



Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, I have a Friday update as always. We have had several fantastic visits and events in school this week. The parent survey has been completed by many parents but we are keen to get the widest possible participation in the survey and so we have kept it open for one last week. The survey will close on Wednesday 22nd January, so if anyone has not filled the survey in, [please use this link here](#).

Rewards

Achievement Points - Spring Term

Super close this week - Year 10 have 111 APs but Year 11 have just taken the lead with 113!
Congratulations to Kayla 11C who has the highest number of APs awarded this week!

Attendance

Year 7 continues to have the highest year group attendance to date with 96.01%. The tutor group with the highest attendance this week is 8C (98.7%) closely followed by 9C and 10W.

Online Careers events

For those interested in exploring careers in business and accounting, I would like to highlight two events all are free to attend virtually:

- **Event 1** - Insight to RSM, a global accounting and professional services firm offering careers in audit, tax and consulting. Wednesday 29th January, 5pm – 6pm For more details and to apply [please see here](#)
- **Event 2** - Insight to Forvis Mazars, a world leader in accounting and professional services offering careers in audit, tax and business services. - Thursday 30th January, 5pm – 6pm For more details and to apply [please see here](#)

Extra Curricular Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Before school	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	
	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	
				Year 11 Maths revision 7:30-8:20 Room 2 HUS (Week B only)		
Lunch time	Homework Support Room 20 RIC	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	
	GCSE Art and Photography Club Room 17 ELB	GCSE Art and Photography Club Room 17 GIL	KS3 Badminton AGI (Week A only)	Board Game Club Room 42 ELK (Week A only)	KS3 Royal Academy Young Artists Club Room 17 ELB	
	Citizens UK Club Room 8 PHI	Year 11 Maths revision Room 3 RGN (Week A only)	Geography Video Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Maths revision Room 3 RGN (Week B only)	KS3 History Club (The Malcolm Doolin Memorial Award for Local History Research) Room 6 KLE	
	KS4 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	KS3 Multi skills sports AGI (Week A only)	KS3 Crochet Club Room H2 RAN	Year 11 French intervention (by invitation) Room 41 FER	Year 11 Biology Intervention (by invitation) Lab 1 AMR	
	Computing Club Room 33 LAK	KS3 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	Computing Club Room 33 LAK	KS3 Dodgeball AGI (Week A only)	Year 11 Chemistry Intervention (by invitation) Lab 4 IQB	
	Year 11 Biology Intervention (by invitation) Lab 2 SIQ	Year 11 Geography Drop In Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Sociology intervention (by invitation) Room 5 KAD	Green Ambassadors Room 7 DES	Year 11 Physics Intervention (by invitation) Lab 3 MUJ	
	Year 11 Drama Club Hall JEM	Year 11 History intervention (by invitation) Room 6 KLE	Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM	KS3 Humanities Homework Catch Up Room 7 DES	Year 11 Science Revision Lab 5 ALI	
		Year 11 Drama Club Hall JEM	Dog Club SIL	Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM	Peer mentoring (by invitation) Room 5 KAD	
	Year 11 Geography Revision Room 39 KHL	Year 8 and 9 Science Cinema Club Room 8 AMR	Year 11 English intervention SAI Room 37	Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH	Year 7 and 8 Maths Club Room 4 SW 11C and PET	
		Year 11 Study Space Room 32 WAL		Props Club Room 17 GIL		
		Year 10 Homework Club Room 36 RAH				
	After school	Year 11 Maths revision 15:30-16:30 Room 1 AUL	Football 15:30-16:30 Playground Leyton Orient/AGI	Basketball Club 15:30-16:30 Sports Hall AGI		Archery 14:30-16:00

Year 10 English
Action Tutoring (by
invitation) Room 4
CAR

Year 10 Maths
Action Tutoring (by
invitation) Room 4
LAB

Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM
14:00-15:30

Boxing 15:30-16:30
Main Hall DIA

KS4 Art Club
15:30-16:30 R9
ELB

Secondary schools photography competition

<https://www.nlwa.gov.uk/article/secondary-schools-photography-competition>

There is local competition for budding photographers to exhibit their interpretations of nature and resilience. Submissions are now open and will close at 5pm on 30 January 2025. The photos will be judged by a panel from the NLWA, with the winners being announced in February.

