

25th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, I have a Friday update as always. The first week of the Summer term has seen a smooth return to school and learning. This week, there have been the beginnings of the GCSE exams with photography, art, and languages oral exams starting in the school. The GCSE written exams in the school gym begin earlier than in previous years, and will start on the week beginning 5th May. We have been working hard in the school, supporting our Year 11 students with their revision and exam preparations. This week, there was a masterclass breakfast for Geography students on Thursday morning, focusing on key revision questions and exam techniques, more on this later in the letter.

Easter Half-Term fun at Connaught

Ms Izobo was delighted to run an exciting Easter Half Term Programme, open to children from various schools across the community. The programme was packed with engaging activities designed to inspire creativity, encourage teamwork, and ensure plenty of fun!

Children had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of events, including sports sessions, arts and crafts, immersive VR experiences, and thrilling game console tournaments. It was a fantastic two weeks filled with laughter, learning, and the joy of new friendships. A highlight of the programme was an enjoyable trip to the cinema.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the atmosphere was filled with smiles and excitement throughout.

Ms Izobo would like to thank everyone who joined us and helped make the programme such a great success!



Governors vacancies

We are currently seeking two parent governors to join the Connaught School for Girls Governing Body. This is a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to play a vital role in shaping the direction and success of the school. As a parent governor, you will help ensure that the views of the parent community are represented, contribute to key decisions, and support the school's ongoing improvement.

Full training and support will be provided. If you're interested in standing for election or would like to find out more about what the role involves, further details will be shared separately with all parents next week.

Arbor

As you are aware the school has moved to a new Management Information System (MIS). We have identified a few migration issues and will write to you again when the system is fully live

Highest attendance this week:

Congratulations to 10S with a superb 99.6% attendance this week. Year 9 have managed to hold on to their lead as the Year group with the highest attendance so far this year - well done them!

Uniform and punctuality reminder:

Please remember that school starts at 8.30am and therefore students should be seated in their form rooms when the bell goes at 8.30am. Students entering via the Dyers Hall entrance will be marked as late.

Uniform reminders:

- trousers must be tailored school trousers (no tight fitting, legging type material)
- socks must be black/navy
- hair accessories must be black/navy and small and discreet
- hoodies are not allowed on the school site (if seen they will be confiscated and kept safely in the school office until the end of the day)

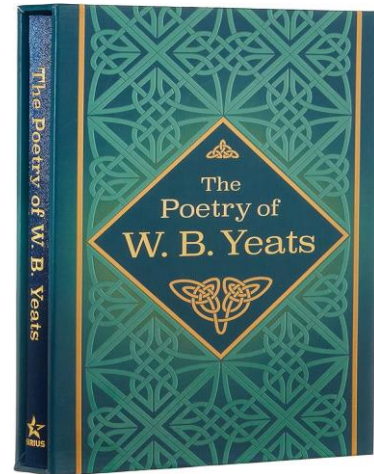
Parent Volunteers in the school

We are looking for parent volunteers to help us develop the garden spaces around the school, working alongside the caretakers to make the school areas nicer for students and to get them using the green spaces more. If there are any 'green-fingered' parents out there willing to help, please use [THIS FORM](#) and we will contact you to see if there are times when we can arrange for parents to come in and help us. We will be reaching out to our volunteers next week. A huge 'thank you' from the school in advance to anyone who can give up any time to help us make the site more appealing for the students.

The assembly next week:

The assembly next week will be on World Poetry Day and will be delivered with our English subject leader, Ms Caroto. In light of World Poetry Day, I have included my favourite poem by W.B Yeats 'He wishes for the Cloths of Heaven':

