



Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

On the last day of the term, we had the whole school assemblies and gave out prizes and school trophies for credits at KS3 and attendance:

- Congratulations to Zainab G for getting the highest total in Year 7, and form 7S for getting the most credits in Year 7.
- Congratulations to Zoya A for getting the highest total in Year 8, and form 8W for getting the most credits in Year 8.
- Congratulations to Rhema O, Inaayah T and Rameesa W for getting the highest total in Year 9, and form 9S for getting the most credits in Year 9.

It was great to see the attendance cup go to 10S. We want all students to follow this example and keep attending school every day to get the whole school attendance as high as we can and get on the way to hitting our school target of 96%.

Punctuality

Punctuality to school is also important. Students should arrive at school at 8.20am ready to be seated in form rooms when the bell rings at 8.30am. Students in Years 10 and 11 who are late to school (after 8.30am) complete a 15-minute same-day detention (3.20 - 3.35pm). Students arriving late on Friday mornings will now complete their detention the following Monday at 3.20pm.

Students who are required to complete a one-hour SLT detention will now do this on Friday lunchtime.

Additional support for Yr11 students

Several sessions are running in school over lunchtimes, after school and at weekends in the lead-up to the exams and during the exams. Letters will be sent out to parents if your child has been invited/ asked to come to any intervention or additional sessions that happen outside the school day. The library is stocked with past papers as well and is open for any student in any year to use it after school every day.

Students going to the mayoral assembly

Connaught School for Girls is a member of Citizens UK which is a charity organisation aimed at community cohesion and developing leadership skills in young people. Students will be going to the London Mayoral Assembly next week and will be expecting the future Mayor to make pledges that make a positive impact on all citizens in London. The students will feedback to the school in an assembly the week after and we are very proud to have them representing us at this event.

Yr11 exam season begins...

Next week there are some exams beginning to take place. There are Art exams for both groups next week and Oral exams for languages. All students have been told exactly when their exams are and support has been provided to help them to prepare. The rest of the school has also been told to stay quiet and keep noise to a minimum in the areas of the school where exams will be going on. We wish all the students starting exams this week the very best. As always, if you have any concerns over the well-being of your child or any other please contact safeguarding@connaught.waltham.sch.uk and you can make a disclosure and one of the safeguarding team will check in with them and support can be given if it is needed.

Friday afternoon plans and sign-up

This week we have the first Friday PM finish for students at 2.20pm and all staff are involved in the first of the department meetings and collaborative working time in school. From next week, 26th April, we have the first of the activity sessions starting. In school, we will be running:

- **Basketball:** We have a coach coming in to deliver these sessions, to develop players into a school basketball team, who can then compete against other schools in the future.
- **Connaught 'Apprentice' Challenge** will start next week and I will be leading the search for our top business team! Students will work in groups of 3-5 students per group (mixed across year groups if they wish). The challenge will run across a half-term and take place each Friday lunchtime and from 2.20pm-3.20pm to allow enough time to do the activities. All details will be sent to students once they sign up via their year group Google Classrooms and the poster is attached to this letter below.
- **From 03/05/2024 - Archery:** Due to the anticipated high demand - We will be starting a rolling programme of classes. The sessions will initially be the "have a go" sessions from Archery GB. The sessions will be from 2.20-4.00pm and we will do a series of these so all students that are interested can try this out. Once we have a list of students interested we will allocate a week for them to attend a trial session. Normally the sessions are £18.50 each' but the school will subsidise the cost of all the "have a go" sessions so they are available for every student who wishes to do it. Once we have finished the list of students wanting to take the 'have a go' archery classes, there is a series of beginner courses which are 6 hours (taught over 3 weeks). I will send out more information on this at a later date. These sessions are beginner classes and throughout the course will work on different techniques to develop the students into competent Archers, and they receive Archery GB certificates at the end of the 3-week course.

If your child wishes to sign up for one of these activities, please complete the Google form here:

[Friday Activities Signing Up Sheet](#)

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Silk

Headteacher

The CSFG Apprenticeship Challenge



Do you have what it takes to succeed in business? Could you do the tasks you see on the apprentice? Are your skills at photoshopping pictures better than mine...(hopefully!) ?

If you're in Yr7-Yr10 and want to be involved in the apprentice tasks on Friday afternoons, use the Google Form to submit your interest. IF we have too many applicants for the spaces available there will be a waiting list and anyone missing out this term will get to take part next term.

Teams **MUST** be 3-5 students each.

Tasks will take place lunchtime Friday and 2.20-3.20pm Friday each week.

There will be a series of tasks over the half term with task winners chosen each week. Overall winners each half term will win prizes and exclusive rewards just for their team.