

17th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. It has been a pleasure to welcome all students back following the Easter break as we begin the Summer Term. This is always a significant and purposeful term in the school calendar, and one that holds particular importance for our Year 11 students. The GCSE examination period has now begun, with Art examinations taking place this week, and Modern Foreign Language speaking exams scheduled to commence next week. As we move into this final phase of the academic year, there is a strong sense of focus and determination across the school. We look forward to supporting all of our students, and especially those in Year 11, as they approach this important milestone with confidence, resilience and ambition.

Parents will have seen my two letters sent home already this week regarding planned industrial action which will impact the school and begins next week on 21st April. I would like to confirm again that the school will be remaining fully open all of next week and all students should attend school as usual. I delivered assemblies this week to the whole school to explain that there will be some disruption to the normal day to day running of some lessons, but that the staff in school would do everything possible to mitigate the impact on their learning.

Parent/ carer survey March 2026

We place great importance on listening carefully to the views of our parents and carers, and we would very much welcome your feedback about your experience of Connaught School for Girls. Your insights are invaluable in helping us to recognise what we are doing well and, just as importantly, to identify the areas where we can continue to grow and improve. By sharing your perspectives, you play a direct role in shaping the priorities we set as a school, from the quality of teaching and pastoral support, to communication, enrichment opportunities and the overall well-being of our students.

Separately, we will also be gathering the views of students through a school-based survey, enabling us to triangulate feedback from both students and parents. This helps us to build a richer, more balanced understanding of the school experience and ensures that any improvements we make are informed by the perspectives of the whole community, allowing us to continue strengthening the quality of provision and the overall environment in which our students learn and grow.

We know that strong schools are built on strong partnerships, and meaningful engagement with parents is a vital part of that journey. When families take the time to reflect on their child's experience and provide thoughtful feedback, it enables us to make informed, evidence-based decisions that will benefit not only your own child but the wider school community. We are therefore keen to hear from as many parents and carers as possible.

Please do take a few minutes to complete our parent survey by the new extended deadline of **Wednesday 22nd April**. The survey should take no longer than **10–15 minutes to complete**. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views with us. Your voice genuinely matters, and your feedback will help us continue to build a school where every student can thrive.

Use this link [HERE](https://forms.gle/k5q9S515UGSpsbJe6) or copy and paste this link to your browser:
<https://forms.gle/k5q9S515UGSpsbJe6>

Assembly next week

Next week’s assemblies are a celebration of Earth day (22nd April 2026) and will be delivered by the Geography team.

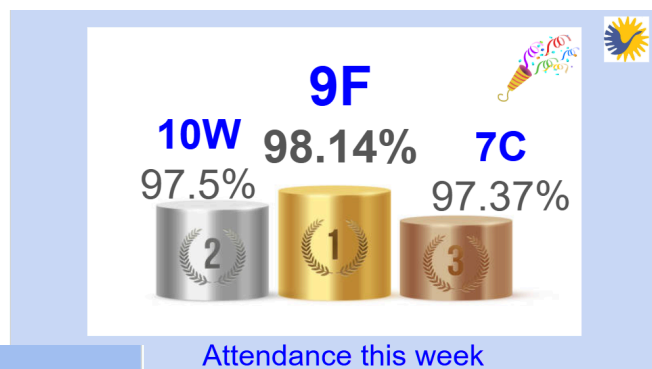
Stir Food Catering

A new catering company will be providing school meals. After a short tendering process Stir Food Catering have been awarded the contract as new provider, over the last few weeks we have been working with them on student allergen information, menus, promotional material and mobilisation. I can confirm the price of a school meal will remain the same at £2.88, We are also looking into options for students to choose from a variety of items if they prefer not to eat the set menu. Information about Stir Food can be found here at [Stir Food](#).

We are planning to launch the final menus on the school website in the coming weeks. The new catering team is now in place and after a few challenging days with the new tills, we are fully up and operational. All students have been issued with cards and navy blue lanyards. These are **compulsory to wear at all times** in school and will also be used for purchasing lunch.

Attendance Matters

A great start to the term! We have a very ambitious school target for the whole school attendance to be above 96% so it is fantastic to see student attendance for our top performing form group go over 2% higher. Well done 9F.



Achievement Points

Highest number of APs in KS3 this week:
Sofia A 8S
Ana B 7F
Ayesha K 9S

Leaderboard Summer term 1-Tutor groups		
13.04.26	8F	211
20.04.26		
27.04.26		
04.05.26		
11.05.26		
18.05.26		

Highest number of APs in KS4 this week:
Kitty-Rae C 10S
Zahraa P 10S

Bedrock Leaderboard

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

Leila 8C → 127 points
Tayba 8S → 66 points
Hiba 7C → 62 points
Ozelle 8W → 55 points
Gabrielle 8S → 52 points
Maryam 8W → 52 points
Rosanna 7S → 52 points
Eirini 7C → 46 points
Adn 7W → 45 points
Mysha 9F → 42 points

Reading Matters

Congratulations **7F** on being this week's Reading Matters Winners!

Year 8: Zairah 8C, Haniah 8F, Sofia 8S, Ozelle 8W

Year 7 theatre trip to see "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Year 7 students have studied Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" this year so it was exciting to find a theatre production of the play especially for students. We took the students to the *Unicorn Theatre* on Tuesday, 14th April. We were lucky to be allocated seats right at the front of the stage; this meant that the actors were interacting directly with the students and at some points in the play, a couple of actors were off the stage and performing alongside our row of seats.

The innovative production cleverly used a basic and plain looking stage design but brought it to life with lighting and images projected onto the stage. It also had *Creative Captions* to project the dialogue of the actors onto the backdrop behind them - using different fonts for different characters. The Athenian lovers, Lysander, Demetrius, Hermia and Helena were all well cast and doubled up as the Mechanicals. However, it was the actor who played Nick Bottom (and Egeus - with a moustache that kept falling off) that really stole the show. She used Shakespeare's comic lines to great effect but also included quite a lot of physical comedy.

The production brought a story, which students had enjoyed reading in class, to life on the stage.

Geography Year 9 and Year 8 Volcano Projects

Year 8 and Year 9 students have recently completed some fantastic volcano projects, showcasing both their research skills and creativity. Each student selected a volcano of their choice to investigate, presenting their findings in engaging and informative presentations. Alongside this, they designed and built their own volcano models, which came in a wide variety of imaginative forms. Some students even went the extra mile by creating edible models, including impressive volcano cakes and cupcakes. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and originality across both year groups.

Examples of the models:



Extra-Curricular Provision

	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 RIC 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 Photograph y 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 Nuture Club ELK Room 42	11x/Ma3 Maths Intervention PET Room 10	Year 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	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 Intervention MAL Room 8	
		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		
			Key Stage 3 Collage Club ELB Room 9		
			GCSE Art Coursework Catch Up Club		

			HOC Room 17		
After school	11x/Ma4 Maths Intervention on 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			11x/Sc3 Science Intervention Lab 4 IQB Week B
	Year 10 Drama Rehearsals MAL Drama Studio	Leyton Orient Football Club GAG Gym			
	Year 11 Spanish Intervention on EMA Room 40	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Room 8			

Wishing you a great weekend as always,



Mr. Silk
Headteacher