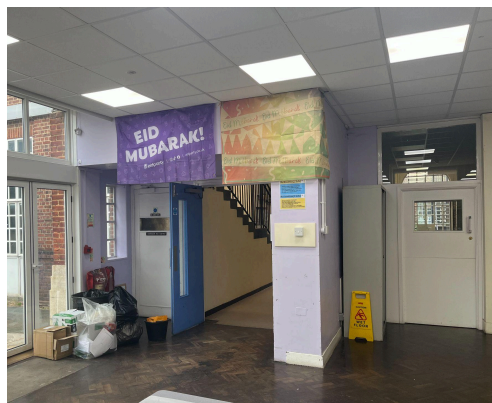


6th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well; a Friday update for you as always. The school has been extremely positive this week in the first week back after the break, with energy levels refreshed and ready to make the most of the final half-term in school.

'Eid Mubarak' to all our families celebrating Eid today. A special note to the Year 11 students who had not one, but two GCSE exams today. We decorated to recognise the importance of the day and hope they get to celebrate with friends and family in the evening. Thank you to Eidparty.co.uk for resupplying decorations to make the Year 11 breakfast today extra special before the English exam.



The energy around the school remains high as we return for the final half term and I am very proud of all that our staff and students continue to achieve. Our Year 11 students are now deep into their GCSE exam period and we are delighted with their approach. They have remained focused, punctual, and impeccably behaved – true ambassadors for the school. Their calm determination is inspiring. Please do continue to support them from home – this hard work will pay off and we are behind them every step of the way.

Year 7 parents evening

Thank you to the parents who attended our Year 7 Parents' Evening on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many proud parents pleased to hear about their daughter's progress this year.

Thank you for completing our parent survey on the evening; if you have any questions or concerns at any time please do let us know by calling the school on contacting us at school@connaught.waltham.sch.uk

Attendance

Congratulations to 10F for their fantastic attendance last week - 99.2%!

Please remember that holidays/travel during term time will not be authorised and will incur a fixed penalty notice from the local authority.

Ms Rahman's KS3 Reading Club

Ms Rahman has started a KS3 reading club this summer term and the first session was a hit! Students embarked on their own literary journey in the buzz of a cafe style environment. There were conversations of likes and dislikes of the books they were currently reading, reinforcing and developing their own personal and critical opinions on books. This really encouraged students' love of reading and reminded them of the beauty of the literary world in a relaxed environment. There will be plenty of competitions and prizes to be won so stay tuned!

'It was a comfortable and relaxing environment to read in. I will be going every week!' -M.H, 8F

'It was fun and I enjoyed telling everyone about my book' -S.A, 8W



Connaught Goes Out

There is lots of excitement in school about our reward day on 11th July. Places are limited on the theme park visits so please secure your daughter's place by payment of deposit or full amount via Arbor app (or cash in named envelope to the school office) by Wednesday 11th June.

The cost of the visits are:

- Chessington World of Adventures (Years 7 and 8) - £45
- Thorpe Park (Years 9 and 10) - £49
- London Walk (Years 7 - 10) - free

All students must hand in the reply slip.

Safeguarding Survey

The local authority completes a safeguarding audit of all schools every two years. To help this process we would like to ask you to contribute by completing this short survey found [here](#). Your feedback is vital to our school's safeguarding procedures and review processes. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey by Friday 13th June. Many thanks in advance.

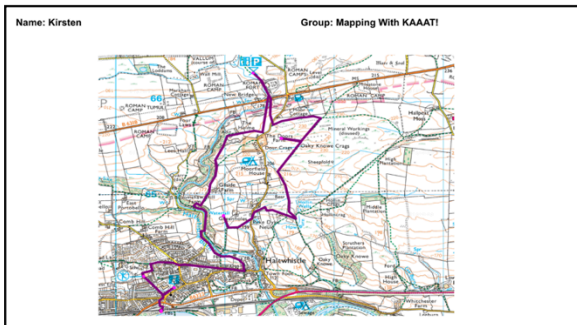
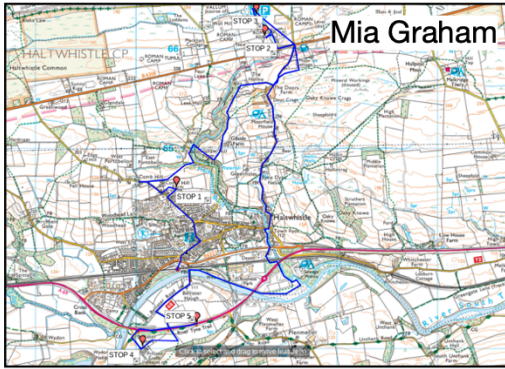
Year 7 Mapwork Marvels!

Last term, Mr Bever's Year 7 geography class embarked on an exciting journey investigating maps and learning some fundamental mapwork skills. A key part of their learning involved using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), a set of powerful digital tools that allows users to visualise, analyse, and interpret spatial data. GIS is widely used in fields like urban planning, environmental science, and natural disaster response, making it an essential skill for budding geographers.

