



Connaught
School for Girls

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seize the day

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week and some exciting events have been taking place, and lots of new and fun plans in place for the final week! Please see the updates from the school below, as well as some more information about the events going on.

Non uniform day

We haven't had a non-uniform day yet this academic year, and this was something that was raised in the student voice group with Ms Diamond last week. We would like to finish off the half term with a non-uniform day next Friday, 9th February. We do this each year in the Spring Term to allocate a final sum of money from the school to go alongside all the excellent fundraising the Year 11 students have been doing. All the money raised from the non-uniform day will go towards the Year 11 leavers event. Anyone wishing to come to school in non-uniform on the Friday needs to bring in £1. There will be register lists in form rooms next week and so students can bring in the money any day next week to be registered as having paid. I would advise paying earlier in the week to ensure it is not left until the final day and then forgetting.

Bake Sale

We will be raising money as well this week for an incredibly important charity by doing a bake sale on Wednesday 7th February. As you will know, a humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding in Gaza and we have been working with students in our 'current affairs club' where we discussed ways in which the school could continue our message of promoting 'Peace in the Middle East'. The students wanted to raise money by doing a bake sale in school. We will be selling cakes at breaktime on Wednesday and 100% of the money raised will go to the ***Save the Children Gaza Emergency Appeal***.

If anyone wants to bake a cake, or buy and donate cake to be sold to support, we would really appreciate it. Cakes can be brought into school on Wednesday morning and left on the trestle tables in the dining room on the way into school. I will be making my (very average) Banana and chocolate chip cake as part of my effort, but I will also be buying a lot of cake to eat too!

Talent Show

Auditions will take place next week in school for a talent show being organised by year 11 students as final event for their fundraising. As it is the last event they are doing, we want to make it sure it is well supported. There will be tickets on sale after the February half-term break for the talent show which will be on 23rd February. Tickets will be £1 each and all profits will go to the Yr11 leavers event. Any student that wants to be in the talent show can audition next week on 6th February. There will be more information on where to buy tickets and a poster advertising the event in school next week.

School opening for year 11 study and additional classes

There are a number of additional classes running in school over the half term break and your child is involved in any of these classes they will receive a letter from class teachers. I have also asked the students if they would like me to open and staff the Learning Resource Center (LRC - formerly the library). Please ensure your child has indicated on the form shared by Ms Maniar with Year 11 students if they wish to come into the school for the supervised study sessions.

Ramadan adjustments to school timing

Please look out for another letter regarding changes to the school day during Ramadan. As we do each year, there will be a slight change to the school hours during the final 3 weeks of the Spring Term as we have a shortened lunchtime break. There is still provision on site for any students wishing to stay in school where the LRC is open until 5:00pm / 4:30pm on Fridays.

Year 9 parents evening

Next Wednesday is parents evening for Year 9 students so anyone that has not made appointments yet, please make an appointment to see your child's teachers.

Drama production next week

There are only a few days left to buy tickets to the 'Mehndi Night' school drama production which will be performed on Thursday 8th February 6:00pm-8:15pm. It is a comedy drama about a family navigating what it is like to be Bangladeshi Muslim East Londoners. There will be music, food, drink and henna 6-7pm in the dining hall with the play beginning at 7pm. There are still some tickets left, but they are selling fast, so if you want to go please buy your tickets as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Silk
Acting Headteacher

Spotlight on...Food Technology!

Each week I will share a spotlight on a subject area and share some student work. This week I am sharing with you some student work in design and technology, Food technology. The students have made fruit filled Pavlova.



