next stage of the work here.

Research Project in School: Your views matter!

We are working on a research project with the University of Hull to explore students' and parents/carers' experiences with digital platform use within the school and at home for teaching, learning and communication. By digital platforms, we refer to tools such as Google Classroom, Seneca, Adept, ParentCom etc. The aim is to learn about your experiences, allow you to share your feedback and suggestions and consider how these might inform the school's future practices. If you would like to share your experiences, feedback and suggestions, please follow this link to find out more and take part in the study: <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/hull/consent-form-for-parents-school-london> Alternatively, you can scan this QR code:

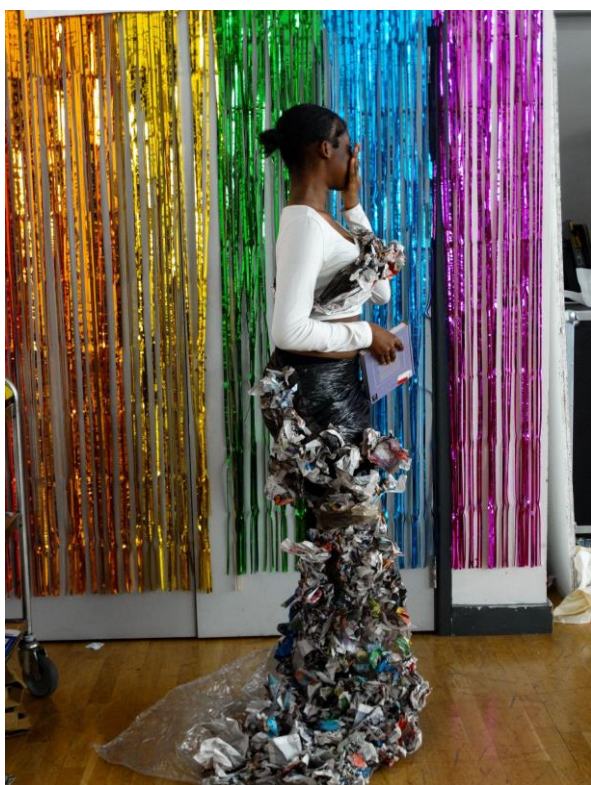


Pride Month Workshop with Kelmscott School

Mr Phillips, Ms Ricon and a small group of students attended a Pride Month workshop at Kelmscott School last Friday. We were thrilled to go to the Waltham Forest Pride event, as a school that actively celebrates diversity with inclusion as a core part of our vision and values.

We were joined at the event by five other borough schools and guest speakers who hosted workshops and activities throughout the day.

Students had the opportunity to celebrate diversity and empowerment. Connaught students had a great time and they enjoyed the inspirational speakers and taking part in the different workshops; even winning the prize for best outfit made out of recycled materials! It was an excellent event that students across Waltham Forest thoroughly enjoyed.



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

As the first week of work experience comes to a close, we are extremely proud of the students in Year 10 and how they have settled into their varying placements. The students have shown high levels of adaptability and are embodying our school values of excellence and resilience. Many students have been in touch to say how much they are enjoying the experience and the feedback from placement supervisors has been overwhelmingly positive about our girls. Well done Year 10, keep it up!

Unifrog

This year the school has rolled out the Unifrog Platform to students and staff. Unifrog is a universal destinations platform that allows students to explore their interests, record achievements they have made, find education and training opportunities and draft applications. The students will have their account until they reach higher education, an apprenticeship or enter the world of work. It also helps teachers deliver resources for the CEIAG (careers education, information, advice and guidance) curriculum, track careers interactions, draft references and submit applications.

We would strongly recommend that you take a look at Unifrog with your daughter and will be sending out information for parents to use Unifrog next week.

If your daughter is having any issues logging on to her account, please contact Ms El Khandari:
felkhandari.320@connaught-cloud.co.uk

Holiday Activity Club

Wise Youth Trust are hosting holiday summer activities which are available and free to Waltham Forest residents in receipt of free school meals. The clubs are managed by Connaught staff and so the students from our school will see faces they know. Places will fill up quickly so if you want a space please use the poster attached for contact and booking.

Please see the attached poster from the HAF

I hope you have a good weekend,

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Silk
Headteacher