

**13th June 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well; a Friday update for you as always. As the days continue to get longer and move towards summer equinox next week, the positive is that the school has been purposeful and hardworking! On a less positive note, you may be aware that unfortunately, this week saw some disruption due to fire alarms. The school has followed up these incidents with appropriate sanctions for the perpetrators. We have also held year group assemblies, and Leyton fire service has delivered an assembly for year 9 and 10 assemblies focused on hoax fire alarms and their negative consequences, consisting of but not limited to:

- Emergency services are diverted away from real emergencies, which increases response times and puts other people's health and safety at risk, including those working in the fire service
- People can get hurt in unnecessary evacuations
- Those who repeatedly face false alarms may become complacent, putting everyone at risk if a real fire occurs
- They disrupt learning and teaching, which has an impact on students' education
- They can cause anxiety for others

Students have also been reminded of the following:

- Setting off a hoax alarm is a criminal offence
- It is also a breach of Connaught School For Girls' behaviour policy as it endangers the safety of others and brings the school into disrepute, and hence will be sanctioned
- They should report any suspicious behaviour to a staff member
- Always treat every alarm as real - leave the building quickly and calmly
- We all play a role in keeping our school safe

**School governor vacancies**

A reminder that we are currently looking for parent governors to work with the governing body and senior leadership team to continue the strong school improvement journey for the school. If you are interested, please see the letter dated 06 June 2025, or contact the school office.

## Free school meal eligibility

I was pleased to note the recent positive news that more families will soon be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) under the expanded criteria, including those receiving Universal Credit. This change means that a greater number of children will have access to a nutritious meal each day, helping to support concentration, well-being and academic progress. It also ensures that more families facing financial challenges can benefit from this vital support, easing some of the pressures caused by the current cost of living. We welcome this move and the potential it has to positively impact students both in and out of the classroom. If you believe you may be eligible for Free School Meals and need support in finding out, please contact the school.

## Next week's assemblies

Next week's assembly theme will be Refugee Week. Refugee Week runs from 16th until 22nd June this year. The focus of Refugee Week 2025 is community as a superpower.



## Photographers selected for The National Portrait Gallery Display

I am extremely proud and excited to share that we will have student work exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery. There will be an opening celebration event for photographers and sitters on 27th June 4.30-6pm for the opening of the Studio Gallery Display.

The portraits that have been selected are:

Alexis by Hafsa Hussain

Auntie Sophia by Fiza Imran

Caitlin and Nia by Mashaal Maniar



Dayana by Asma Mirzanan

Eliza and Is-haq by Khalisa Ali

Faiza by Khalisa Ali

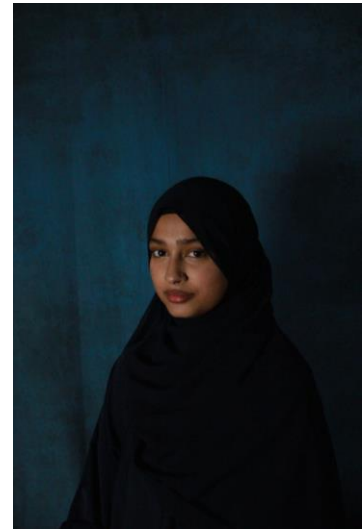
Malek and Zakeera by Hibah Afzal

Renae by Demie Bromfield Duval

Thaslima by Arwa Alloune

**The exhibition will be up from June 27<sup>th</sup> until late September, so there will be plenty of opportunity to go and see the work over the summer holiday!**

Ms Broadway - Head of Art and Photography



## **Year 9 Magic Me Film Project with Mulberry School for Girls**

On the 2nd June, the year 9 students involved in the above project took part in another inspiring Magic Me session. We kicked things off by finishing the filming of our object exchanges, capturing some truly meaningful moments between pairs. After that, we delved into what makes an interview really work—or fall flat—through a lively discussion. The highlight was when we grouped up to choose the object with the most powerful story behind it. From there, we transformed into interviewers, crafting thoughtful questions and recording our voices to bring those stories to life. It was a fun, creative experience that not only sparked great conversations but also helped boost our confidence along the way.

9th June: In this week's session we explored the lives and legacies of influential women from East London and how their actions have shaped women's rights today. Through research, discussions, and creative activities, we learned about the struggles and achievements of women who fought for equality, often in the face of adversity. Their stories were inspiring and gave us a deeper understanding of how past efforts continue to impact our present lives. This session not only taught us about history but also helped us all appreciate the importance of standing up for rights and the power of community voices.