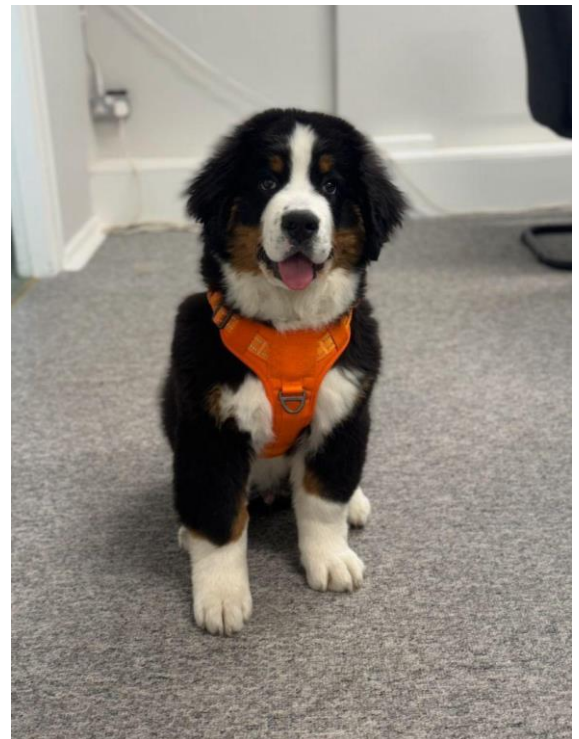
*Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half-light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.*



First week in school for Teddy

This week, Teddy was in school 3 out of the 4 days. Teddy has been meeting staff and getting used to being in the school. Teddy has been working and doing some initial training with Ms Masella, who will ultimately lead the therapy dog sessions. The students have been mature and sensible when walking past the office where Teddy resides.

We have been overwhelmed by the number of students who want to meet and see Teddy already. I will continue to keep parents informed and updated as the project progresses. There will be a form that will go out to students next week, giving opportunities for the girls to meet Teddy and see him as a puppy. For this to happen, there will be an enhanced consent form for parents to sign. There will be a Teddy Team application process for the students who want to be involved in looking after Teddy and caring for him in school; they will have the chance to support with his care, grooming, nutrition and training plan.



Geography Masterclass

Year 11 Geography students recently took part in a GCSE Masterclass focused on Component 3:

Fieldwork. The session provided an excellent opportunity to revisit key geographical skills and explore the structure of the exam paper in detail. Students engaged enthusiastically with the material, working through example questions and discussing how best to apply their fieldwork knowledge in an exam setting. The session aimed to boost confidence and reinforce understanding as students prepare for their upcoming exam

Careers Section

We hope this finds you well. UCL (University College London) is offering a free family day out to families, to visit their campus on selected days over the next few months. Included in this experience are a variety of subject taster lectures, panel discussions, support sessions for parents/guardians along with campus tours and opportunities to connect with current university students. Included in this would be a free packed lunch.

If you wish to learn more about what university may be able to offer your daughter, or simply wish to visit a university, scan the QR Code to gather more information and sign up.

Spring Dates:

Secondary School Day - Saturday 31st May

Summer Dates:

Primary School Day (Years 5 & 6) - Saturday 21st June

Secondary School students - Saturday 26th July

Criteria -

In order to be eligible for a place on Bring Your Family to University:

- At least one young person in your party must be in the target year group for the event. For Primary events this is Years 5 and 6; for Secondary events, Years 7–11.
- At least one young person in the eligible year group must attend a state school in the UK.

Deadline -

- Applications for the primary school event taking place on Saturday, 21 June are open and will close at 10am on Wednesday, 28 May 2025.
- Applications for the secondary school event taking place on Saturday, 31 May are open and will close at 10am on Thursday, 8 May 2025.



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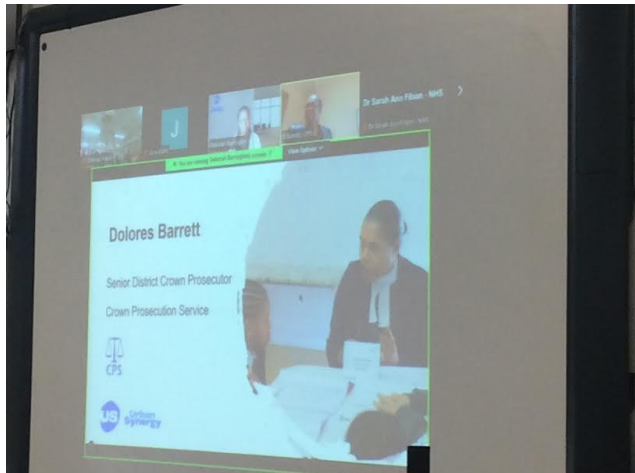
Please check out the following Zine competition to potentially be featured in the next Stemettes ZINE issue!

Check out our fantastic Peer Mentors at a Stemettes event which took place during Half-Term! They were fantastic ambassadors and role models for our school, and have been invited back to a further event led by the organisation in July!

