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5th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. As we return from the half-term break, we enter the final half-term of what has already been a highly successful and also a very eventful academic year. This is always one of the busiest periods in the school calendar, with public examinations underway, enrichment activities continuing, and preparations beginning for the year ahead. I would like to thank our students, staff, and families for their continued hard work, support, and commitment to the Connaught community. We look forward to a purposeful and productive few weeks as we approach the end of the academic year, and we have end-of-year visits, celebration events and culture day all within a few short weeks.

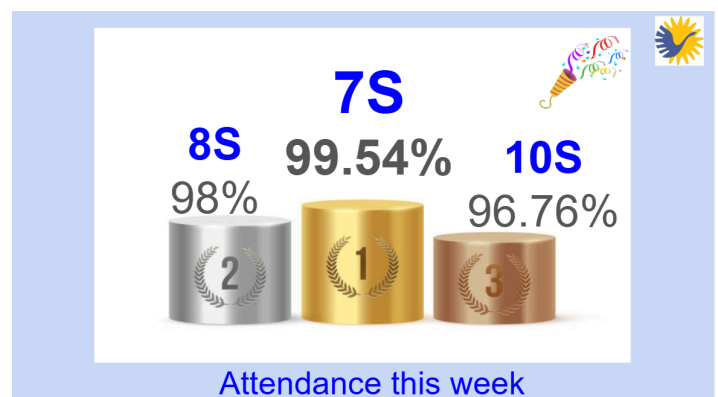
I would also like to extend my warmest wishes to all members of our community who celebrated Eid al-Adha during the half-term break. We hope that the occasion was filled with joy, reflection, and precious time spent with family and friends. Eid Mubarak to all who celebrated, and thank you for the rich diversity and sense of community that make Connaught such a special place.

Assembly week beginning 08.06.26

The assembly will be about 'My Money Week' - financial literacy

Attendance Matters

As we head into the final half term of the academic year, I would really encourage all of us to make a strong push on attendance and punctuality. We know attendance can be a complex issue for some families and young people and appreciate the support many of you provide behind the scenes each morning. At the same time, every day in school matters enormously and strong attendance gives students the very best chance of success both academically and socially.



Punctuality - Late to School

Students must arrive via the playground gate in Connaught Road before 8.30am (line up begins at 8.25am)

Students who arrive after 8.30am (when the playground gates are closed) must enter via the main reception in Dyers Hall Road and register on the Inventory system.

From 1st June 2026 we will be amending our late systems:

All students (Years 7-11) who arrive late to school (after 8.30am) will have a **same day 30 minute late detention** from 3.20 - 3.50 (Mon - Thurs)/2.20 - 2.50pm (Fri).

Parents/carers will be notified via Arbor.

Students who are **late 3 times in one week** will have a **60 minute SLT detention on Fri** (2.20 - 3.20pm)

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Supporting your daughter with friendship issues

A reminder about supporting your daughter in managing friendship issues and potential conflict. Please encourage your daughter to speak to her form tutor or Head of Year in school and/or please do contact your daughter's form tutor/Head of Year if you have further concerns.

Please do not approach students yourself outside of school, at the end of the school day for instance. If you have concerns regarding an adult from outside school making contact with your daughter please let us know. You can also contact the police via calling 111 or at <https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-us/>

Reading Matters

This week's winners is 8S! Congratulations.

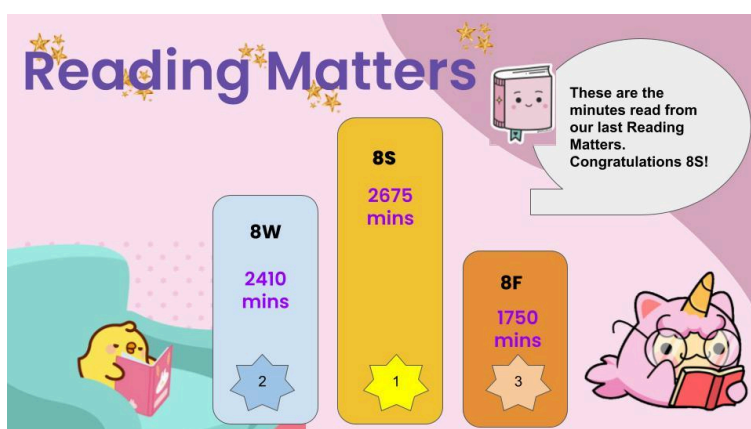
Bedrock Leaderboard - Top 10 students this week. Postcards will be awarded to each student.

