

Seize the day

EXCELLENCE. RESILIENCE. INCLUSION.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. As we move towards the final few weeks of the academic year, there is a great deal to celebrate at Connaught. The summer term is always one of the busiest and most rewarding periods of the school year, with students demonstrating not only their academic achievements but also their creativity, leadership, resilience and commitment to the wider life of the school.

You will have seen a separate letter attached to this, which outlines industrial action which is resuming at the school next Thursday, 25th June. Please see this letter for more information.

Following on from last week's update regarding mobile phones and social media, there have been further developments nationally. The Prime Minister has announced that technology companies have been given three months to strengthen protections designed to prevent children from taking, sharing or viewing inappropriate images on smartphones and tablets. Companies are being asked to make better use of existing technology to detect and block such content, with the possibility of further legislation if sufficient progress is not made. It has also been widely reported that the government is now set to legislate restrictions on under-16s' access to social media platforms. The Social Media Ban for under-16s is likely to have a significant impact on several young people. As families know, we continue to monitor developments closely and will always seek to make decisions that support our students' safety, wellbeing and learning.

As we move into the warmer weather, I wanted to draw attention to Drowning Prevention Week. There was a national week, starting on 13th June. Tragically, there have been a number of high-profile incidents involving young people losing their lives in open water across the country in recent weeks. Whilst these stories are incredibly sad, they serve as an important reminder of the dangers that rivers, lakes, reservoirs and other open water environments can present, particularly during periods of warm weather.

We would encourage families to have age-appropriate conversations with their children about water safety. Young people should never enter open water unsupervised, should avoid jumping into unknown water, and should always look out for friends and others around them. A few simple conversations can make a significant difference.

Thursday, 18th June was Thank a Teacher Day. Whilst it is always nice to have a dedicated day to recognise the work of teachers and support staff, I hope our students and families do not wait for a designated date to express their appreciation. Schools are successful because of the extraordinary commitment, care and expertise of the adults who work within them every day. A huge 'thank you' from me to all our superb and dedicated staff at Connaught School. This week, we gave a recognition award to a member of our school team who has worked at

the school for 23 years. We were very proud to see this awarded to Ms Williams and thank her for her many years of dedicated service to Connaught School. Thank you Ms Williams!

Connaught goes out/ later opening Thursday 25th June

We are all looking forward to our annual Connaught Goes Day on Wednesday (24th June). All students are expected to participate in a visit. You are still able to sign your daughter up for the London Walk visit via Arbor.

It is forecast to be very warm, please ensure your daughter brings **suncream, a hat and a water bottle.**

Please ensure you have completed the **consent forms on Arbor**, including whether you will be collecting your daughter from school or is she will be making her own way home.

Timings:

- **Year 7 and 8 - Chessington**
Students to arrive to school playground 7.30am - return to school 6.00pm
- **Year 9 and 10 - Thorpe Park**
Students arrive to school playground - 8.00am - return to school 7.30pm
- **Years 7- 10 London Walk**
Students arrive to school playground 9.00am - return to school 3.00pm

Thursday 25th June - school will commence at 10.00am (lesson 2). **Your daughter should arrive at the school playground for line up at 9.50am.**

Lammas School consultation and Open evening 17th June

On Wednesday, we invited in some families to the school in response to the consultation to close The Lammas School. The open evening was intended to be an opportunity for any parent who was concerned about the prospect of their daughter's school closing and who wanted to have an opportunity outside of working hours to see the school. We have had several parents visit during the day to do morning tours, and while we did not expect many families to need to see the school outside of school hours, it was important that this offer was there. A huge 'thank you' to the student helpers and the staff who stayed later to keep the school open for the families that came in- it was a great practice run for the much busier official open evening in September!

Art, Photography and Textiles Exhibition

On Monday, 15th June we showcased some of the brilliant work our GCSE Art, Photography and Textiles students have been working on, alongside some rising stars in KS3. The exhibition was a huge success with students, staff and families being able to see the wonderful projects and outcomes by Connaught's young artists. Very well done to all students involved!



7S Assembly - Organisation and Planning

7S have delivered the last of the year group assemblies this week - with a focus on organisation and planning. Once again, the assembly was excellently planned and successfully delivered. Year 7 got to see their peers deliver a role play, quiz and give fantastic tips to help them prepare for Year 8 and beyond. Well done to 7S and Ms Omar.

5 Organisation Tips

1 Use your planner properly <i>Write down exactly what needs doing.</i>	2 Pack your bag the night before <i>Saves stress every morning.</i>	3 Keep papers organised <i>No worksheets lost in the bottom of the bag.</i>	4 Break tasks into smaller steps <i>Big tasks become easy when chunked.</i>	5 Ask for help early <i>Don't leave problems to the last minute.</i>
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Managing Workload: Break It Down

🕒 Before
→
✅ After

"Revise Science."

*Sounds huge.
Feels overwhelming.*

10 min → Cells
10 min → Diagrams
10 min → Key words

Big tasks become manageable when broken into small steps.

Assembly week beginning 22.06.26

International Women in Engineering Day

Attendance Matters

There is a clear link between attendance and student outcomes. Young people who attend school regularly are better placed to achieve academically, build positive relationships and make the most of the opportunities available to them. Of course, we recognise that there can be occasions when attending school feels challenging. As always, we remain committed to working closely with families to provide support wherever it is needed. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and encouragement at home. Together, we can help ensure that every student makes the most of the weeks ahead and finishes the academic year positively.



Achievement Points

Congratulations to:

Two scroll graphics on a blue background. The left scroll lists the highest number of APs in KS3 this week as Rosanna D R 7S (24!). The right scroll lists the highest number of APs in KS4 this week, listing several students and their classes.

Highest number of APs in KS3 this week:
Rosanna D R 7S (24!)

Highest number of APs in KS4 this week:
Zainab F 10F
Daniela G 10S
Tasmia H 10W
Lina M 10C
Eiliyah S 10S
Sarah S 1C
Olivia S 10S
Anastasia S 10F
Cherece St O 10F

Careers

Our very own resident DJ Aleiah (9W) was busy practising for her set at our annual Culture Day Event! Big props to her for doing so well under the heat! Thank you to Ms. Agilara for the wonderful photo!

A Google Form will be shared with all students asking what songs they would like to hear during her set at Culture Day on Thursday! Keep a lookout for it soon!



MHB Playground

Our School Partners - Milk Honey Bees - have launched their HER Playground Summer Tour, which will be taking over different spots in July around London. It will be an opportunity to engage in different creative activities, ranging from Hair-Styling to Upcycling, et al!

If interested, please see Mr. Kajue for the RSVP link. Reminder this is open to girls who identify as Black and/or Biracial/Mixed Raced.



Bend It Like Beckham

Peer Mentoring Group are proud to present a free screening of the wonderful and pioneering 'Bend It Like Beckham' to all students on 25th June, immediately after Culture Day. This will be taking place in the Main Hall. Tickets are free but we would recommend collecting tickets from Peer Mentoring Group at Break or Lunch on Monday, or from Reception!



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/ 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 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		
		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 Drama Studio	Leyton Orient Football Club GAG Gym			
	Year 11 Spanish Intervention EMA Room 40	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Room 8			

Wishing you a great weekend.



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