Students learned how to navigate digital maps, measure scale, interpret elevation data, and compare digital and paper-based representations of landscapes. From mastering the basics of scale and grid references to planning their own walking routes, the class demonstrated impressive progress and enthusiasm.

The unit culminated in a creative challenge: designing a walking route for tourists around Haltwhistle in Northumberland, a town credited as being at the geographical centre of Britain. Working in teams, students used their map skills to plan safe, scenic routes, incorporating key landmarks and elevation data. They then presented their plans to the class, justifying their choices and demonstrating their understanding of mapwork concepts.

Their final presentations showcased not only their geographical knowledge but also their growing confidence, teamwork, and communication skills. A huge well done to 7F for their hard work and curiosity throughout the unit. The future of geography is in good hands!



Scafell Pike – England

Scafell Pike is 978__m high.

Description of feature:

The highest mountain (by its peak) in England is Scafell Pike. The map says the height is 978m. According to the map, the mountain is described as steep as the contour lines are very close together. By zooming out on the map, I found out the direction is the east of England. This is the reason why this mountain is well known.

Name: Nina Chen

Scafell Pike – England

Scafell Pike is 978 m high.

Description of feature:

Scafell Pike is the highest mountain in England, reaching 977m to 978m high!

There are many steep hills and foot paths for people to hike on the high mountains and hills.

From the contour lines i can tell it may look steep because the contour lines are really close together.

Name: Asma Sayed

Map Challenge: How would you plan a walk?

Name: Lida Wilson Company: The Fair Routes

Location	Symbol	Grid reference	Distance from last location (m)	Approximate height (m)	Explanation
Start	Haltwhistle Railway Station	702, 632	0m	110m	This is the starting point of the route. It is useful as tourists can get to Haltwhistle by train.
Stop 1	Sports center	701, 643	500m	111m	This is the first stop of the route. It is useful as tourists can get to Haltwhistle by train.
Stop 2	Quarry	702, 646	1000m	110m	This is the second stop of the route. It is useful as tourists can get to Haltwhistle by train.
Stop 3	Picnic site	716, 665	1800m	180m	A great place to have lunch, just before the summit.
Stop 4	Roman Camp	721, 661	1850m	230m	A great place to visit and explore, you will also learn interesting facts.
Stop 5	Melkridge Taley Campsite	732, 658	1950m	250m	A great place to stay if you want to stay over night it would be the best!

Extra Curricular clubs timetable

	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
	GCSE Art and Photography Club Room 17 ELB	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 Royal Academy Young Artists Club Room 17 ELB
	Citizens UK Club Room 8 PHI	KS3 Multi skills sports AGI (Week A only)	KS3 Crochet Club Room H2 RAN	Year 11 Maths revision Room 3 RGN (Week B only)	KS3 History Film Club Room 6 KLE
	KS4 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	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
	Computing Club Room 33 LAK	Year 10 Geography Drop In Revision Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Maths Revision Mobile PET (Week A)	KS3 Dodgeball AGI (Week A only)	Year 11 Chemistry Intervention (by invitation) Lab 4 IQB
	Year 11 Biology Intervention (by invitation) Lab 2 SIQ	Year 11 History intervention (by invitation) Room 6 KLE	Year 11 Sociology intervention (by invitation) Room 5 KAD	Eco Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Physics Intervention (by invitation) Lab 3 MUJ
	Year 11 Geography Revision Room 39 KHL	Year 8 and 9 Science Cinema Club Room 8 AMR	Mentoring SAI HoY8 office	KS3 Humanities Homework Catch Up Room 7 DES	Year 11 Science Revision Lab 5 ALI
	Year 11 Geography Intervention (by invitation) Room 7 DES	Year 11 Study Space Room 32 WAL	Music Club Room 28 HEA	Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH (Week A only)	Peer mentoring (by invitation) Room 5 KAD
	KS3 Music Club Room 28 HEA	Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH (Week B only)		Year 7 Film Club Room 8 IZO	Year 7 and 8 Maths Club Room 4 SW 11C and PET
		Year 10 Homework Club Room 36 RAH			Year 7 Connections Club Library ALI
		KS3 Drama Club Hall JEM			KS4 Music Club Room 28 HEA
After school	Year 11 Maths revision 15:30-16:30	Football 15:30-16:30 Playground	Basketball Club 15:30-16:30 Sports Hall AGI	Year 11 Maths revision 15:30-16:30	

	Room 1 AUL	Leyton Orient/AGI		Room 4 LAB
	Year 7 English Action Tutoring (by invitation) Room 4 CAR	Year 10 Maths Action Tutoring (by invitation) Room 4 LAB		
	GCSE Art and Photography Club 15:20-16:30 Room 17 ELB	GCSE Art and Photography Club 15:20-16:30 Room 17 ELB		
		Year 11 Maths revision 15:20-16:20 Room 1 AUL		

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Silk
Headteacher