1. Adn Amir 7W → 248 2. Ozelle Villiers 8W 68 3. Arisha Malik 9G → 47

4. Rosanna Drew Rennie 7S → 46 5. Matylida Lewandowska 7S → 46

6. Daria Misinschi 7W → 44 5. Maryam Rizwan 8W → 42 6. Aoife Rae 8W → 38

7. Noor Fatimah 8C → 38 8. Mayah Ahmed 9W → 36




Achievement Points

Leaderboard Summer term 2			Leaderboard Summer term 2			Leaderboard Summer term 2			Leaderboard Summer term 2		
01.06.26	7F	148	01.06.26	8F	239	01.06.26	9C	96	01.06.26	10F	96
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15.06.26			15.06.26			15.06.26			15.06.26		
22.06.26			22.06.26			22.06.26			22.06.26		
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Highest number of APs in KS3 this week:
Ozelle V 8W (17!)



Highest number of APs in KS4 this week:
Saarah A 10F
Kitty-Rae 10S
Emily D 10F
Mahira J 10F
Hadeeqa K 10W
Kerisse William 10C

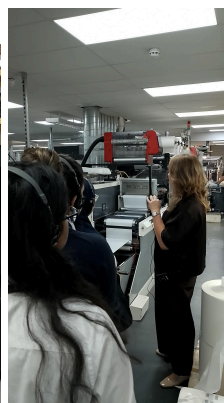
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CAREERS

Visit to Bakers Labels

This week some Y9 students visited Bakers Labels for an exciting and informative factory tour. During our visit, we learned about the wide range of labels and packaging the company produces and saw many of the machines and printers in action. We watched food pouches being manufactured and even saw packaging for some well-known brands being made, although we were sworn to secrecy about exactly which ones! We also had the opportunity to speak with some of the company's younger employees, who shared their experiences of working at Bakers Labels and explained what it is like to be an apprentice. It was a fascinating visit that gave us a valuable insight into modern manufacturing and career opportunities in the industry.



Work Shadowing Day

Last term, Connaught's Careers Department launched 'Work Shadowing Day' with our Year 9 cohort taking on a Work Insight Day alongside their parent/carer or designated adult. It was an opportunity for Year 9 students to experience a regular day within a Work Place, and identify the specific skills needed within the labour market industry.

Our Work Shadowing Day will continue this term, with our Year 8 students taking up the opportunity to learn more about the workplace in a hands-on approach. We look forward to sharing more about their experiences in the following weeks.

Below are excerpt from Darcey S (9C) on her experiences -



For my work shadowing day, I worked as a Teaching Assistant in a Reception class. Throughout the day, I supported pupils with a range of learning activities, helping them during lessons and encouraging them to remain engaged and focused on their tasks. I assisted with reading, writing, and creative activities, as well as helping to organise classroom resources and learning materials.

In addition, I supervised children during playtime and lunchtime, ensuring their safety and encouraging inclusive participation in activities. I also worked closely with several pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), including some who were non-verbal and found it challenging to remain in a classroom environment. I supported them by helping them engage with activities and providing encouragement tailored to their individual needs.

We also had students who remained in school, and took part in a School-Based workshop provided by an external company - The Hill Group - which led to a presentation focusing on sustainable planning and community regeneration.

Visit to V&A East Storehouse

On Wednesday 20th May the year 10 Textiles class got to attend a workshop at the V&A East Storehouse. We were given a tour of the storehouse and the students had to locate particular items and answer questions on them. They then got to create fashion items in groups using waste materials for the Vivienne Westwood studios!