On Monday 7th April 2025, me (Sofia), Rheia and Gabrielle took part in a Stemettes Workshop.

During this workshop, we learnt about different Japanese words and their meanings. For example - Ikagi - which is identified as a belief in the meaning of life. It was a really enjoyable workshop and we look forward to working with them moving forward.





“On Wednesday, our Year 9 class were treated to a fantastic online Careers seminar with leading women within their industry. We heard fascinating insights from four key figures within their field and were then able to pose our own Questions to the panellists.

The girls were really interested in Dr. Filson’s journey who operates as) and Nadine Houghton (who operates as at Google) role. The conversations were really useful and will be super helpful as they begin to navigate their most important next step - moving into GCSEs and preparing for further or higher education.

See a passage from Inaya (9*) on the experience -

Today in our RE lesson, we attended an online Careers seminar led by an organisation called Urban Synergy. This meeting featured a panel of leading/independent women in a range of different industries. The following names are those women who were panellists in the meeting;

- Dr Sarah Ann Filson (Infectious Diseases and Microbiology specialist doctor @ NHS)
- Nadine Houghton (Data & Integration lead at Google)
- Subhan Abdulla (UK Correspondent @ Reuters - UK Economy and Housing)
- Dolores Barrett (Senior District Crown Prosecutor at Crown Prosecution Service)

These women explained to the class what their careers are like and their unique experiences. It really inspired us as a group and we enjoyed the meeting a lot.

Extra Curricular Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET
	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET
				Year 11 Maths revision 7:30- 8:20 Room 2 HUS (Week B only)	
Lunch time	Homework Support Room 20 RIC	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20
	Citizens UK Club Room 8 PHI	Year 11 Maths revision Room 3 RGN (Week A only)	KS3 Badminton AGI (Week A only)	Board Game Club Room 42 ELK (Week A only)	KS3 Art Club Room 17 ELB
	KS4 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	KS3 Multi skills sports AGI (Week A only)	KS3 Crochet Club Room H2 RAN (Week B only)	Year 11 Maths revision Room 3 RGN (Week B only)	KS3 History Film Club Room 6 KLE
	Computing Club Room 33 LAK	KS3 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	Computing Club Room 33 ALK	Year 11 French intervention (by invitation) Room 41 FER	Year 11 Biology Intervention (by invitation) Lab 1 AMR
	Year 11 Biology Intervention (by invitation) Lab 2 SIQ	Year 11 Geography Drop In Club Room 7 DES	Dog Club SIL	KS3 Dodgeball AGI (Week A only)	Year 11 Chemistry Intervention (by invitation) Lab 4 IQB
	Year 11 Drama Club Hall JEM	Year 11 History intervention (by invitation) Room 6 KLE	Mentoring SAI HoY8 office	Eco Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Physics Intervention (by invitation) Lab 3 MUJ
	Year 11 Geography Revision Room 39 KHL	Year 11 Drama Club Hall JEM	Music Club Room 28 HEA	KS3 Humanities Homework Catch Up Room 7 DES	Year 11 Science Revision Lab 5 ALI
	Year 11 Geography	Year 11 Study Space Room 32		Drama Rehearsals Hall	Peer mentoring (by invitation) Room 5 KAD

	Intervention (by invitation) Room 7 DES	WAL		JEM	
	KS3 Music Club Room 28 HEA	Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH (Week B only)		Year 11 RE Revision Room 10 GAH	Year 7 and 8 Maths Club Room 4 SW 11C and PET
		Year 10 Homework Club Room 36 RAH		Year 9 Poetry Club Room 35 BUR	Year 7 Connections Club Library ALI
		Year 11 RE Revision Room 10 GAH			KS4 Music Club Room 28 HEA
After school	Year 11 Maths revision 15:30-16:30 Room 1 AUL	Football 15:30-16:30 Playground Leyton Orient/AGI	Basketball Club 15:30-16:30 Sports Hall AGI	Year 11 Maths revision 15:30-16:30 Room 4 LAB	Archery 14:30-16:00
	Year 7 English Action Tutoring (by invitation) Room 4 CAR	Year 10 Maths Action Tutoring (by invitation) Room 4 ADO			
	Boxing 15:30-16:30 Main Hall DIA	GCSE Art and Photography Club 15:20-16:30 Room 17 ELB			

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Silk
Headteacher