

# News from Connaught school

February 2011

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for helping and supporting us, the standard of school uniform is very high. You can now buy uniform from our supplier, Henry Taylor online their website is [www.henrytaylorsschoolwear.com](http://www.henrytaylorsschoolwear.com)

Please remember that if your daughter has a dental appointment, a dental card should be shown to her tutor before the day of the treatment. If this is not done then the absence will be unauthorised.

A. Betts

## Visit of Olympic athlete

On Wednesday 2nd February, we hosted an Olympic assembly which was aimed to encourage girls to be involved in the London Youth Olympics in 2012. We received a video presentation about all the sports on offer to the girls next year in the build up to the games and had the opportunity to sign up on the day. We had a great result, with all girls signing up to have a go at, at least one sport.



We were also pleased to welcome Jeanette Kwakye, a local girl educated in Waltham Forest. She has many Great Britain track titles and has not only competed in the Beijing Olympics, but qualified and competed in the 100m final, which is an amazing achievement.

Through a question and answer discussion, the girls were able to find out about Jeanette's goals and interests and she gave advice to the girls looking to follow in her footsteps.

ITV filmed the assembly which was played on the 6.00pm news and four of our girls were lucky enough to have interviews with the news station, as well as photo opportunities with Jeanette. The assembly was very successful and we all look forward to seeing Jeanette compete at the 2012 London Olympics games.

Ms A. Chrisp



Olympic athlete, Jeanette Kwakye. With students from years nine and ten

The film as shown on the ITV news is on the school web site.

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance continues to be very good. Our school target is 96.4% and some weeks this is surpassed.

Averages during the half term, Jan - Feb 2011

Wk 1 : 95%      Wk 2 : 96.4%      Wk 3 : 95.8%      Wk 4 : 96.5%      Wk 5 : 95.1%

## BEHAVIOUR

Figures with comparison for similar times in the year :-

**"On call" incidents : these are serious incidents of disruptive or rude behaviour**

Jan - Feb 2009 : 8 incidents    Jan - Feb 2010 : 4 incidents    Jan - Feb 2011 : 3 incidents

**Exclusions : used for very serious incidents such as extreme rudeness or theft**

Jan - Feb 2008 : 3 incidents : totalling 5 days exclusion

Jan - Feb 2009 : 8 incidents : totalling 16 days exclusion

Jan - Feb 2010 : 0 incidents

Jan - Feb 2011 : 2 incidents : totalling 3 days exclusion

## Study Skills at Connaught

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 thoroughly enjoyed their study skills seminars with the Learning Performance Company on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. This has now become an annual event at Connaught in key stage 4 due to the huge success of the sessions over the past few years.

Memory techniques, using A-maps and condensing are examples of the skills taught during the sessions. Every girl was given a large manual to take away with all the notes from the lessons. Parents/carers of pupils in years 10/11 came along to school the evening beforehand to learn more about study skills and how to help their daughter with her studies. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended!

Mrs F. Scott

## Parents' / Carers' Evenings

**Reminder for Parents / Carers of Year 9 pupils**, there is a Yr 9 consultation evening on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Pupils will be asked to make appointments with their teachers for this evening which is important as they make their Yr 10 curriculum choices very soon

**TESCO**  
VOUCHERS

*Every little helps*

## TUTOR COMPETITION

Once again we are collecting Tesco vouchers for school equipment. Please give them to your daughter to give to her form tutor

## **“One to one” tuition programme for Yr 7 & 11 pupils**

Thirty two Year 7 pupils have just completed a ten week programme to boost their English and Mathematics skills even higher. This is the second year that we have been able to run these classes at Connaught. Held in the Learning Resource Centre, every session the girls worked very hard with their tutor on an individual basis.

Well done girls- your folders of work are very impressive!

Now is the time for the “One to one” programmes with Year 11. These classes are held over ten Saturdays in the lead up to the GCSE exams.

We all know that it is important to try to achieve at least a grade C in English and mathematics GCSE so this is one of the school's support strategies to help. There are lots of lunchtime and after school clubs on offer too, so please make sure that you maximise your achievement in year 11.

Good luck with your year 11 courses!

Mrs F. Scott

### **YR 10 GCSE PE Volleyball**

The Year 10 GCSE PE class gained themselves a place in the North London Schools under 15 Volleyball finals through winning the Borough event last term. The team chosen to represent the class at the finals were: Haleema Ceesay, Renee Donaldson, Coleena Henry Mitchell, Okeroghene Obiwevbi, Elizabeth Oladenni and Mary Owusu-Danquah.

The girls had to play against Edmonton County and St Thomas More. In the first game against Edmonton County, the girls fought a very close set, losing narrowly 15-13. Edmonton County then took the second set 15-10 to win the match. The second game against St Thomas More started very well, with the girls taking the first set 15-10. The second set was also close, but the girls lost that set, taking the match to a third set. The girls had a convincing lead at the start; however the opposition had a star player that served to keep them in the set. When the score got to 15 all, the girls had to play on until one team could win by 2 points. After many exciting match points, the opposition served to win them the game. The girls all played well and to compete in the finals was a great achievement for the class as their volleyball experience is limited. Well done to all girls in the year 10 GCSE class

Ms A. Chrisp

### **Breakfast Club**

In late January, Breakfast club held a free fruit tasting event. The girls tried a variety of fruits including sharon fruit, lychees and dragon fruit. This event proved very popular with over 80 extra girls attending. Each girl filled out a survey of the fruits they would like to see in breakfast club. A big thank you to all the peer mentors who helped stage the event.

