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Winter Fair 2026

We're delighted to celebrate the tremendous success of Connaught School for Girls' second winter fair, which brought our school community together in a wonderful festive spirit. The event was exceptionally well attended by students, staff and families, creating a vibrant atmosphere throughout. Our thrilling raffle drew huge interest, whilst the bake sale and food utensils stalls proved incredibly popular, with many fantastic homemade items selling out quickly – a testament to the talent and generosity of our school community. We have raised £1600.00 and this is going to go towards refurbishing the playground space for our students.

Students and visitors alike enjoyed refreshing mocktails and engaging table games, adding to the festive fun. A particular highlight was our photo booth featuring a Polaroid camera, capturing precious memories that attendees could take home. The musical talents of our Year 10 students, Greta, Mr Simpson and Mr Edwards, filled the air with beautiful piano melodies, creating the perfect soundtrack to this special occasion. The fair exemplified the strong sense of community at Connaught School for Girls, and we're already looking forward to making next year's event even bigger and better!

A massive thank you to our PTA and student helpers



Deborah Fitzpatrick

Vanda Canavan

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Ofsted, February 2025

GOOD IN ALL AREAS

Laura Baylem
Adila Robab

Previous yr 11 student helpers:

Aisha
Minahil
Raiha
Ayesha

Darcy and Eliyah for making all the signs and posters for the event.

An additional big thanks to: Trading places and Alvi Kebabs and catering.

Winners and entrants from festive bake competition:

1st place - Eshal Amin (9C) (£20 Westfield vchr)
2nd place - Afnaan Tahraoui (7F) £15 Westfield vcr
3rd place - Hana Mannan (11F) (£10 Westfield vcr)

Remaining entrants received a selection chocolate box:

Manaya Bansuela 10W
Veronika Kushtan 8W
Mia Bondzie 11W
Olivia Shankland 10S
Genevieve Stephenson (7W)



Year 8 group project - Fundraiser for Save the Children: Gaza Crisis

Last academic year, during the latter few weeks of the summer term (when we were Y7), our year group took part in a project, led by Ms Ali. The project involved a fundraiser to raise money as charity for people of Gaza who were and are still in a humanitarian crisis. There was very little aid getting into helping children and civilians with basic food, water and medical aid.

Ms Ali, our form tutors and Y8 students gave up their lunchtime to set up stalls selling ice cream, drinks and cakes. The money that was raised is going to be sent out to a charity this week and we are very happy to have raised an **incredible £541**. Gaza has just undergone flooding, all adding up to their already awful situation which still requires aid.

Over here, away from conflict we're very privileged, the things we use everyday are things that millions of children and people all over the world should have. We give what we can so that more people can live in good health. We stand with humanity and aid can help save lives right now. So it's amazing that we can show our support and help people living through the suffering conditions that they are in by raising funds..

We'd also like to thank all the students and teachers that brought items from our stalls. The money raised couldn't have been possible without your support for the cause!

Saffiyah Hanif and Gabrielle Djemili-Arnold (8S)

I am extremely proud as their Head of Year of how much effort the year group put into making this a success! I hope we can continue charitable work in the years to come! Well done Year 8.

Ms Ali

Careers Section

It's been a very quiet few weeks within the Careers Department but we have been working hard in actualising our [**Careers Vision Statement**](#) - which you can now find on our School Website under the Careers Statement. Our **Vision Statement** sets out the ambitions of Connaught School in delivering a robust, comprehensive and enriching set of experiences for our entire cohort, over this current academic year. Over the next few months, we will be inviting Students, Staff, Parents/Carers & local stakeholders to share their feedback on our Vision Statement and their own vision on our future Careers Programmes. More info to be shared soon!

We are also thrilled to announce that our Careers Department has officially partnered with four incredible organisations, who have their shared vision and goals - and will be incredible collaborators over the upcoming year!

MILK HONEY BEES: An organisation that prioritises the healing, empowerment and

resilience for Black & Biracial girls through joy, creativity & play. Our Black Girl



Changemakers have many exciting experiences ahead - and we cannot wait to share them with you all!

