



Connaught
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seize the day

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, I have a Friday update as always on the final week of the half term. We ended the half term with a non-uniform day today and it was a great way to end the 6 weeks of school going into the half-term break. After the break KS3 D&T classes rotate and students will swap between studying either Textiles or Food and Nutrition. They have all been given new timetables today with this change.

A polite reminder that we kindly ask parents to avoid calling their children during school hours. Receiving a call can tempt students to check their phones, which should remain out of sight and switched off/ silent while on-site. If possible, please wait until after 3:20pm to contact them. Should you need to get an urgent message to your child during the school day, you can contact our reception team who will ensure the message is passed on. Also, a reminder that energy drinks are banned in school. These drinks contain high levels of caffeine and sugar, which can lead to poor concentration, energy crashes, and even health risks such as heart palpitations and anxiety. Please ensure your child does not bring them to school.

Achievement Points - Spring term

Congratulations to Year 10 who have amassed 1774 APs so far this term. Particular congratulations to 10S who have the highest number of APs - 551 and to Caitlin(10S) who again was awarded the highest number of APs this week.

Attendance

Year 9 are still on top with 95.55% attendance over the academic year so far. 8G however have had fantastic attendance this week, at 98.3%.

Year 8 parents' evening - Year 8 Parents/Carers

Please remember to book appointments to see your daughter's teachers at our Year 8 Parents' Evening (Wednesday 26th February). All details can be found in the letter emailed home last week and the booking link can be found [here](#).

Assembly next week

When we return after the break I will be delivering the assembly to students on the theme of ***“dedication and empathy - introducing the upcoming month of Ramadan for our Muslim community”***.

There is a separate letter attached (also sent previously) which details the changes to the school day during Ramadan in recognition of the reduced time at lunchtime.

Events of interest locally

- **Business & Accounting** – For more information and to register please see [here](#).
- **Roots** continues to offer fantastic support for families, including helping students who struggle with attendance – For more information please see the attached sheets.
- **Support For Food - Waltham Forest:** Please see the list of places where you can get support with food should you need it. Many are non-referral. [Where to Find Food - Spring 2025 Edition](#)

Year 10 Photography Project with The National Portrait Gallery



Connaught School for Girls Art and Photography department are working with the National Portrait Gallery on an exciting outreach pilot project. Phase 1 took place this week with students visiting the gallery and working in the studio with photographer Marysa Dowling on studio portraits. They all had a go at being the photographer, sitter and lighting assistant, and did a fantastic job! Phase 2 will be happening in March with a photoshoot set up in school and students taking portraits of their school 'Legends'.

Year 9 Students Pack a Punch in Boxing Taster Sessions

Over the past five weeks, Year 9 students have been sharpening their boxing skills in a series of taster sessions. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been evident throughout, as they embraced the challenge and developed a variety of techniques under expert guidance. From mastering different jabs and punches to combining them into seamless sequences, the students have shown impressive progress. Their ability to apply newly learned skills in practical drills has been a testament to their hard work and determination.

The coach leading the sessions was particularly impressed with how the students conducted themselves, praising their discipline, focus, and willingness to push their limits. This experience has not only introduced them to the sport of boxing but also helped build their confidence, fitness, and teamwork skills. With such a strong start, it's clear that some students may have found a new passion to pursue beyond the taster sessions.

Year 10 and 11 if you want to try out a new sport and take part in the taster sessions, please sign your name on the sheet in the dining hall. Be quick there are only a few spaces left. The sessions will start Monday 24th February (after half term).



Year 9 End of Term Afternoon Tea – A Memorable Celebration!

On the afternoons of February 6th and 13th, the school hall was beautifully transformed for a delightful end of term celebration, an elegant Afternoon Tea organised by our talented Year 9 students. The event was attended by over 60 Year 9 students, accompanied by their five dedicated form tutors and the Head of Year.

The Afternoon Tea was not only a showcase of the students' hard work and creativity but also a wonderful opportunity to unwind and celebrate their achievements together. The atmosphere was lively and relaxed, with beautifully set tables, delicious food, and meaningful conversations filling the hall.



This end of term project allowed students to develop their organisational skills while gaining a deeper understanding of the tradition of Afternoon Tea as part of British cuisine. It was truly heartwarming to see the excitement and a sense of satisfaction on their faces as they ate together.

“ The afternoon was really good, everything was well designed and organised and the food was delicious. The aesthetics were lovely. There was a wide range of food, from sandwiches, to cookies and most of all a variety of cakes. The one thing I liked the most was the rainbow cake. It was a very special event and everything was well put together”

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We are incredibly proud of our Year 9 students for their hard work, teamwork, and dedication in making this event such a resounding success. A special thank you to the Form tutors and the Head of Year for their continued support and encouragement and most of all to the Food Technology team for going above and beyond to make this event possible.

Congratulations to all involved! We look forward to seeing more exciting projects from our talented students in the future. Well done, Year 9! 🎉



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 Film Club 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 ALK	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	Eco Club 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 Geography Revision Room 39 KHL	Year 11 Drama Club Hall JEM	Dog Club SIL	Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM	Peer mentoring (by invitation) Room 5 KAD
	Year 11	Year 8 and 9	Mentoring SAI	Mindfulness Club	Year 7 and 8 Maths Club

	Geography Intervention (by invitation) Room 7 DES	Science Cinema Club Room 8 AMR	HoY8 office	Room 10 GAH (Week A only)	Room 4 SW 11C and PET
		Year 11 Study Space Room 32 WAL		Props Club Room 17 GIL	Year 7 Connections Club Library ALI
		Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH (Week B only)			
		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	Year 11 Art Club 15:30-16:30			
		Year 11 Maths revision 15:30-16:30 Room 2 LAB			

Non Uniform Day

February 14th saw all our students come to school looking unique and being able to express themselves by wearing their own clothes, for a fee of £1. Along with recent bake sales, this money is going towards funding our annual Year 11 prom, where we say goodbye and good luck to our leavers. This is always a bittersweet event, but one that students and staff look forward to every year. More updates to follow during the year. The proceeds for the non-uniform day will go towards the Yr11 leavers event, and £426 was raised today which is excellent! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Year 11 French Masterclass Revision Breakfast

On Thursday morning Y11 French students attended the second revision breakfast in the run-up to the GCSEs. It was lovely to see the students tucking into some refreshments and preparing for their upcoming exams. We will have six teaching weeks after the holidays before the exam period starts - please do help support your daughter in her revision, and reach out to class teachers for guidance. More masterclass dates will be confirmed next half-term.

Valentines card competition

This week Yr11 organised a Valentine's Day card competition with a 'twist'. The students wrote a valentines card to themselves, 'all the things I love about me'. It was for the students to be reflective of themselves and think about their successes and why they are great just as they are. The competition was heartwarming to see their positivity and self-confidence shine. The winner, Alisha in Yr7 will be coming home with her Rainbow Tulips flowers as her prize for first place!

As always I wish you to enjoy the weekend and the extended school holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone back after the half term at normal time on Monday 24th February.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr. Silk
Headteacher