



**Connaught**  
*School for Girls*

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**Friday 24th March 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. In the final week before the May half-term break we have been very busy in school with several events happening this week.

### **Year 11 Exams**

We have also been making sure year 11 students have been supported in their exams as they continue with their GCSE exams in the annexe gym. I continue to be impressed by their maturity, diligence and resilience throughout the process. Please can you support us and ensure that your child is coming to school in the correct uniform as only uniform is allowed in the exam hall. This means a full school uniform. We have to be especially careful with any clothing that has writing on it as this is expressly disallowed under the exam regulations.

### **Year 11 study leave**

After the break, students will be allowed to be on study leave and revise from home/off-site if they choose to. Teachers will still be in lessons and in classrooms during timetabled lessons for any students who want to come in and see teachers for revision/ support. Students coming to school will need to arrive for morning registration with tutors and be registered in school for the day unless they sign out. Otherwise, any students coming into school should arrive through the Dyers Hall Road entrance and must sign into the building so we have accurate records of who is on-site.

### **Year 10 exams**

Starting today we had a Year 10 end-of-year exam and these will continue in earnest after the break. The exams will provide students and staff with rich and valuable data on their progress to date on what areas they need further support. Please remind your child to do revision over the break to make sure they are prepared for the mock exams so they get the most out of the experience.

### **Coffee morning with SLT and Governors supported by the PTA**

This Wednesday we raised money for our Red Cross Appeal. We managed to raise £330 selling cakes to parents that came in on the coffee morning and to students across Wednesday and Thursday in the bake sale. If you were unable to attend the bake sale but would like to donate, please do so via this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/connaught-school-for-girls-1715950594419>

## New cricket club

A reminder that after half term we are offering a cricket club, instead of basketball. Ms Agilara, Head of PE Department, will run this. The session will run on Friday after school from 2.20-3.230pm. Information regarding this has been posted in your child's year group Google Classroom.

## External assembly speakers

Next half term we have 2 external speakers coming into school to deliver assemblies. We are looking forward to welcoming back Dr. Aysha Ingar, an ex-Connaught student. She is coming to present at the assembly 3/6/24 and 4/6/24 to talk about her journey to becoming a doctor and her work creating and designing an app that supports Muslim women. It is always inspiring to Connaught Alumni back to talk about their successes. The assembly is linked to the school's vision of excellence and encourages students to strive for their own path to success.

We are also preparing for an assembly with a charity called 'Just Like Us to'. A speaker from the trust will be in school for assemblies on 1/7/24 and 2/7/24 to deliver an assembly looking at what it's like growing up LGBT+ and age-appropriate explanations of key terms and concepts. The charity speakers are all fully trained and the supportive open messaging, which research has found is linked to all students having improved well-being (regardless of whether the student is LGBT+ or not). The assembly is linked to the school's annual themes of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC) and 'British Values' of tolerance, inclusion, freedom and liberty.

## Global Girl Leading Inspirational Fil Project

The first workshop took place at Connaught this week; 6 Year 9 students from Mulberry School and 'Magic Me' a film production company, joined 6 of our Year 9 cohort. They discussed inspirational women in their personal lives and in the wider community. All students had wonderful things to say about the women in their lives and the difference they make - it is a testament to their mothers, aunts and grandmothers and the important role they play in shaping our students to become outstanding young women. It was wonderful to see the similarities and differences between our students and those from Mulberry and they are all looking forward to their next session at Mulberry School when we get back from the half-term break. This is going to be a great experience and an incredible journey for all students involved.



## Eid

As Eid-UI-Adha approaches there have been several parents that have enquired about their child missing a day of school on June 17th for religious observance. If you wish for your child to be off school on June 17th to celebrate eid with family and friends for religious observance please contact the school to inform us.

## Year 8 lifesavers

On Tuesday 21st May the Year 8 cohort participated in a series of workshops with London Ambulance. They were taught how to give CPR and the signs to look for when assisting someone who required this. The students also learnt valuable skills in how to use a defibrillator. The workshop gave the students the chance to try out what they had learnt and enabled them to put this into practice. They participated in question-and-answer sessions, which allowed them to retrieve the information they had gained throughout the session. This was a very enjoyable experience for the students and hopefully, as they go through life they will not need to use these new skills and knowledge they gained. Students said " I now know how to save a life. I never thought I would learn such a skill. I can now perform CPR and teach my family", "A unique experience". Year 8, you were absolute role models and an asset to themselves. See below for some pictures of them at the course.



I hope you have a restful and enjoyable half-term break

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature of Mr. Silk

Mr. Silk  
Headteacher