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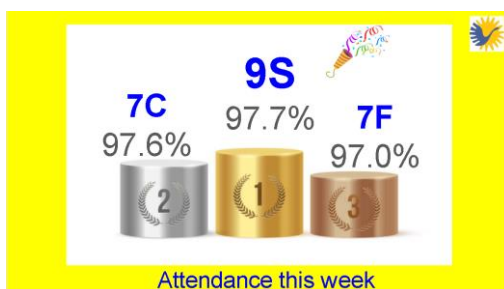
Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well; a Friday update for you, as always. It has been another packed and positive week at school despite only having KS3 in school, and I wanted to share just some of what has been going on with you.

First and foremost, we celebrated our Year 11 Leavers' Prom this week, a brilliant event to mark the end of the Class of 2025's five-year journey with us. The students looked fantastic, dressed in their finery and very grown up indeed. It was a proud moment for students, parents, carers and staff alike.

We will truly miss our graduating class, but we know they are destined for great things. They leave not just with qualifications, but also as wonderful young people who have grown so much in their time with us. We have told them, as we always do: They are always welcome here, and we hope they will stay in touch.

In the increasingly hot weather, please be reminded that it is essential that students bring a refillable bottle of water to stay hydrated throughout the day—these can be topped up at break and lunchtime. We also kindly remind students to apply **sunscreen** before coming to school to ensure they remain protected while outdoors. Thank you for your continued support. In the very hot weather expected early next week, students do not need to wear blazers to school (but they are not to wear an alternative instead, either sports top or jumper), and if the weather is very hot in the afternoon, students will have the option to also remove their ties. This message will go out to students during the school day.

**Attendance Matters:**

Congratulations to 9S and Year 9 in general as they continue to have the highest attendance this year. Year 7 are **so** close so the last few weeks could make all the difference! As we head towards the end of the school year it is really important that attendance continues to be our focus. There are lots of fun events planned but

in between learning in lessons continues, with assessments to complete on this term's learning.

Holidays and term time travel will not be authorised and may result in fines. Please make sure your daughter attends every day until the end of term.

Next week's assemblies

Next week's assembly theme will be Women and Art, with a celebration of the Mexican painter Frida Kahlo.



'Team Teddy' Launched!

After an amazing number of applications for the Teddy Team, we have finally been able to whittle down to the first group of students who will have the opportunity to get to know Teddy. Thank you to all the students who applied- we were really impressed with the responses and blown away by how many students were keen to be part of this exciting opportunity- the applications really demonstrated how dedicated and caring our students are. With so many applicants, it made it incredibly difficult to choose the first group.

Congratulations to the 16 students who will be our initial 'Team Teddy', who met yesterday and were introduced briefly to Teddy (the year 10 students chosen will get to meet him on their return from work experience).

Over the coming term, the team will gradually get to spend more quality time with him. They will be playing a key role in supporting Teddy, starting to work with him to assist in his training and in building a rapport. They will be helping Teddy by doing activities/ playing with him, with grooming, going for walks, learning new skills, helping to build his confidence in and around the school, establishing close bonds with him while he prepares for his role in supporting students, as well as staff. The team will also be keeping everyone updated on Teddy's progress as he grows and creates lovely moments with everyone along the way.

Over time, more students will have opportunities to also meet with Teddy and get to spend some time with him as well- so please don't worry if you missed out this time, he will be out and about seeing you all. Teddy looks forward to spending time getting to know you all!

Congratulations to the team:

Saffi Hanif 7s
Ava Albertus 7s
Ozelle Fitzgerald Villiers 7w
Leila Iris Watson 7F
Aoife Rae 7w
Shruti Saha 8W
Darcey Sheridan 8G
Dixie Donohoe 8C
Eiliyah beg 9G



Amina Bentoura 9F
Xiyao Shi 9F
Caitlin Coxi 10S
Mashaal Maniar 10S
Irum Azad 10g
Nia Edo-Sarfo 10c
Romeesa Mehar 10C



GreenPower Car - STEM academy

Connaught Girls School is thrilled to be launching an exciting new engineering programme for **current Year 9 students**. We have joined the Greenpower Formula 24 Challenge, a national initiative where students build and race a real electric car on professional motorsport tracks.