Deborah Fitzpatrick  
Peer Mentor Co-ordinator

During the past two years we have been working hard to develop a secure way of enabling parents & carers to access key information about attendance, punctuality, assessment and timetable from home. This service is called the Connaught e-Portal. Please see the back page of this newsletter to see what information is now available. Parents and carers will be invited to enroll for the e-Portal at their next Parents' Evening. Mr G. Cross, Deputy Head

### **e-Portal**

# Behaviour for Learning policy

Behaviour at Connaught is very good but our aim is for it to be 'Outstanding' as we believe this will enable us to secure the highest levels of attainment for our pupils. Over the past few weeks, I have been working with staff and pupils, and have invited comments from parents and carers, in order to update our behaviour policy. The first difference you will notice is the inclusion of the word 'Learning' in the title: learning is at the heart of our behaviour policy and is why high standards of behaviour are so important.

This is now what the short version of the policy looks like:

## Behaviour for Learning Policy



Seize the day

Make the most of every opportunity

Every member of the school community is expected to:



**Have a positive attitude**



**Be considerate and supportive of others**



**Work Hard**

If you do not keep to the Connaught Behaviour for Learning policy code of behaviour you will...

1

...be given a warning.

2

...have a red comment written in your diary.

3

...be asked to stand outside the classroom for 5 minutes.

If you do not respond to 1, 2 and 3 you will be sent 'on call'.

'Listen' and 'Co-operate' from our previous code of behaviour are now included in the first point 'Have a positive attitude' and we have two new points which place greater emphasis on learning. Our 1-2-3 procedure for addressing poor behaviour remains the same.

The full revised policy will be available soon on the home page of the school website. As always, I welcome your thoughts and suggestions about behaviour at Connaught. Please feel free to e-mail me [joy.meyer@connaught.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:joy.meyer@connaught.waltham.sch.uk)

**Any comments?** Please email me comments about any aspect of school life

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Ann Betts, Head teacher

# No uniform day in aid of Year 11 leavers' tea

Many pupils took part in a competition coming in costume as a film or book character. The prize winner will be announced next half term. This event was part of Year 11 fundraising events for their leavers' tea. It was very successful and with a cake sale on the previous day, £900 was raised. **Well done Year 11.**



View 'headline' details about all your children on the 'My Children Dashboard'

**Headlines**



**Session attendance**  
(Total academic year)

## 95%

Julie

**Today's Attendance**

Aisha Kelly Julie

**Julie's attendance for today**

- AM Session
- PM Session

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Explore all your children's records in detail

**My Children Links**

AISHA



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KELLY



[Student Record](#)

JULIE




[Student Record](#)

View attendance summaries and attendance marks for each day

**Student Session Attendance Summary**  
Julie Smith

The information displayed shows a summary of the student's attendance of session

Description	Sessions	%
Present	170	94.4
Authorised Absence	10	5.6
Unauthorised Absence	0	0
Marks not Recorded	0	0



- Present
- Authorised Absence
- Unauthorised Absence
- Marks not Recorded

[More Session Attendance Details...](#)

**Student Session Attendance Details**  
Julie Smith

The information displayed shows details of the student's session attendance.

End Date:  [Refresh](#)

Week View  Month View

Month View of Session Marks Between 03/09/2010 - 06/02/2011.  
Each cell contains session marks for a particular day e.g. morning and afternoon.

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
September 2010														
October 2010														
November 2010														
December 2010														
January 2011														
February 2011														
March 2011														
April 2011														

View all the assessment data recorded and the targets that have been set in each subject

**Student Assessment Summary**  
Julie Smith

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Assessment	Description	Result	Notes	Date Ach
Art Level Yr 8 Autumn	Year 8 Report Autumn Term	4b	4b	04/11/2010
Art Target Level		5b	5b	08/10/2010
CCPSHE Level Yr 8 Autumn	Year 8 Report Autumn Term	5	5	05/11/2010
CCPSHE Target Level		5c	5c	08/10/2010
D&T Level Yr 8 Autumn	Year 8 Report Autumn Term	4b	4b	05/11/2010
D&T Target Level		5b	5b	08/10/2010
Drama Level Yr 8 Autumn	Year 8 Report Autumn Term	4c	4c	04/11/2010
Drama Target Level		5b	5b	08/10/2010
English Level Yr 8 Autumn	Year 8 Report Autumn Term	4a	4a	05/11/2010
English Target Level		5b	5b	08/10/2010

View your children's timetables for each day

**Student Classes**  
Julie Smith

Effective Date:  [Refresh](#)

Time	Class Name	Subject	Teacher
08:40	8A2/5c	Science	Miss A. Siddique
09:40	8W/5c	Geography	Mr F. Hoffman
11:00	8-2/En	English	Miss T. Caroto
12:00	8B6/Ur1	Hindu	Mrs Z. Anees
14:30	8WF3/Txs	Textiles	Ms S. Schofield

[Student Timetable...](#)

**Parents and carers that would like access to the e-Portal will be able to enrol and receive login details at their next parents' evening**