

Attendance Matters

I am pleased to report that our attendance remains above the national average however it is slightly lower than usual due to some unauthorised absence from family holidays/travel following the half term break. Please remember that holidays during term time will not be authorised and fixed penalty notices will be issued by the local authority.



Congratulations to 7C!

Bedrock Leaderboard

The following students have gained the most points this week and are in the top 10! Postcards will be coming your way.

1. Leila Siraz 8C → 75 points
2. Aoife Rae 8W → 66 points
3. Maryam Rizwan 8W → 50 points
4. Umme Taisir 8S → 48 points
5. Maryam Ali 8C → 47 points
6. Gabrielle Djemili-Arnold 8S → 46 points
7. Rosanna Drew Rennie 7S → 45 points
8. Ajwa Mehboob 9S → 40
9. Daria Misinchi → 38 points
10. Abigail Frimpong 7C → 37 points.

Reading Matters



Well done 8F for achieving the most minutes read since our last Reading Matters!

Top KS3 readers:

The following students are the top readers in their form class and will be awarded a postcard!

Mahnour Ali 7C, Sumaiyyah Abdul-Qadir 7F, Rosanna Drew Rennie 7S, Imaan Mohammed 7W

Zairah Ahmed 8C, Maira Riaz 8F, Sofia Abid 8S, Ozelle Villiers 8W

Dixie Donohoe 9C, Asma Waheed 9F, Ajwa Mehboob 9S, Sakeenah Parkar 9W

Achievement Points

8W are off to a strong start this half term, with 7F close behind.

23.02.26	8W	295
02.03.26		
09.03.26		
16.03.26		
23.03.26		

Assembly next week

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day with special assemblies across both KS4 and KS3. Students will be reflecting on reading for pleasure and encouraged to share recommendations and favourite books and authors with other students. Children are welcome to come dressed as a book character on the day itself - simple homemade costumes are encouraged. The English department will also be running World Book Day quizzes for Year 7, 8 and 9. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging a love of reading both at home as well as at school. We look forward to a fun week of stories and imagination!

Globe Trip

Year 10 students will be visiting [Shakespeare's Globe](#) next Wednesday afternoon to watch a live performance of [Romeo and Juliet](#). This exciting trip will bring their current study of Shakespeare to life, giving students the opportunity to experience the play as it was intended — performed on stage in the world-renowned theatre. We look forward to an inspiring afternoon that will deepen their understanding of the text and support their GCSE English studies. Students will return to and be dismissed from Leytonstone underground at approximately 4.15pm

A Parent's Guide to Life After School Workshop

As part of [InvestIN's](#) new online workshop series, Careers Unlocked, parents are invited to a special session on Tuesday 17th March designed to provide parents and guardians with advice about the options available to students after school and how students can start preparing now.

[A Parent's Guide to Life After School](#) - 17th March | 6PM (UK time)

- The realities of today's graduate job market trends and in-demand careers
- Options after school: University applications, apprenticeships and beyond
- How students can gain meaningful work experience outside of school
- Practical skills students can start building now

Explore the Careers Unlocked sessions [here](#) and register for the free workshop today!

The student version of the above information has been shared on the Year 11 Google Classroom along with this information from London School of Economics:

[LSE Insight](#), our **free online event** designed to introduce **Year 11 students from UK state schools** to the world of higher education and the opportunities available to them.

The application deadline for LSE Insight **closes on 1 March**, so please do share this opportunity with your Year 11 students to help them secure their place!

LSE Insight offers students the chance to:

- explore what university study is like at a world-leading institution
- hear directly from LSE students, academics, and admissions specialists
- learn about LSE's widening participation opportunities
- gain confidence in planning their next steps after year 11

The programme includes a student panel, a social sciences taster lecture, an introduction to LSE admissions, and practical guidance on choosing post-16 options.

Event details:

- **Saturday 28 March 2026**
- **10.30am to 3.00pm**
- **Online via Zoom**

Students who take part in the full event will also receive **special consideration** when applying for [LSE's year 12 widening participation programmes](#), and will be entered into a **prize draw** for an LSE goodie bag and hoodie.

Eligibility:

The event is aimed at **year 11 state school students** who also meet at least one widening participation criterion (eg, care-experienced, free school meals, living in an area of low higher education participation or high socioeconomic deprivation).

Full details, including criteria and application form, are on the [event webpage](#).

Careers Section

The past week has seen so many amazing workshops and visits; here's a snapshot of the fantastic events;

Coachbright

Earlier this week, we took 29 Students from Years 10 & 7 to King's College London to celebrate the culmination of their Coachbright Peer Mentoring Programme. The programme was a pilot study into how students could provide peer support to their Lower School counterparts. Over the course of 10 weeks, our Year 10s created lesson plans and schedules built around current Yr7 Maths which would enhance their academic ability while improving their own confidence in Maths.

The event on Tuesday was designed to celebrate their achievements and provide them their proverbial flowers due to their dedication, discipline and love of the game. We are so proud of them and look forward to exploring how they can utilise their newfound skills moving forward in their academic journey!



Dep of Education x Milk Honey Bees x Connaught



On Monday, four of our Y11s were provided with an exciting opportunity to engage with a Focus Group discussing the future of education and policy with the Department of Education and our long term school partner Milk Honey Bees. The focus group was learning about the strengths of the current education policies, and the improvements that should be made to ensure each student can best access their curriculum along with enhancing their wellbeing. All students were fantastic ambassadors for Connaught and we cannot wait for further opportunities to come their way!

