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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well; as we close up opn 2025 and the final week of term, there is lots to celebrate and share with you. A Friday update for you as always.

The new Ofsted framework went live this week. Although we are unlikely to be inspected again for around four years following our visit in February 2025, Ofsted have shared a helpful video summarising the key changes. To view the video, please see [here](#).

The Mayor of Waltham Forest is currently gathering young people's views on crime and safety across the borough. It would be fantastic for our students' voices to be strongly represented. Students can complete the survey using the following link [here](#).

One of the things I am most proud of with our students is their heart and their moral principles. Like me, many of our students are very community-minded and work a lot in the local community. If you know a young person who is making a positive difference in our community, someone who shows kindness, initiative and compassion, they can be nominated for the Superkind Changemaker of the Year Award. For more information and the nomination form, please see [here](#).

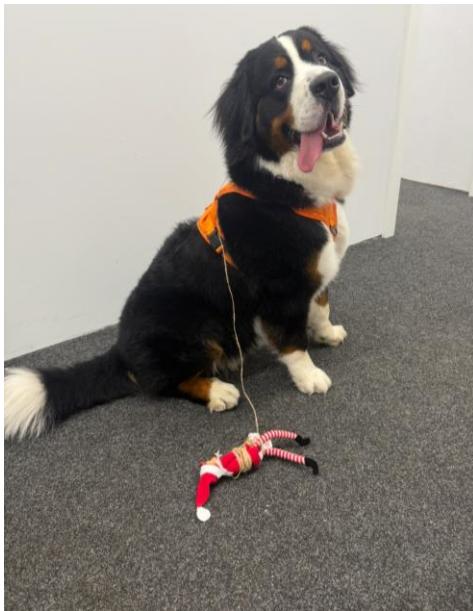
I am keen to start a new section in this letter that highlights the successes and journeys of Connaught School for Girls alumni. If you know any former students who have gone on to exciting achievements, running their own business, contributing to the community, thriving in a specialist field, or working in a high-profile role, please do get in touch. Celebrating their stories will hopefully inspire the next generation. Once we have a longer list of students, we will start adding this section to the letters.

Finally, this time of year can present significant financial challenges for many people. With costs such as food, rent and energy bills increasingly challenging, Waltham Forest Council has shared a range of support options that may be helpful to families in our community. The Council's [website](#) provides information on [financial support](#), community [food hubs](#) across the borough and [guidance on accessing employment or training opportunities](#).

If you would prefer to speak to someone in person, trained staff and volunteers are available at Waltham Forest Max community [drop-ins](#), held weekly in libraries across the borough. They can help with checking eligibility for benefits, advice on energy costs and signposting to opportunities and services. [Citizens Advice](#) and Walthamstow [Welcomes Café](#) may also be able to offer support with budgeting, debt advice and help with forms and paperwork.

Elf on the Shelf update in the final week of term...

Connaught's Elf on the Shelf has been very busy causing trouble at the school this week by trying to release students from the isolation room, he also kidnapped our Connaught family dog but luckily we were able to act quickly to prevent him from causing anymore mischief!



Achievement Points

A huge congratulations to the students with the highest number of APs in the Autumn Term:

Year 7 - Leanne 7F

Year 8 - Aoife 8F

Year 9 - Darcey 9C

Year 10 - Amrin 10W

Year 11 - Marie 11S

7F, 8S, 9C, 10S and 11C took the top spots for most APs in each Year Group!

Attendance Matters

10S have an average attendance of 96.91% this term - well done! The end of term attendance award went to 10S as well in the end of term assembly today.

Highest Attendance - Tutor Group (whole school)



First week back assemblies

The assembly in the first week of the Spring term will be on the theme of New Year and resolutions and will be led by Mr Silk.

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 their special code. 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.

Bedrock Points Leaderboard This Week

Hafsa Abdul Khaliq 8s → 90 points
Aoife Rae 8W → 67 points
Gabrielle Djemili-Arnold 8S → 60 points
Elif Depe 9W → 57 points
Maryam Ali 8C → 50 points
Maryam Rizwan 8W → 48 points
Aysha Bilal 7C → 48 points
Novreen Aryubi 7C → 45 points
Sara Inayat → 45 points
Izel Williams → 45 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 7W. 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

Zairah Ahmed 8C, Tasneem Patel 8F,
Hafsa Abdul Khaliq 8S, Aleyah Ala 8W

Dixie Donohoe 9C, Siana Tettey 9F,
Khadija Noori 9S, Sakeenah Parkar
9W



Year 9 Handball – 3rd place in the Waltham Forest Borough Competition!!!

On Monday 15th of December, eight Year 9 students proudly represented the school at the Handball Borough Competition held at Holy Family School. The team delivered a strong performance, **finishing third in the borough after a day of fast-paced and competitive matches**. Their determination and teamwork were clear throughout the tournament, making this another achievement to celebrate.

This result is particularly impressive as it marks the second time our school has secured a top-three finish in the borough handball competition. Well done to all involved.

Well done to the participants: Siana 9F, Eshaal 9W, Sirine B. 9F, Rumaysa 9F, Suwaydah 9S, Aliza Khan 9W, Habibah Adam 9F, Fatima Bilal 9F, Safiyah Adam 9C



Key Stage 3 Inter-Form Competitions

This week, our Key Stage 3 inter-form competitions brought plenty of energy and excitement across the school. Students competed with enthusiasm and showed great support for one another throughout the events.

A big well done to Year 7, who took part in their very first inter-form competition. They approached the event with confidence, teamwork, and lots of encouragement.

Year 7 Endzone Results:

- 1st: 7F – 20 points
- 2nd: 7S – 19 points
- 3rd: 7C – 18 points



Year 8 followed with a lively basketball inter-form, featuring strong performances, quick play, and excellent teamwork.

Year 8 Basketball Results:

- 1st: 8S – 12 points
- 2nd: 8F – 10 points
- 3rd: 8C – 8 points



Year 9 Handball Results:

- 1st: 9S – 9 points
- 2nd: 9C – 6 points
- 3rd: 9F – 4 points

Well done to all students who took part and contributed to an exciting week of competition.