Public Speaking - Model United Nations Conferences

Huge congratulations to **Umavi Pagoda**, 11F on winning another prestigious award for her research and oratory skills when delivering her paper to the Model United Nations Conference. This is what Umavi had to say:

I had an incredible opportunity to represent the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland at an International United Nations (MUN) conference which was organised by the Cambridge University UK , where selected delegates came from different continents to debate and collaborate on global issues . As a delegate for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) , I was tasked with researching and presenting solutions to complex global challenges . Regarding this , I had to conduct extensive research to develop my research and prepare documents outlining the political stance of the UK , which had to align with the common goals and priorities of the UNHCR. The conference was conducted for 03 days which equalled 21 hours in total . It was a great honor to listen and debate with other delegates who shared a passion for international cooperation and diplomacy representing their relevant countries . I am truly humbled and grateful to have been recognised with the award for the "Best Position Paper " by the Chairs of the committee . However , this would not have been possible without the guidance and belief that Connaught School instils in its students .

Achievements thus far:

- Best Communication Delegate Award at the Asian Youth International Model United Nations Conference (August 2024).
- Best Position Paper Award as a delegate for England and Ireland at the Cambridge International Model United Nations Conference (November 2024), organized by Cambridge University, UK.



BEST POSITION PAPER AWARD

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

UMAVI PAGODA

Won the Best Position Paper Award as the Delegate of the United Kingdom in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at the Cambridge University International Model United Nations 2024 Virtual Conference (CUIMUN'24)

JULIA SOKOLSKA
SECRETARY GENERAL
CUIMUN '24

Year 11 Art Trip to Tate Britain

The year 11 Art GCSE students headed out on a trip to the Tate Britain on Tuesday to explore the gallery in search of artist inspiration for their exam projects which they have just started. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the huge range of artwork on display there and make the most of some of the free experiences our city has to offer!



Year 9 Volcano Projects

The Year 9's have just completed their volcano projects. Students were required to research the processes behind volcanic activity and present their findings. In addition to their research, each student created a model of a volcano to demonstrate their understanding of key concepts such as lava flow, craters, and tectonic movement. The project involved exploring different types of volcanoes, including shield and stratovolcanoes, as well as their environmental impact. Students then presented their models, explaining the features and processes they had studied. This project not only deepened students' knowledge of geology and geography but also helped develop their research, presentation, and creative skills.



Nicole Dai 9G



Nila Mahendran 9G



Mohsinah Mohteshim 9C



Rumaysa Ishfaq 9G

Celebrating Culinary Excellence!

🍰 Year 10 Students Shine with French Cuisine! 🍰

This week, our talented Year 10 students had to research, prepare, and cook a dish that represents the culinary traditions of a specific country or region. The spotlight was on French cuisine, the groups with the help of Mrs Wallace decided to make **Coq au Vin**.

A Taste of France in Our Kitchen

Coq au Vin, a traditional French chicken stew simmered in red wine (this was replaced as an alternative ingredient) with aromatic herbs, mushrooms, and onions, is a dish that embodies the warmth and elegance of French home cooking. The students demonstrated exceptional skills in bringing this dish to life, from carefully portioning the chicken to marinate it, to achieving the rich, velvety sauce that makes Coq au Vin a true classic.

Accompaniments to Perfection

The dish was perfectly paired with creamy mashed potatoes and a side of green beans and carrots, ensuring a balanced and authentic dining experience. The accompaniments highlighted the flavors of the dish, creating a plate that looked as good as it tasted!

Feedback and Praise

Teachers and peers alike were impressed with the student's dedication. One teacher remarked, "*The dish was restaurant-quality! It's clear that a lot of thought and effort went into every aspect of the process.*"

Celebrating Success

This achievement not only highlights the student's growing expertise in Food Preparation and Nutrition but also emphasises the importance of embracing cultural diversity through food. We are incredibly proud of the effort and passion shown in bringing a taste of France to our classroom!



Enjoy the weekend,
Yours faithfully,

Mr Silk
Headteacher