It was a fun afternoon and the students participated really well with each activity.

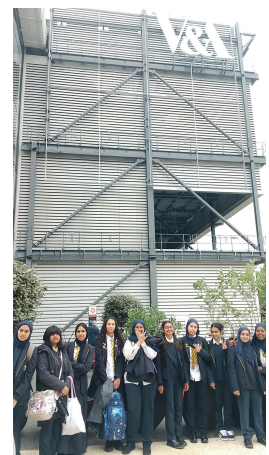
Mrs Rain

“The entire workshop was so exciting. The sheer size of the collection at the storehouse was genuinely so amazing. You could see all the care put into each and every one of the pieces and they were so thought-provoking and beautiful. The activities we did after a tour of the collection was also extremely fun - we had a chance at making our own fashion pieces using scrapped pieces and everyone came up with such clever ideas to meet the criteria. My favourite part would have to be the tour because it's seemingly endless collection is so interesting to look at.”

Tasnia Islam 10C

“The V&A East museum was very interesting and it had a lot of textiles products to symbolise different events throughout history. It was my first time going to the museum and I really enjoyed seeing all the different things they had in the museum. I enjoyed the activity when we had to make a bag out of scrap materials because it showcased our design skills that we can also use for our GCSE projects yet to come”

Hadeeqa Khan 10W



Ypres Visit

We are excited to offer students the opportunity to visit famous First World War battlefields and museums around the Belgian town of Ypres.

This educational visit is open to all students currently in Year 9 or Year 10 who will be studying GCSE History in the upcoming academic year.

Trip Dates:

Thursday 17th September – Friday 18th September

Students will depart school by coach at approximately 5:00am on Thursday morning, stay overnight in local accommodation, and return to school at approximately 10:00pm on Friday evening.

Provisional Itinerary:

Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917

British Dugout Experience

German Trench Experience

Tyne Cot British Cemetery

Langemark German Cemetery

The Brooding Soldier at Vancouver Corner

Menin Gate Memorial

Hooge Crater Museum

A visit to the Leonidas chocolate shop in Ypres



Cost & Payment Information:

The total cost of the trip will be approximately £200–£230, depending on the final number of students attending.

The following payments will be made in instalments via Arbor:

£75 deposit due before Friday 12th June

Remaining balance to be paid before the start of the summer holidays

At present, we have received 17 replies, but we need a minimum of 40 students for the trip to go ahead.

Last year we took a group of 44 students to Ypres and they had a fantastic experience, gaining valuable insight into the realities of trench warfare and the impact of the First World War. We hope many more students will take advantage of this memorable and enriching opportunity.

If you would like your child to take part in this educational visit, please pick up a letter from Mr Klemencic and return the completed form in the first week back after the half term.

Reminder: Connaught goes out

As we approach the end of the academic year our year group trips are **fast approaching**. As I have mentioned previously, these are always a real highlight of the school calendar. All are expected to join one of the visits and make lasting memories with their peers.

Chessington and Thorpe Park visits

Payment in full and consent to be received by 12th June to ensure your daughter is eligible to attend the trip. The places are filling up, and you must sort this out now to secure a place on the visit. If not, we may not be in a position to offer these visits in the future if there are not enough students wishing to go on these trips.

All students not attending Chessington/Thorpe Park will be going on the **London Walk** (no cost).

Please ensure you have completed the consent details via Arbor.

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
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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/ Games Club RIC/ SM 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 Nuture Club ELK Room 42	11x/Ma3 Maths Intervention PET Room 10	Year 10 Rollerskating Club DIA/GAG Gym
		Year 11 Geography Intervention	Year 11 Sociology Intervention KAD Room 5	Badminton Club GAG Gym Week B	Crochet Club HUS Room 17

		DES 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 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		
		Jewellery Making Club SM Room 20	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 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	Leyton Orient Football Club			

	Drama Studio	GAG Gym	
	Year 11 Spanish Intervention EMA Room 40	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Room 8	

Wishing you a restful weekend.



Mr. Silk
Headteacher