

**20th June 2025**

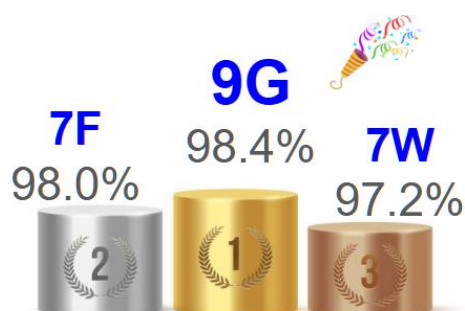
Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well; a Friday update for you, as always. This week marked a significant milestone for our Year 11 students, as we celebrated their final whole year group exam on Monday and their final exam on Tuesday. It was a joyful occasion filled with the traditional rites of passage: shirt signing, photographs, laughter and a few tears. It's been a privilege to reflect on the achievements and commitment of this wonderful year group. Many students have commented on how quickly their five years at Connaught have flown by, and they are absolutely right. As I have said before, their conduct during the exam season has been exemplary, demonstrating maturity, focus and resilience. They should feel incredibly proud. A well-earned summer break lies ahead, followed by results day in late August.

As we approach the end of term, we would also like to ask families to consider donating any good-quality, spare or unused uniform to the school's uniform bank. We are particularly in need of:

- Shirts, trousers, skirts, ties (both KS3 and KS4 ties), and blazers
- School shoes (sizes 2 and above)

Donations can be dropped off at reception during the school day. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

**Attendance Matters:**

Congratulations to 9G!

### **Mobile phones and devices:**

A reminder that if mobile phones are brought to school they must be switched off and kept in the zipped blazer inside pocket at all times while on school premises and on the way to and from the Annex.

While students may wear an analogue or digital watch, smart watches are not allowed in school.

During this hot weather students should wear their uniform as usual however staff will let students know when they do not have to wear their blazers.

### **Next week's assemblies**

Next week's assembly theme will be International Women in Engineering

### **Careers - Law Event @ King's College London**

Thursday 19th June saw 5 Connaught students receive a prestigious invitation to a Law Event, held at King's College University. The event was the hard launch of the Junior Legal Fellowship Programme, which will be a whole year programme dedicated to supporting selected students into law. With key funders in attendance such as King's College, Black Solicitors Network & the Raheem Sterling Foundation, it was a chance to liaise and network with experienced lawyers. Our students were given a tour of the KCL Campus - including a visit to Somerset House - along with receiving a special Q&A from the CEO of the Raheem Sterling Foundation & a guest speech from none other than Christina Ohuruogu

The insights and knowledge gained throughout the whole-day event was life-changing, and provoked a lot of great conversations. Each student was tasked with writing down their career goal and where they will be in 10 years' time - to hold them accountable over the next year and forthcoming years!

As a result of their participation, the five students will be given fantastic opportunities to have Career Insight Days, take part in workshops, Work Experience & mentoring! We can't wait to bring you more news later in the Autumn term, but for now - until the official photographs are released - check out this wonderful image of our Y11s with the CEO of Raheem Sterling Foundation

