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**12th December 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well; It was the penultimate week of term and it has been another full and positive week in school, so I wanted to share some key updates with you as always. This week saw a group of students and staff travelling to Lille for a residential visit, most of yr11 on a visit to the Cinema for a film linked to the English curriculum and today we had the annual Christmas Jumper/ non-uniform day raising money for the charity “Save the Children”. It was great to see a selection of Christmas Jumpers today, and we raised a significant amount for charity, thank you to everyone participating in the non-uniform day today.



Reminder that next week is the final week of school, and we break up for the end of term on Friday 19th December at:

- 12.10pm for KS4 students
- 1.10pm for KS4 students

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th January at the normal school time.

**Ofsted, February 2025**

**GOOD IN ALL AREAS**

## Attendance Matters

Attendance - Last week, our whole-school attendance was 94.04%, with 95% attendance today.

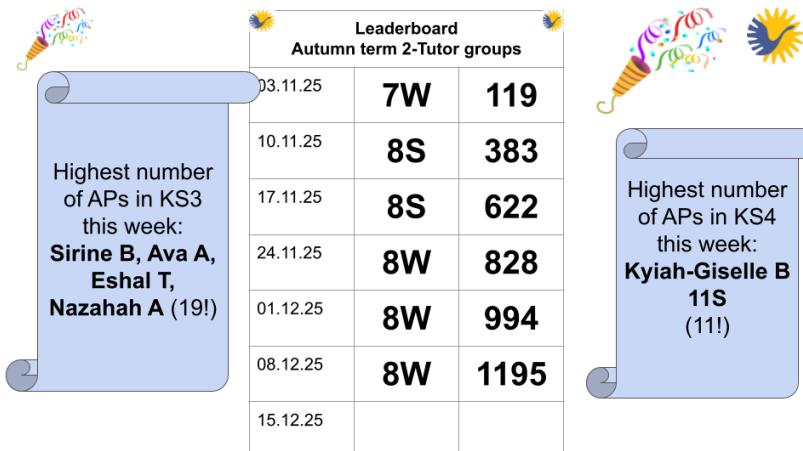
Attendance this term - by Year Group:

Year 7	95.91%
Year 8	95.7%
Year 9	94.01%
Year 10	95.28%
Year 11	92.33%



We know this is a challenging time of year in terms of seasonal illness; please check the [NHS website](#) for helpful advice on how to deal with colds and flu. We encourage everyone to keep aiming high, every day in school counts towards learning and achievement.

## Achievement Points:



## Bedrock

All students in KS3 are expected on a weekly basis to complete 20 points (2 lessons). Parents and carers can also log on to their child's Bedrock platform with the special code given in a letter a few weeks ago. Once you have logged on, you will be able to see what

vocabulary and grammar skills your child has learned, and needs to practice. If you require your code, please email the library, [library@connaught-cloud.co.uk](mailto:library@connaught-cloud.co.uk).

### **Bedrock Points Leaderboard This Week**

Aoife Rae → 241 points  
Hafsa Abdul Khaliq → 100 points  
Haleemah Parkar → 62 points  
Rania Mehboob → 62 points  
Maryam Ali → 60 points  
Maryam Rizwan → 48 points  
Tasneem Patel → 47 points  
Gabrielle Djemili-Arnold → 46 points  
Pritiga Thanabalasingam → 44 points  
Khadija Noori → 43 points

### **Words We Are Learning**

Here is the vocabulary list we are focusing on this half term:

***Apprehensive, cordial, dwell, prosper, tangible, apparel, blunder, conspicuous, objective***

### **Reading Matters**

Students are also expected to log the number of minutes they are reading on Reading Tracker. The form with the most points are 7C. Congratulations!

### **Our top reader from each form, and receiving a postcard, are:**

Mahnoor Ali 7C, Abigail Marshall 7F, Rosanna  
Drew Rennie 7S, Imaan Mohammed 7W  
Aaliyah Hussain 8C, Tasneem Patel 8F, Aaisha  
Ahmad 8S, Aleyah Ala 8W  
Dixie Donohoe 9C, Asma Waheed 9F  
Khadija Noori 9S, Sakeenah Parkar 9W

### **Young Poet Laureate competition.**

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the Young Poet Laureate competition. The students who won £5 vouchers to spend at the book fair are: Ava Albertus 8S, Shurooq Sheerazi 7S, Sienna Amegashie 8F, Mary Ellis-Williams 8F, and Rania Mehboob 9F. Congratulations! All the participants' works will be uploaded and handed in to the National Literacy Trust, and judges will decide who will be our region's Young Poet Laureate. Good luck to all the participants!



## Connaught Winter Talent Show - a THANK You

The Connaught Winter Talent Show took place 2nd December and it was a festive celebration of all things that make our school great. The talent was incredible and our School community provided the contestants with love and support throughout the show. We were supported by our two Y10 Photographers Eve R & Tess P who graciously spent their afternoon shooting not just the final Talent Show, but the behind-the-scenes footage too.

For our school community, this was an opportunity to give back for all the support and guidance offered to our Peer Mentoring Team - a show that was designed, created and presented by them. From the Y11 Hosts Melisa & Nia, to our Y8 Dance Troupe Michelle, Ariel, Sienna & Nahla to our BTS leads Chiara, Kayleigh, Kassidy, Sofia, Gabby, Rhea & Saffi - the show would not have been possible without all their hard work & dedication over the last few months.



