

18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well; an update for you, as we come to a close on this academic year. We have had another warm week at Connaught and I want to thank you for your support with our relaxed uniform approach; it has made a real difference to everyone's comfort and focus in lessons. When we return in September, we expect the weather to be significantly cooler and so we will revert to our normal full uniform. The final week of term has been jam-packed full of different activities and events outlined below, and it was a fantastic way to end the academic year. I am immensely proud of how well the girls have achieved this year and the continued progress across the school, as always it is a privilege and an honour to lead this school. Today, school ended and we dismissed the students for their long summer break and encouraged them to make the very most of their long summer holiday from school and get out and see the sights in London.

Stay in contact with school news/ events by following our social media pages. The main school pages will have updates- including the staff vs prefects relay race from sports day... also it will be updated with key information regarding results day, first day back and information for incoming Year 7 students. Also, the Teddy Team has taken some pictures and videos of the training they have done with him, and I have promised the girls that I will update the feed over the break so they keep up to date with his progress as he grows.

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Year 7 culture Fair Event- June 27th 2025

Year 7 took part in a year-specific project which centred around researching different countries and cultures. The aim was to educate their peers in a way that was both informative and inviting to their cultures. They achieved this by showcasing the essence of their cultures and way of life, through clothing, food and even quizzes produced to “check for learning” linked to their work during the Fair. Each form presented their chosen countries/cultures to their form during afternoon registrations, making it a collaborative experience that they all took part in.

There were so many amazing stalls, and it was so hard to judge just one, hence there were two winners, one selected by teachers, and the other by the students themselves. The teacher choice winning group went to Saudi Arabia, whilst the students' choice winning group went to Palestine! A big congratulations to both groups!

Each group involved showed incredible effort in researching, rehearsing and speaking with confidence during slideshows about chosen countries; in addition to crafting, arranging costumes and preparing activities for stalls. Below are some comments from students across the form groups that allow for an insight into how the experience was for them, the parts they really enjoyed, and what it meant for them.

I really enjoyed this year's culture day. The stands were very informatical and nicely decorative but also interactive towards the audience with food / drink samples and quizzes. The performances were also amazing and shockingly spectacular!! I'd say this culture day was a success and enjoyable . **Alesia 7F**

It was an amazing experience and we all had a great time and I want to say thank you to all the teachers who have helped us prepare for this event and throughout out this year! **Mahnoor 7C**



Year 9 Trip to Thorpe Park - A Day of Thrills and Memories

On Friday, 11th July, our Year 9 cohort embarked on an exciting trip to Thorpe Park, where the sun shone brightly and the atmosphere was filled with high spirits and anticipation. Despite the heat, the students were eager to experience everything the park had to offer.

Throughout the day, the students enjoyed a variety of rides, with many opting for the thrilling roller coasters and exhilarating attractions that make Thorpe Park a favourite among thrill-seekers. While the queues for the most popular rides were long, the excitement of the experience made the wait well worth it—especially for those who ventured onto the park's latest roller coaster, *Hyperia*. It was the highlight of the day for many, providing an unforgettable thrill for those brave enough to take it on.

As a bonus, we were fortunate enough to receive an additional two hours at the park, giving students even more time to enjoy the rides, grab a bite to eat, and soak in the fun of the day. It was a fantastic opportunity to make the most of the park's offerings and create lasting memories with friends.

Overall, the trip was a huge success, with students behaving wonderfully and making the most of every moment. We are proud of their positive attitude and sense of adventure. A big thank you to all staff involved for making the day run smoothly, and to the students for their enthusiasm and respect throughout the day.

We look forward to many more experiences like this as part of our school's commitment to providing enriching, enjoyable opportunities for all our pupils.



Sports Day 2025 – A Thrilling Celebration of Team Spirit!

Monday 14th July was no ordinary school day, it was *Sports Day*, and what a fantastic day it was! The atmosphere on the field was absolutely electric as students from all year groups came together to compete, cheer, and celebrate sport in its purest form.

From the opening races to the final relays, our students gave it their all. Determination, effort, and team spirit were on full display throughout the day, with every event filled with energy and enthusiasm. Spectators lined the track, cheering on their peers with pride and passion, creating a vibrant, supportive buzz that carried through the entire event.

One of the most talked-about moments of the day was the **Staff vs Prefect Relay** – a now legendary tradition! With students rallying behind their favourite team, the race was close and fiercely competitive. In the end, the **staff team crossed the finish line first**, much to their delight (and to the prefects' good-natured groans).

It was more than just a competition. It was a celebration of effort, unity, and school spirit. Thank you to all the staff, students, and supporters who made the day such a memorable success. We're already looking forward to next year's event!