KOLLAB Network: We are incredibly excited to re-establish our partnership with Kollab, a careers-based organisation that aims to connect and amplify the young people within our community with industry professionals, industry mentors along with higher education institutions. With Kollab, Connaught will aim to provide enriching & creative experiences alongside working professionals.

KOLLAB



GENESIS Futsal: Our partnership with Genesis Futsal Club & Academy will serve as opportunities to promote a love for sport while establishing pivotal pathways into football academies & career opportunities. We are looking to expand even further to ensure that our local community can also reap the benefits and rewards of this new partnership.

The first set of Futsal Sessions will begin after half-term, in January and will take place on a Tuesday lunchtime. If interested, speak to Ms. Agilara or Mr. Kajue

TECH SHE CAN:

Our final partnership will be with the STEM based organisation Tech She cAN, which seeks to provide free, educational experiences for young people - with a priority for girls and non-binary - who have a vested interest in careers in Tech. We are very excited to share the fantastic opportunities that our girls will benefit from, and enable different pathways into Tech careers.

Young women in tech
Inspiring the next generation

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in
collaboration
with

 **Workfinder**

 Department for
Digital, Culture,
Media & Sport

 Sisterhood

 Equal Opportunities
Commission

PARENTS - We are creating a series of Work Insight

Days for our students to provide enriching and rewarding experiences of the workplace. If you have capacity within your organisation to provide 1 or more of these Work Insight Days - that align with the National Standard for Gatsby Benchmarks - please drop me an email at the following email address: christiankajue@connaught-cloud.co.uk. We would love to hear from you and continue building a network of opportunities for our young people!

Year 7 Theatre Royal Stratford East – *Mama Goose*

Year 7 students recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Theatre Royal Stratford East to watch the festive pantomime *Mama Goose*. Despite a few challenges on the day, including rainy weather spirits remained high, and the group made the most of the experience. Accompanied by three members of staff, the students showed great resilience and enthusiasm throughout the trip, ensuring it was a memorable trip for all involved.

The performance itself was a real highlight. *Mama Goose* offered a fresh, modern take on the classic story, bursting with vibrant energy, catchy original music and stunning African-inspired costumes and set designs. The show cleverly blended humour with sharp political satire, touching on themes such as gentrification, artificial intelligence and wealth in a way that was engaging and accessible for all ages.

Students particularly enjoyed the strong audience interaction and the sense of community created throughout the performance, with plenty of laughs and moments of excitement. Overall, the trip was a great success, providing students with an enriching cultural experience and a fun, festive treat they will fondly remember.



SEND and HAF winter programme

Free Waltham Forest's Holiday Activity and Food Programme for Winter 25. Click [here](#) to find out more and if your child is entitled to attend the sessions.

Extra-Curricular Provision

Please find the ECP schedule for the first week of the Spring term 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
	LEGO Club CJ/DF Room 20	Homework Club NA Room 20	Homework Club DL Room 20	Homework Club RIC Room 20	Year 11 Biology Clinic 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 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
		Year 11 English Literature Revision 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	Year 11 Chemistry Clinic AMR Mobile Week A Only	
		Drama Club MAL Hall	History Film Club KLE Room 6		

		Key Stage 3 Futsal Club KAD/GAG Gym	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	
	11x/Ma4 Maths Intervention AUL Room 1	Year 10 Maths Action Tutoring ADO Room 4	Year 10 English Action Tutoring CAR Room 4	Year 11 Textiles coursework Club RAN Room H2
After school	Key Stage 4 Art and Photography Club ELB Room 9	Year 9 and 10 Debate Club KHN Library	Year 10 English Action Tutoring CAR Room 4	Year 10 PE BTEC Booster Sessions DIA/GAG Room 32 Week B Only
	Leyton Orient Football Club GAG Gym			11x/Sc3 Science Intervention Lab 4 IQB Week B

Have a wonderful break over the festive period, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the spring term on Monday, 5th January at the usual time of 8.15-8.30am arrival to school.



Mr. Silk
Headteacher