



Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. A Friday update as always. We welcomed the students back to school this week and it is great to have young people back in the building breathing life back into the school again after 6 weeks of relative quiet.

Yr11 GCSE results

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the yr11 students on an outstanding set of results this summer, seeing improvements in the key indicators for school performance. I am incredibly proud of the hard work the students and all staff in the school put in to get the students across the line and they leave us now to go to their post-16 education. We wish all of our students well and only ask that they stay in contact with the school to share the many successes I know they will go on to have. They now join the Connaught School for Girls Alumni.

It was lovely to see so many smiley faces on Results Day, with students receiving the results they needed to enrol on the post-16 pathway of their choosing. As always, those students that attended school regularly, worked hard in and outside of school, and took advantage of the opportunities we provide for students for enrichment and support outside of the classroom, did exceptionally well.

Against a backdrop of significant challenges over their time in the school, the students have excelled. We had 91% of students enter for the English Baccalaureate which is more than twice the national average and the attainment figures were above national and WF averages. We have seen improvements in the number of students achieving passing grades for both English and Mathematics and we have a huge number of students with incredible individual success, as shown on the next page. The results are a credit to the students and show that hard work and dedication really do pay off.



Student & Achievement	
Meerub	4 grade 9s, 4 grade 8s, 1 grade 6
Vesiana	7 grade 9s, 1 grade 8
Tahani	4 grade 9s, 4 grade 8s
Fathima	2 grade 9s, 7 grade 8s
Aasiyah	5 grade 9s, 1 grade 8, 1 grade 7, 2 grade 6s
Kleio	4 grade 9s, 2 grade 8s, 4 grade 7s
Jamilah	1 grade 9, 6 grade 8s, 2 grade 7s, 1 grade 6
Imaan	2 grade 9s, 3 grade 8s, 3 grade 7s, 1 grade 6
Ryhana	2 grade 9, 6 grade 7s, 2 grade 6s
Huda	1 grade 9, 1 grade 8, 6 grade 7s, 2 grade 6s
Ieva	3 grade 8s, 3 grade 7s, 1 grade 6, 2 grade 5s
Kallisto	1 grade 9, 1 grade 8, 6 grade 7s, 1 grade 6, 1 grade 5
Joria	2 grade 8s, 5 grade 7s, 2 grade 6s
Sarah	1 grade 9, 2 grade 8s, 1 grade 7, 2 grade 6s

Reminders for the term ahead: attendance and punctuality

A reminder now about the importance of good attendance and punctuality which, put simply, cannot be underestimated. Please ensure that students leave for school in plenty of time to ensure they arrive at school before 8.30am. As you know, we take a tough approach if students are late; any student who arrives after 8.30am will have a late detention.

A polite and respectful reminder to not miss school due to term-time holidays. We know that students who attend school, each and every day, perform exceptionally well in their GCSE exams. Your ongoing support with this is much appreciated.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of our school community will always be my number one priority. A reminder too that electric scooters are not to be used by students to travel to or from school. They are illegal and carry significant danger, due to the speed that can be reached on such scooters. Please ensure any bikes used to cycle to school are serviced and roadworthy; helmets should be worn at all times, of course. There are bike storage areas on the school site.

Uniform and equipment

Hopefully, you are already organised ensuring that your child has the correct uniform for the new school year. Please check the website carefully to ensure the uniform is compliant. Blazers must be worn at all times on site, students should be wearing this as they enter the building. The school blazer is compulsory, not an optional part of the uniform.

In terms of jewellery, students are permitted to wear up to two pairs of small silver or gold studs (one in each ear) no diamond/gemstones should be worn in school. Nose stud, one small plain silver or gold stud is allowed, otherwise, there must be no other facial jewellery or piercings.

This is the only jewellery permitted and the school is entitled to confiscate any unsuitable jewellery. No acrylic, or long nails please as this impacts on students' ability to engage and participate fully in PE, technology and many other areas.

A reminder too about equipment. Students should check each morning to ensure they have the necessary equipment, which includes, black pen, red pen, pencil, ruler, school diary, rough book and reading book.

Finally a reminder of upcoming important dates for the diary. We have our school open evening for the current primary school pupils to come and look around and see our wonderful school, on **Thursday 26th September from 5.45pm-8.30pm**. It is a late evening and a number of students in the school will be here to help support as tour guides and department guides. As a result of the later finish, there will be a later start to school on **Friday 27th September where students will come to school for 9.30am start following Open Evening the previous evening (1 hour later than usual)**.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out, if you have any questions or queries, I look forward to seeing you at school events in the near future. Here's to another exciting and successful year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr. Silk
Headteacher