



Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. A Friday update as always. This week saw the start of Black History Month and a group of students presented an assembly about Fannie Lou Hamer with Mr Phillips to start the month and announce a series of events that will be taking place during October. Please see the pamphlet for further events running across Black History Month [here](#)

Rewards

Congratulations to 10F who hold their place at the top of the Achievement Point Leaderboard with 497 points so far this term.

Well done to the following students who have all achieved 23 points just in the last week:

Hibahl 10C
Esha 11W
Hawrra 11C

Attendance and Punctuality

Year 7 still have the highest attendance of all the year groups at 96.73% but two Year 9 classes have made it onto the attendance podium this week: 9S - 99.2%, 7S - 98.6% and 9F - 97.4%.

Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' challenge

On Thursday this week, we had the Speaker's Trust in school, working with some of our year 10 students. The students involved had the opportunity to reflect on their confidence and ability to communicate in public and then take part in activities throughout the day to help increase their skills in Public Speaking. The students were of varying ability but all felt that the workshop had given them strategies to feel more in control when presenting.



Global Girl Leading

We had our final visit to Mulberry School for Girls on Monday where we were given the opportunity to be the first to see the final version of the film that the students have been working on; Magic Me did a brilliant job of editing over 6 hours of footage into a 7 minute film. On Friday 11th October the group will join over 400 other girls (including students from Kenya and Mexico) at the Global Girl Leading Summit in Westminster, where Anna Baig and Nia Edo-Sarfo have been selected to be part of a panel of speakers. The day will be broken up into sections focusing on women's leadership at local, national and international levels, these include the President of Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge and Former Editor of Channel 4 News, the Children's Commissioner for England, the Chief Impact Officer for LionTree and Former President and CEO for UNICEF USA, the Executive Vice President of Strategy & Impact for The Obama Foundation and the Mexican Ambassador to the United Kingdom, to name a few. The students will then attend a reception at the House of Commons. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to be part of and as Head of Year, I am incredibly proud of their achievements throughout the project.

Extra Curricular Provision

A reminder that every morning, students are welcome to join us for breakfast and library club to begin the school day positively. Breakfast club runs from 7:40 am until 8:20 am and gives students the opportunity to make a healthy start to the day. Library club runs from 7:50 am until 8:20 am. The library provides a quiet, safe space for students to complete homework, access computers and a printer, choose books and read, helping them to feel prepared for the day ahead.

Here is the link to overall schedule: [ECP Clubs Autumn 2024](#)

School vacancies

We currently have vacancies for

1 Midday Assistant (6.25 hours per week) Term time only

4 Cleaners (10 hours per week) All year round

1 Finance Assistant (3 days per week) Term Time only plus 2 weeks

2 Assistant Site Services Officers (30-36 hours per week) All year round

If you are interested in these positions, please see the school website, where you will find an application form and job description. Please use the personal specification to write your supporting statement.

Link: <https://www.connaught-school.co.uk/about-us/our-school/vacancies/>

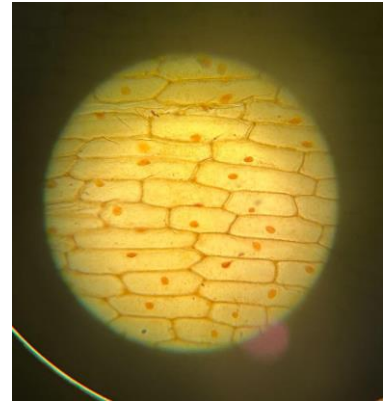
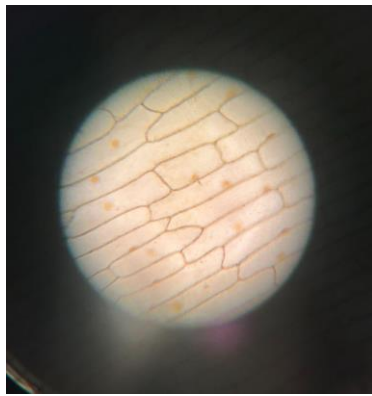
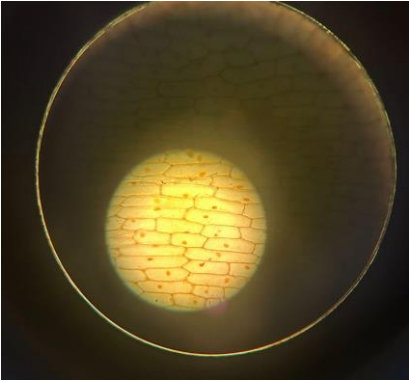
Spotlight on...science! Biology practical work using microscopes

In Biology today, we prepared onion skin cells using iodine to observe under microscopes - we were successfully able to identify distinct features of the cell such as the nucleus, cytoplasm and cell wall. This practical lesson helped to improve our understanding of the structure of eukaryotic/plant cells, and how to use microscopes effectively in a fun and interactive way. Below are some pictures of the results:

In advance to the practical, Ms Ali allowed us to look at our own hair strands under the microscopes, which was fascinating to see how different they could look under that level of magnification and also made using the microscopes more relatable to ourselves.

By Hannah T

It is always great to see students undertaking practical experiments in their science lessons to help them understand the topics.



As always, I wish you all a happy weekend.
Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Silk'.

Mr. Silk
Headteacher