### **Exploring the Future: Inspiring Assembly on Universities and Degree Apprenticeships**

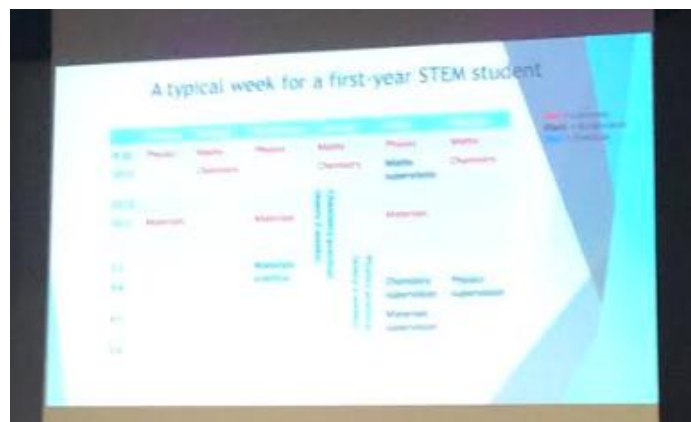
On Wednesday 11th June, Year 9 students took part in a thought-provoking and inspiring assembly focused on life beyond secondary school. We were fortunate to be joined by two guest speakers – one from the University of Cambridge and the other, a student currently completing an apprenticeship – who generously shared their experiences and insight and a former student of Connaught.

The assembly offered students a valuable opportunity to explore the key differences between secondary school and university life, as well as to learn about what it's really like to study at university. Importantly, this session also highlighted that university is not the only pathway to a successful career. Apprenticeships were discussed in depth, helping students understand how they can provide equally rewarding and meaningful opportunities.

This engaging session allowed students to reflect on the various routes available to them after school, from university degrees to hands-on apprenticeships. It was a brilliant chance to learn more about potential career options and the benefits of both academic and vocational paths. The Year 9 students were grateful to our guest speakers for sharing their stories and inspiring our students to think more deeply about their futures.







## Inspiring Year 9 For Their Futures

On Thursday 12th June Year 9 had the opportunity to attend another fascinating and informative assembly focused on apprenticeships and T Levels. The year group were introduced to T Levels for the first time, and we explored how they compare and contrast with apprenticeships.

Our guest speaker, an inspiring woman with experience in the apprenticeship route, shared her personal journey. She spoke passionately about how apprenticeships offer the perfect balance between gaining real-world work experience and continuing academic study. Her story highlighted the exciting opportunities and career paths that can be pursued through this route.

As we heard about T Levels, we discovered that while they share similarities with apprenticeships—such as combining practical experience with learning—they also offer unique structures and benefits. It was eye-opening to understand the differences and consider which path might suit our individual goals and interests.

Overall, this assembly encouraged us to think deeply about our futures and reminded us that there are many routes to success. It inspired us to keep an open mind, follow our passions, and to never give up—whatever path we choose.

## Work Experience

Year 10 were given an assembly earlier this week - ahead of Work Experience in two weeks - going over the expectations, and also provided a WEX Log Book which will be used to document their time at their placement.

Work Experience will be taking place on the 23rd June - 4th July. This will be an opportunity for the Year 10 students to develop their experience within the workplace, while also learning key transferable skills. They have been working hard in getting their placements however it's really important that they use this opportunity to get working experience within a professional environment.

While at Work Experience, the students will be visited by Connaught staff to check in on their progress, offer advice and support through any issues which may arise. We trust that they will be following the guidelines of their placement, fulfilling all responsibilities while also using this opportunity to network with other professionals.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me (Mr Kajue)! We will also have alternative arrangements provided for those who are unable to attend Work Experience at placement.

### **Connaught Talent Show!**



**Connaught School will be hosting a Talent Show on the 10th July, with full details and timings to be shared soon.**

**We will be having AUDITIONS for the talent show on the 25th and 25th June during lunchtime. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Kajue for more information!**

### **ECP 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
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				Homework Support Room 20	
Lunch time	Homework Support Room 20 RIC	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	Board Game Club Room 42 ELK (Week A only)	Homework Support Room 20
	GCSE Art and Photography Club Room 17 ELB	KS3 Multi skills sports AGI (Week A only)	KS3 Badminton AGI (Week A only)	KS3 Dodgeball AGI (Week A only)	KS3 Royal Academy Young Artists Club Room 17 ELB
	Citizens UK Club Room 8 PHI	KS3 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	KS3 Crochet Club Room H2 RAN	Eco Club Room 7 DES	KS3 History Film Club Room 6 KLE
	KS4 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	Year 10 Geography Drop In Revision Club Room 7 DES	Computing Club Room 33 ALK	KS3 Humanities Homework Catch Up Room 7 DES	Peer mentoring (by invitation) Room 5 KAD
	Computing Club Room 33 LAK	Year 8 and 9 Science Cinema Club Room 8 AMR	Mentoring SAI HoY8 office	Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH (Week A only)	Year 7 Connections Club Library ALI
	KS3 Music Club Room 28 HEA	Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH (Week B only)	Music Club Room 28 HEA	Year 7 Film Club Room 8 IZO	KS4 Music Club Room 28 HEA

After school	GCSE Art and Photography Club 15:20-16:30 Room 17 ELB	Football 15:30-16:30 Playground Leyton Orient/AGI	Basketball Club 15:30-16:30 Sports Hall AGI	
	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		

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Silk  
Headteacher