We will be working with support from Mulberry Schools Trust to get the STEM academy up and running, building the car and then learning how to make it faster. The project has been run for a number of years very successfully in the Mulberry Schools Trust and we are proud to be getting involved and to be able to offer this exciting opportunity at our school.



Twelve students will be selected to form our very first Greenpower team. They will take on a variety of roles, including car design, mechanical build work, driver training, strategic planning and media documentation. This is a practical and ambitious project that blends creativity, problem-solving and teamwork, and it offers a truly unique experience.

Applications are now open through Google Classroom. Students will complete a short written form to express their interest, and depending on the number of applications, may be invited to attend a short interview to help us finalise team selection.



Successful applicants will be invited on a go-karting trip as part of their preparation for the race season. We will also hold a parent information meeting before the build phase begins, to explain what the project involves and how families can support their child throughout the process.

We are incredibly proud to offer this opportunity at Connaught and look forward to seeing our students bring energy, focus and imagination to the track. To learn more about the Greenpower car project please see this link:

<https://www.greenpower.co.uk/schools>

Careers

Work Experience 2025

Work Experience 2025 has officially started - this means that our Year 10 cohorts will be undertaking their two week placement at a local employer or organisation. We wish them the very best as they engage in this exciting opportunity. An Alternative Work Experience Programme has been created, which you can view here. Further messaging will be provided on their Google Classroom so please inform your y10 daughter to regularly check the info provided.

DAY	ACTIVITY	Provider	TASK	How long?
Monday 23rd June	Students will be at home completing VIRTUAL Work Experience	Springpod	Choose which Sector you wish to focus on and complete the required modules	MINIMUM 4-5 HOURS
Tuesday 24th June	Students will be at home completing VIRTUAL Work Experience	Springpod	Choose which Sector you wish to focus on and complete the required modules	MINIMUM 4-5 HOURS
Wednesday 25th June	Students will be at home completing VIRTUAL Work Experience	Springpod	Choose which Sector you wish to focus on and complete the required modules	MINIMUM 4-5 HOURS
Thursday 26th June	Enterprise Day (IN SCHOOL)	The Hill Group	Workshops delivered by The Hill Group	All Day
Friday 27th June	Employer Visit (IN SCHOOL)	Civil Service	Workshop delivered by an external partner	All Day
Monday 30th June	Students will be on completing VIRTUAL Work Experience	Springpod	Choose which Sector you wish to focus on and complete the required modules	MINIMUM 4-5 HOURS
Tuesday 1st July	Students will be on completing VIRTUAL Work Experience	Springpod	Choose which Sector you wish to focus on and complete the required modules	MINIMUM 4-5 HOURS
Wednesday 2nd July	Enterprise Day (IN SCHOOL)	ARC Group	Workshop delivered by an external partner	All Day
Thursday 3rd July	Enterprise Day (IN SCHOOL)	TBC	Workshop delivered by an external partner	All Day
Friday 4th July	Students will be at home completing VIRTUAL Work Experience	Springpod	Choose which Sector you wish to focus on and complete the required modules	MINIMUM 4-5 HOURS

Year 9 Trip to British Airways

Our fantastic Year 9 cohort were offered the opportunity to visit the HQ of British Airways on Monday 23rd, which coincided with International Women in Engineering Day. The students were exceptionally behaved, and really took to the challenges that presented themselves during the day. Students took part in Engineering challenges which included designing a new tray table; they were treated to a flight simulator in which we had to manoeuvre and land a plane on a runway along with experiencing first hand the inside of an airplane!

To round off this amazing day, students took part in a roundtable discussion with members of the British Airways staff discussing their roles within the organisation and their journey into STEM. It was a privilege to take part in this day and we look forward to further opportunities in the future. Please see a few captures from the event!