Last but not least, we have to thank our fantastic staff & amazing guests Ms. Omar, Ms. Mallet & Mr. Klemencic who was so gracious with their time & support along with our fantastic entertainment & food vendors - especially Caitlin Cs Mum who made the Puff Puffs - who ensured our community was fed, hydrated and in a great mood.

Our Team has an upcoming event in February to celebrate all things Valentines before a long hiatus ahead of

the final event in the Summer. We cannot wait to share all that we have created and look forward to seeing you soon!

## English Literature visit: Christmas Karma

We're pleased to report that 91 Year 11 students attended a screening of 'A Christmas Karma' this week to enhance their understanding of Charles Dickens' classic novella, 'A Christmas Carol', which they are studying for their GCSE English Literature paper 2 examination. This modern adaptation



provided students with a fresh perspective on the timeless themes of redemption, social responsibility, and the consequences of our actions. By experiencing a diverse retelling of Scrooge's transformation, students were able to explore how Dickens' Victorian social commentary remains relevant today, whilst deepening their analysis of key characters, themes, and narrative structure. The film offered an excellent opportunity for students to consider different interpretations of the text and will undoubtedly support their critical thinking and essay-writing skills as they prepare for their summer examinations in 2026. Thank you to the English department for organising this valuable learning experience. 'Not Baqwas or Bah Humbug' says our year 11 students.

### **Residential visit to France: Lille visit**

We're delighted to share that our Modern Foreign Languages trip to Lille on 9th and 10th December was a fantastic success! Thirty three students, accompanied by four staff members, travelled via Eurostar to explore the beautiful French city. During their stay, students immersed themselves in French culture by visiting the historic Old Lille, exploring the magnificent Palais des Beaux-Arts – one of France's largest museums – and enjoying the festive atmosphere at Lille's enchanting Christmas market.

The group also had the opportunity to stroll through the scenic parts of Lille before rounding off the first evening with some fun at the local bowling alley. The trip provided an invaluable opportunity for our students to practise their French language skills in an authentic setting whilst experiencing French culture

first-hand. A huge thank you to all the staff who made this memorable experience possible, and well done to all our students for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the trip! Mr Ferreira walked us lots and ensured that the students had a really rich experience.



## A Heartfelt Thank You for Supporting the Hurricane Melissa Relief Effort

We are deeply grateful to all of our staff and students and their parents who generously contributed to the collection for those affected by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. Your kindness, compassion, and willingness to help others in a time of great need truly demonstrates the inclusiveness of our Connaught community.

With your donations, we were able to send one barrel of essential supplies to families who are working to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of the hurricane. We are confident that every contribution large or small will make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for stepping up, showing care, and proving once again that when we come together, we can make a powerful impact.

**Thank you for your generosity and for making a difference when it mattered most. Together, we can help Jamaica rebuild.**

**Mrs Wallace**

### **Winter Fair - Wednesday 17th December 2025**

Entrance via Connaught Road Playground  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 3:30 - 5:00 pm

## Winter Fair 2025

*Celebrate the season together*

- Raffle and Tombola
- Bake Sale
- Savoury Food
- Mocktails and sweets
- Games
- Book Stall
- Gift Store



JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE  
Enjoy seasonal fun and special treats for everyone

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### **Message for Students: Winter Fair Attendance and Participation**

We are excited to remind you about our Winter Fair on Wednesday 17th December from 3.30-5.00pm, hosted by Friends of Connaught. This will take place in the school hall and canteen. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the festive season together as a school community, and we really want to see as many of you there as possible. Your attendance and participation will help make this event a huge success!

We've got an amazing afternoon planned with:

- Raffle prizes including *Westfield* vouchers and *Sephora* products/vouchers
- BAKE off - complete the Google form and vouchers for the winner!!
- Bake sale with delicious treats (remember - NO NUTS)
- Savoury food and mocktails
- Tombola, games, and book stall
- Music in the canteen - led by some year 10 students
- Gifts stall - perfect for Christmas shopping!
- And much more...

Coming to events like this is about more than just having fun (though there'll be plenty of that!). It's about:

- Building our school community and strengthening friendships
- Supporting our school - all proceeds go towards improving your school experience
- Creating positive memories that you'll look back on
- Showing school spirit and pride in Connaught

### **Important: Bring Cash!**

Please bring cash to spend at the fair. This will help you:

- Buy delicious food and treats
- Enter the raffle for those amazing prizes
- Try your luck at the tombola
- Purchase gifts for family and friends
- Support all the different stalls

The more you participate, the more successful the event will be, and the more we can do for our school community.

### **Extra-Curricular Provision**

Please find the ECP schedule for the second half of the Autumn term:

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Before school</b>	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			
<b>Lunch time</b>	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office			
	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 Room 17	
	Key Stage 4 English 19th Century Fiction Club CAR Room 34	Textiles Club RAN Room H2	Year 9 Poetry Club BUR Room 35	Year 8 Connections Club ALI Room 38	
	Year 11 History Intervention KLE Room 6	Green Ambassadors DES Room 7 Week A Only	Year 11 French Intervention FER Room 41		
	Year 8 Attend Club ALI Room 38	Duke Of Edinburgh Support DES Room 7 Week B Only			
	Drama Club MAL Hall	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			
<b>After school</b>	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			

As always, thank you for your continued support and patience. I hope you have a lovely weekend.



Mr. Silk  
**Headteacher**