Eze Foundation x Connaught

We are incredibly excited to announce that Connaught School are now proudly partnered with the Eze Foundation! The Eze Foundation - founded by the Arsenal & England forward Ebere Eze - operates at the intersection of community and activism, by seeking to enhancing the lived experiences of young people through career advancement, workshops and opportunities.

To celebrate this partnership, the Foundation had gifted our Connaught Football Team New Balance trainers and sports clothing as a thank you for their continued hard work and discipline! All the girls were delighted with the trainers, and were truly appreciative of the gifts. They were totally in the dark so the surprise was equally as fulfilling for the staff involved in the process!



We cannot wait to share the many more opportunities our girls will have over the next few months, including a Summer Football Tournament hosted by the main man Ebere Eze himself!



Careers Week

We are excited to share that next week will be National Careers Week! Across the country, schools and organisations will be engaged in a series of workshops, assemblies and discussions centred around Careers. The theme for 2026 is to “Own Your Future” which is a powerful and pertinent message, especially for our Year 9 cohort who have begun the process of picking their Guided Choices for GCSE’s.

We will be able to share some of the exciting workshops taking place next week, including a visit from our existing partner Tech She Can along with a fascinating trip to ABBA Arena, home to ABBA Voyage!



If you would like to support our endeavours through in-school workshops or workplace visits, please contact Mr. Kajue - christiankajue@connaught-cloud.co.uk. We would be delighted to welcome as many external contacts as possible, to further enhance the learning experiences and cultural capital of our young people!

GALENTINES (revisited)

Our Galentines Disco will be held on the 26th March! It will feature a DJ, food to purchase along with a Photobooth and lots of giveaways.

Tickets will be available from Monday 2nd March 2026, in the Canteen from Mr. Kajue or a Year 11 Peer Mentor.



School Iftar 2026

Connaught School for Girls is preparing to hold an Iftar event for students and parents/carers on **Monday 9th March, 5pm - 7.00pm** in the main school hall. Many of our school community will be observing Ramadan and in line with our value of inclusion, we would like to take the opportunity to share this with our students. There are 120 tickets only available on a first come first serve basis.

The tickets will cost **£6.00**, which will include a full Halal iftar meal of: vegetable samosa, chicken roast, kebabs, chicken biryani chutney salad and a vegetarian option. We are asking for desserts to be donated this year to support the event and we ask for a small donation for the desserts separately.

We plan to donate the excess amount raised to *Save The Children Gaza Emergency Appeal* to support those in need. There will be donation buckets available on the evening if those attending would like to make an extra voluntary contribution.

The event order will be as follows:

- Students start arriving at 5.00pm and enter from Connaught Road entrance
- All seated by 5.30pm
- 10 minutes speeches - Headteacher welcome and specific students
- 5.55pm - Queue/Serving of food and be seated for 6.15pm
- Open fast with date and water at 5.58pm (Students pray)
- Eat iftar - 6pm - 7.00pm
- Start preparing to close the event for 7.00pm

If your child would like to attend, please complete the payment on the online parent pay system and this will confirm their place for the event. Please put in writing to your child's Head of Year, if you will be collecting your child at 7.00pm. We welcome contributions and support from our parents, please get in touch with us at the school

Extra-Curricular Provision

Please find the ECP schedule for the Spring term below. To sign up for a club, students need to see the teacher who is leading the club in advance to sign up. If the club is at lunchtime, students need a note from them in their diary to be able to access early lunch and be able to enter the building by room 1.

	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 10 Drama Rehearsals MAL Drama Studio	Year 7 Cooking Club WAL Room H1	Year 7 Nature Club ELK Room 42	11x/Ma3 Maths Intervention PET Room 10	Rollerskating Club DIA/GAG Gym
		Year 11 Geography Intervention DES	Year 11 Sociology Intervention KAD Room 5	Badminton Club GAG Gym Week B	Crochet Club HUS Room 17

		Room 7			
		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	Drama Club MAL Hall
		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	Year 11 Drama Drop In Session MAL Drama Studio	
		Key Stage 3 Futsal Club KAD/GAG Gym	11x/Ma2 Maths Intervention ADO Room 4 Week B Only		
		11x/Ma5 Maths Intervention LAB Room 37	Dodgeball Club GAG Gym Week B		
			Year 7-10 Let's Celebrate KHL Room 39		
			Year 9 Teen Tech Awards KHN Library		
			Year 11 Spanish Intervention (Week A 11M; Week B 11N) EMA Room 40		
			Key Stage 3 Waterpainting Club ELB Room 9		
After school	11x/Ma4 Maths Intervention AUL Room 1	Year 10 Maths Action Tutoring IN Room 4	Year 10 English Action Tutoring CAR Room 4	Year 11 Textiles coursework Club RAN Room H2	Year 11 Physics and Chemistry Intervention MUJ Lab 3
	Key Stage 4 Art and Photography Club ELB Room 9	Year 9 and 10 Debate Club KHN Library		Year 10 PE BTEC Booster Sessions DIA/GAG Room 32 Week B Only	11x/Sc3 Science Intervention Lab 4 IQB Week B
	Year 10 Drama Rehearsals MAL Drama Studio	Leyton Orient Football Club GAG Gym			

Year 11 Drama
Intervention MAL
Room 8

Wishing you a great weekend,



Mr. Silk
Headteacher