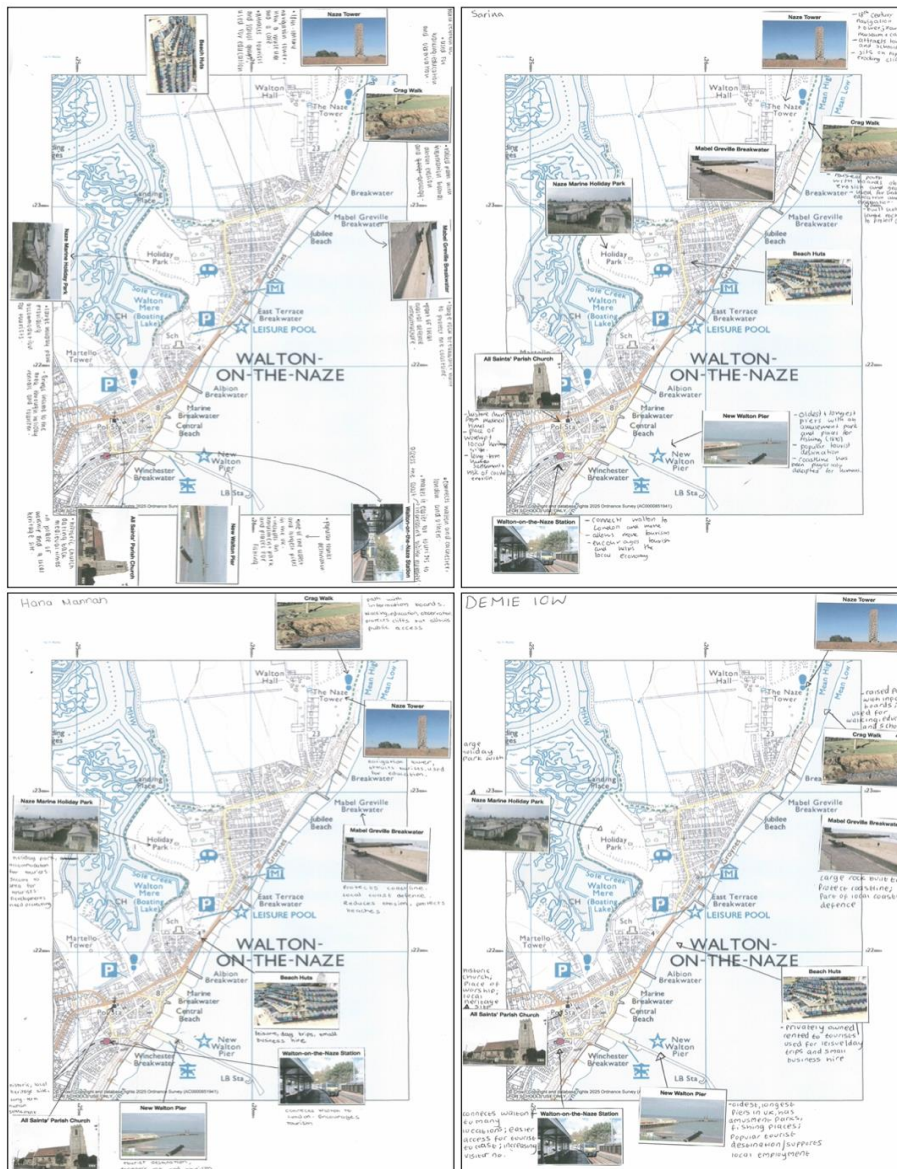


### **Geography Walton-on-the-Naze Fieldwork Preparation**

Last week, Mr Bever's year 10 geography class explored coastal defences in context and the impact of coastal flooding on communities. Using Walton-on-the-Naze as their case study, their field trip destination in year 11, students examined how human activity interacts with the natural environment and processes along the coast.

The class revisited and sharpened their mapwork skills, annotating historical landmarks and areas of community significance in Walton-on-the-Naze, and linking this to human uses of the coastline past and present. Their work demonstrated not only a strong grasp of geographical techniques but also thoughtful engagement with key human activities such as tourism, fishing, and coastal management in the town.

Well done to all students for their enthusiasm and excellent progress in their coasts unit, and best of luck for their fieldwork in September!



## 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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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
		Year 10 Homework Club Room 36 RAH			
		KS3 Drama Club Hall JEM			
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			

## **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.

## **Arbor**

We continue to encourage parents to sign up to Arbor, especially as it the platform for paying for school dinner and trips, any issues with signing up, please contact the school office, who are happy to assist

Finally, a gentle reminder that students should be arriving at school at 8:20am at the latest. We have noticed some arriving closer to 8:30am, which is the formal start time to be in form rooms. Arrival after this time is counted as **late**. Arriving earlier allows for a calm and punctual start to the day.

Your support is appreciated; strong punctuality and attendance are directly linked to better academic outcomes. Students with excellent attendance are 4.7 times more likely to achieve strong GCSE passes in English and Maths.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Silk  
**Headteacher**