Year 7 Science Project

The Solar System

Our year 7 students from 7C have been working on a project in Ms Iqbal class.

Year 7 has been exploring our Solar System since last week! They learned about the planet they were given, the features, and their place in space. From the student's perspective it was a fun and educational journey that sparked curiosity and imaginations.

Let's have a look at the amazing work the students had made from scratch!



Group 1:(Zuhaira,Atikah,Tayba,Senaya)

This group has worked really hard to make their project, using a big cardboard box which was painted black with 'stars' as the background and different sized foam balls as the planets. The 'planets' are attached to the top of the box by string. Their group was assigned to talk about Jupiter.



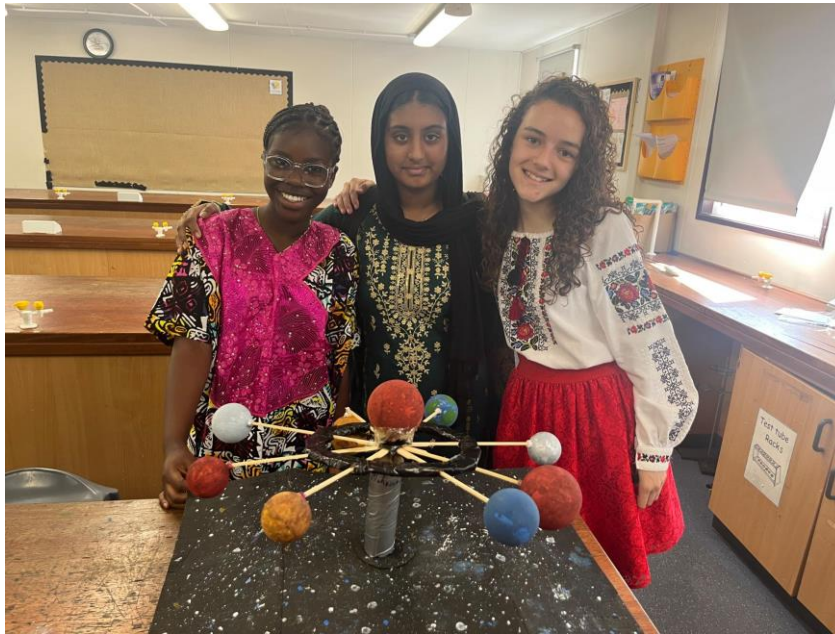
Group 2:(Maryam,Aisha,Noor,Ameya Alayna)

This group made their project with a galaxy covered box and clay planets. This group made their model accurate by putting the planets exactly in their positions in the solar system. This group was assigned to talk about Neptune and Earth.



Group 3:(Romeesa,Michelle,Afra,Lydia)

This group's idea was to make a baby mobile. But, instead of putting toys, they put the planets and the solar system. It also twists and spins around because of the strings attached to the top. This team's presentation was about Mars and the galaxy.



Group 4 (Alina, Faridat, Safaa, Mahnoor) This group decided to make their model spin with a mechanism, which they made with string, a wooden skewer, a straw and lots of cardboard. They used Christmas ornaments for their planets which they put onto a wheel connected to the mechanism. This group did their presentation about Mercury.

Group 5: (Hadia, Hana, Reyhana, Aroush, Asiya)

This group's idea was to paint a piece of cardboard blue for the background and cut foam balls in half and stick them to the cardboard as the planets. They added all of the planets in the order of their rotation. They were assigned to discuss Venus and the Moon.

Group 6: (Leila, Laiba, Annabelle)

This group made their project using foam balls as planets and a plastic stand to put the planets on. The planets were in the place that they are in the solar system. Their presentation was about Uranus and Saturn.

Credits: (Alina and Faridat)

Girls on Track at City Hall

Earlier this week, eight of our Year 9 girls, who also happen to be some of the successful applicants for our Greenpower team, took part in the Girls on Track event at City Hall. The day was delivered by Formula E in partnership with Newham College, and focused on opening up careers in motorsport, STEM and media to young women.

Accompanied by Ms Morgan, our Greenpower lead, the students took part in a range of workshops and heard from an inspiring panel of Formula E professionals, who shared their career journeys and advice. They also took part in a practical task matching key skills to a range of job roles, helping them reflect on their own strengths and interests. The girls had the chance to see a real Formula E car up close and learn about the behind-the-scenes workings of a race day.

It was a fantastic opportunity, and the students represented the school with real maturity and enthusiasm. A huge well done to them all! We're excited to see how their Greenpower journey continues.

