

10th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. As always, I am pleased to share with you a Friday update. There have been several events this week, including a large number of students out of school today: some at Mulberry School for the Global Girl Leading conference and peer mentors at a student conference in Shoreditch. It is always inspiring to see the next generation of strong, independent young women preparing for future leadership roles. More on these events next week

We were deeply saddened to learn of the recent incident at a synagogue in Manchester. Moments such as these remind us how vital it is that we come together as a community, standing shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with our neighbours and friends. At Connaught School, we take great pride in the richness and diversity of our school, where mutual respect, understanding and friendship across faiths and cultures are at the heart of who we are. Acts that seek to divide must instead strengthen our resolve to stand together, united in compassion, kindness and hope. Let us continue to nurture a community in which every faith, every culture and every individual is valued, respected and safe.

London Learning Day 24th October 2025

We are eagerly anticipating our London Learning Day on Friday, 24th October.

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be visiting London venues to support their classroom learning:

Year 7 - The Tower of London

Year 8 - the Natural History Museum

Year 9 - London Zoo

Please ensure you have completed the consent forms on your ARBOR app by Friday, 17th October. If you have any further queries, please contact the school office.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and would like to discuss support for the cost of your daughter's visit please contact Ms Hickes (rachel.hickes@connaught.waltham.sch.uk) in confidence.

Achievement Points

Congratulations 8C!

Leaderboard Autumn term 1-Tutor groups		
12.09.25	8W	171
19.09.25	8C	328
26.10.25	8C	514
03.10.25	8C	657
10.10.25	8C	830
17.10.25		
24.10.25		

Congratulations to
Sumaiyah A-Q, Ana B and Amira B D S with the highest number of APs this week in KS3!

Congratulations to
Mia B, Dayana F L, Hafsa H and Kerisse W with the highest number of APs this week in KS4!

Attendance Matters

Three tutor groups all share the top of the Attendance podium today with an incredible 98.1%!



Next week's assemblies

Our assemblies next week will be on conflict resolution day (16th October), and looking at strategies to resolve conflict and how to positively manage confrontation.

Black History Month Events

There will be several events over the month to recognise Black History Month

Non uniform day: **Thursday 23rd October** *All proceeds raised will go to the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card'*

Black History Month breakfast: **Thursday 23rd October**. This will take place between 7.30am - 8.20am. This celebration offers a wonderful opportunity for our school

community to come together and honour the rich contributions of Black people to history, culture, and society.

Black History Month Film viewing: **15th and 22nd October**. Students wanting to see the film will have the chance to sign up.

Bake sale - **Thursday 23rd October- breaktime**. There will be a bake sale on the non-uniform day and proceeds from the sale will go to the same charity. We ask for students/parents to please donate cakes, but remember that we are a nut-free school -so please: **NO NUTS**.

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
 - It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
 - We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.
- We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Spotlight on...Year 7 Transition

The year 7 students have been working hard on transitioning from KS2 to KS3, working with their tutors, head of year and teachers to get to know each other and the school. There are many challenges but also many opportunities embarking on this new stage of education. Below are some examples of work done in form time. We would encourage you to talk to your daughter frequently about their transition, and let their tutor know if there are any concerns or achievements to share and celebrate.

Goals and Aspirations

Think about your goals and aspirations for this school year. What do you want to achieve? How will you do this? Write down your thoughts in the balloon below.

My goals for this year are

My goals for this year is to achieve good scores in my tests and to get along with people so I can make even more friends.

I aspire to become even better of a person I am. I also aim to be caring and make people feel like they belong.

I will achieve these by listening to my teacher and studying hard in every lesson.

Spread My Wings

I enjoy the activities that we are doing.

I am good at sports.

I am worried about the learning.

I'm looking forward to make new friends.

I want to improve my handwriting.

What I Want My Teacher to Know

Welcome back! We have an exciting year ahead! Is there anything you think I should know that will help make our year together better?

About me...

I love colouring, not much. I don't really like pizza and cake. My favourite colour is purple, yellow, green and red and I love spaghetti.

About my family...

