

**Year 9 Assembly: Be Creative – Exploring Careers in the Arts**

On Wednesday 25th June, our Year 9 students took part in an inspiring assembly focused on Creative Arts Education and future career pathways. We were delighted to welcome two guest speakers — one a familiar face from a previous session, and another new speaker who brought fresh insight and enthusiasm.

The session centred around careers in the creative industries, with a spotlight on Be Creative Education (BCE), a specialist college based in Walthamstow. Students learned about the wide range of exciting courses BCE offers, including music production, game design, media, and many more dynamic areas that cater to a variety of talents and interests.

Two engaging videos introduced us to BCE's vibrant learning environment and showcased the real-world opportunities available in the creative sector. These visual insights sparked interest among students and encouraged many to start thinking more openly about their future aspirations.

The speakers also offered reassurance, reminding us that it's perfectly okay not to have everything figured out just yet. The important takeaway was that there is still plenty of time to explore, reflect, and discover the right path — and that creativity can be a powerful part of that journey. It was a valuable session that left students feeling informed, inspired, and more confident about the diversity of careers open to them.

**Stop Motion Animations in Y9 Art lessons**

This term, Year 9 students have been showcasing their creativity and technical skills in art lessons by diving into the world of animation. They began by designing their own characters and developing storyboards to plan their ideas. Using DSLR cameras, they carefully captured their scenes, frame by frame, before editing their images to create their very own GIF animations. It's been a fantastic opportunity for students to combine artistic expression with digital media, and the results have been both imaginative and impressive.



### **Celebrating History and Empowerment Through the “Global Girl” Activity**

Monday 16th June was another fun and exciting session at Mulberry School for Girls, working with their Year 9 students and the older women in the community. This session offered a powerful learning opportunity that brought history to life and shone a spotlight on inspiring women from across the globe.

Each student was assigned a different remarkable woman from history, ranging from scientists and queens to freedom fighters and artists. These women, who lived in different parts of the world and in different time periods, each had an incredible story to tell. Our task was to research their lives, understand the era they lived in, and explore what made them so influential and brave.

Once we had gathered our information, the real fun began. We transformed our research into a creative performance: an interview where we became our historical figure. Dressed in character, we answered questions as if we truly were that person, speaking and thinking from their perspective. It was an engaging and imaginative way to step into someone else's shoes and share their story with others.

The experience was both educational and enjoyable. Not only did we learn about our own historical figure, but also gained so much knowledge from our peers' presentations. It felt as though we were breathing life into history, connecting the past with the present in a meaningful and memorable way.

Perhaps most importantly, it helped us build our confidence in public speaking and performance, while encouraging empathy and a deeper appreciation for the struggles and triumphs of women throughout history.

### **Bringing Stories to Life: Preparing for Our Inspirational Women Project**

On Monday 23rd June, our session buzzed with imagination and purpose as we delved into preparations for our upcoming recording. With creativity at the heart of the session, we turned our attention to set design—discussing everything from subtle symbolism and warm, atmospheric lighting to the thoughtful use of props that would add depth and meaning to our visual storytelling.

Working in groups, we took on the roles of both interviewer and interviewee, crafting insightful questions and responses that explored the lives of inspirational women from across history. This process not only deepened our understanding of their remarkable achievements but also helped us connect with their strength, courage, and legacy in a very real way.

To complement our interviews, we also wrote short list-poems as poetic tributes—each one capturing the essence of a trailblazing woman and the lasting impact of her contributions. These creative expressions served as a powerful reminder of the voices that have shaped our world.

The session was a wonderful blend of artistic exploration, historical discovery, and collaborative energy. We can't wait to bring it all together on camera and share these inspiring stories with others.



## Year 11 Shirt Signing

Now the GCSE exams are over, Year 11 gott on with the important task of shirt signing! It was wonderful to see the year group coming together, to excitedly discuss memories, and create some more, with students and staff signing shirts. We have never had so many beautifully designed shirts - the thought, effort and creativity was amazing!



## Year 11 Leavers Event - Prom

After a wonderful five years, the time has come to say goodbye to our Year 11 cohort, 2025. And what a cohort they have been. Starting Connaught in September 2020, this year group was forced to start their secondary journey with online lessons, and later being taught in bubbles. The girls have shown great resilience from year 7 right through into year 11, embodying one of the core Connaught values. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved, and of how they have supported each other and come together as a year group over the years.

It was fantastic to see so many students and staff attend the prom at Saffron Kitchen, Leyton. The girls looked beautiful and a good time was had by all! We wish Year 11 all the very best for their future endeavours.

Special thanks go to:

- All the staff and managers at Saffron Kitchen
- Mrs Kayaalp and family
- Year 11 tutors - Ms Wallace, Ms Adoamnei, Ms Adanir & Mr Kajue
- Ms Hickes
- Ms El Khandari





### 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
	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
				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	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

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	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			

### Spotlight on Geography

Students have been learning and presenting back to their peers in Geography this term. Some incredible presenters who went above and beyond for this project - well done to all of them! The presentations were well prepared and presented very professionally.



As always, have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Silk".

Mr. Silk  
Headteacher