My baby brother is gonna turn one in September. I have 3 siblings, I sleep in a room with two of them and I love my family very well.

About me and school...

I think school is good and makes time go quickly & quicker and I love seeing my teachers and friends every day in school.

About anything else important to me...

I am left handed, I have school on saturday, I used to have school on saturday and I have mosaic every week Monday to Thursday.

All About Me Shield

Colour:

Age: 11

Dream: My dream is to either become an author or a doctor or anything I can achieve.

Name: Aisha Hussain

Year I was born: 2014

Favourite colour: dark shades of blue or light.

Hope: for my goals to become an achievement.

Favourite subject: English, Science and art.

Favourite book: Mystery because they become interesting and make me want to read on.

Doodle:

Favourite sport: Tennis and maybe a few other ones as well.

I love: drawing, spending time with family, animals, learning and going outside.

Role model: Authors or artists (not all of them).

Favourite hobby: drawing & reading.

Colour:

This week year 7 have also taken part in an online Kooth assembly on the topic of 'Anxiety and Self-Care' to help them work through any concerns and to know where to get support. Next week, the year 7s will take part in an online assembly with the theme of 'Body Image and Self-Esteem'. In addition to this, students have been learning about work/life balance in form.

Extra-Curricular Provision

Please find the ECP schedule for the Autumn term. There are more and more clubs being added each week. The schedule so far is below:

	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 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
Lunch time	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office
	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio
	LEGO Club CJ/DF Room 20	Homework Club NA Room 20	Homework Club DL Room 20	Homework Club RIC Room 20	Year 11 Biology and Chemistry Intervention AMR Mobile
	Key Stage 4 Art and Photography Club ELB Room 9	Key Stage 3 Reading Club RAH Room 36	Key Stage 4 Art Club HCO Room 17	Key Stage 3 Computing and Coding Club ALK Room 33	11x/Ma6 Maths Intervention RGN Room 3
	Year 11 General Revision PET Room 10	Year 7 Cooking Club WAL Room H1	Board Games Club ELK Room 42	11x/Ma3 Maths Intervention PET Room 10	Rollerskating Club DIA/GAG Gym
		Year 11 Geography Intervention DES Room 7	Year 11 Sociology Intervention KAD Room 5	Badminton Club GAG Gym Week B	Crochet Club HUS
		Key Stage 4 English 19th Century Fiction Club CAR Room 34	Textiles Club RAN Room H2	Year 9 Poetry Club BUR Room 35	
		Year 11 History Intervention KLE Room 6	Green Ambassadors DES Room 7 Week A Only	Year 11 French Intervention FER Room 41	
			Duke Of Edinburgh Support DES Room 7 Week B		

			Only		
			History Film Club KLE Room 6		
			11x/Ma2 Maths Intervention ADO Room 4 Week B Only		
			Year 11 Spanish Intervention Room 40 MAV		
			Dodgeball Club GAG Gym Week B		
			Year 7-10 Let's Celebrate KHL Room 39		
			Year 9 Teen Tech Awards KHN Library		
After school	11x/Ma4 Maths Intervention AUL Room 1	Year 10 Maths Action Tutoring ADO Room 4	11x/Ma5 Maths Tuition LAB Library	Year 11 Textiles coursework Club RAN Room H2	Year 11 Physics and Chemistry Intervention MUJ Lab 3
	11x/Ma5 Maths Tuition LAB Library	Year 9 and 10 Debate Club KHN Library	Year 10 English Action Tutoring CAR Room 4		11x/Sc3 Science Intervention Lab 4 IQB Week B
	Key Stage 4 Art and Photography Club ELB Room 9	Leyton Orient Football Club GAG Gym			

Finally, as the evenings begin to draw in and it becomes darker much earlier, we would like to kindly remind parents and carers to speak with their children about the importance of going straight home once the school day finishes. It is our recommendation that students do not linger in the community after school. This not only helps to ensure their safety but also promotes good routines and supports a positive end to the school day. We really appreciate your partnership in reinforcing this important message with our students.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Have a great weekend,



Mr. Silk
Headteacher