

## RESIDENTS' CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

### Photograph

We will hire a professional photographer for the annual Connaught Hall residents' photo early one evening within the next couple of weeks. You will be able to buy prints afterwards as a reminder of your time at Connaught. Look out for signs with more details nearer the time, and make sure you're in the picture!

### Common room televisions + PS3

For those of you who didn't already know, we now have a 42-inch flat-screen tv in both the third- and fourth-floor common rooms. Each common room should also have a DVD player, and we have a PS3 with a selection of games. Please remember that this equipment is for everyone's use, so you might sometimes have to compromise on what you want to watch. And please try not to hog the television with video games if others want to watch TV.

### End of year party

We are considering holding an end of year party, maybe in early June. Contact a committee member if you have any strong views about the date for the party (i.e. when do your exams finish and when are you going home?).

### Ice cream Sunday

We have cancelled the weekly afternoon tea on Sundays owing to declining attendance. Instead, the Warden's team will host a few "ice cream Sundays" this term, serving up a range of free ice creams and toppings. The idea is the same: an opportunity for you to relax, speak with Warden's team about anything that's bothering you, enjoy a chat, meet new friends, and raise any issues for the Residents' Club or Facilities Committee to consider.

If you want some free ice creams, look out for notices advertising our first ever ice cream Sunday soon!

### Senior Member vacancies

We expect to have one vacancy for a Senior Member starting in August / September.

Senior Members are usually postgraduate students of the University. They work with the Warden and Vice-Warden, dealing with social, welfare, and disciplinary issues and covering the duty rota for out-of hours emergencies such as fire, first aid, urgent maintenance, and security problems. In return, they are provided with free accommodation for the whole year in a large *en suite* room in Hall.

If you are interested in becoming a Senior Member next year, email the Vice-Warden at [vicewarden.connaught@lon.ac.uk](mailto:vicewarden.connaught@lon.ac.uk). You will be added to an email list so that you are the first to hear about our vacancies when they are advertised.



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Remember to join the residents' website to keep up to date, give us your feedback, and download some really useful files:

[www.connaught-hall.org.uk](http://www.connaught-hall.org.uk)

## 🌿 Welcome back!

Most of you have been back in London for a few weeks now, but we hope you are feeling relaxed and refreshed from your holidays and looking forward to the rest of the term.

This Bulletin contains important messages from the Bursar's Office, Warden's team, and Residents' Club Committee. Please take a few moments to read through it. To keep up to date with everything in Hall and download essential forms and documents any time, join the website at [www.connaught-hall.org.uk](http://www.connaught-hall.org.uk).

## 🌿 Need a chat?

The summer term can be a stressful time with deadlines, exams, and preparing to leave the Hall and friends at the end of the year.

The Warden, Vice-Warden, and Senior Members are available if you want to talk things over — from noisy neighbours and revision difficulties to health or relationship problems.

Contact us *via* reception or speak to us any time you see us around the Hall.

## ❀ ❀ ❀ QUIET: SUMMER TERM EXAMS ❀ ❀ ❀

Most students will be sitting some of their most important exams this term; this is a crucial time for revision and coursework. Please be considerate of your neighbours and try to be quiet, even if your own exams have finished, so everyone can study and sleep without being disturbed. Think how annoyed you would feel if you were woken up at 2 a.m. on the day of your most important exam.

Talk to your neighbours and try to agree on quiet times. If you are disturbed by noise, speak to the person responsible and politely ask them to be a little quieter. If you can't reach agreement, or if there is a recurrent problem, talk to a member of the Warden's team. There is an on-call Duty Officer available every night, contactable *via* reception. Here are some tips to help you get on better with your neighbours during the exam season:

- ❀ **Remember that other residents may want to sleep or study at different times than you, and try to respect their needs for quiet time.**
- ❀ **Noise travels further than you might think, so talk quietly in corridors; don't let doors slam shut, and don't run or shout in hallways or stairwells. This type of noise gives rise to more complaints than does loud music.**
- ❀ **If your neighbour knocks on your door and asks you to quieten down, be polite and try to help; you might be the one asking for quiet tomorrow!**
- ❀ **Between 11 pm and 7 am you must make no noise audible from outside your room or the common rooms.**



## 🌿 Staff changes

**Alyson Mercer**, a PhD candidate in History at the ULSAS Institute of Historical Research, has replaced Laurence Wild as Senior Member on the third floor.

**Harriet Craven** moved to Connaught Hall from Nutford House as our Deputy Bursar in December. Most of you will have met Harriet by now (she collects your Hall fees!); she is usually available in the General Office during working hours.

**Bernard Leahy**, Assistant Bursar, retired in March after more than fifteen years at Connaught Hall. Staff and students alike will miss Bernie and his friendly, welcoming smile in the Bursar's Office, but of course we wish him the very best for his retirement.

**Hafsi Bakari** replaced Bernie in April as the Assistant Bursar for conferences and B&B.

## 🌿 The garden

We should like to remind residents using the garden that we have around 90 residents whose rooms face the courtyard and who may be trying to study. Please keep noise down when using the garden. Provided that noise from the courtyard does not become a recurrent problem, we will be able to keep it open as normal for the whole term.



## 🌿 Forks

During the Easter break, the kitchen purchased 120 new forks (for the third time this year). More than half of these went missing during the first two days of term in April. We cannot afford to keep replacing forks so frequently, so if you have any Hall cutlery in your room, please return it to the dining hall as soon as possible; and remember that we ask you not to remove cutlery or crockery from the dining hall at any time.

## 🌿 Bathroom hygiene

We really need all residents to help keep the bathrooms clean for everyone's benefit. Disinfectant is provided in toilet stalls so you can hygienically wipe the toilet seat with a small amount of toilet tissue instead of lining the seat with lots of paper, which often makes a mess. Female residents should remember to use the bags provided when disposing of sanitary waste; failure to use a bag reduces the functional capacity of the sanitary bins.

## 🌿 Smoking

Please remember that smoking anywhere inside the Hall is prohibited by law in England. You could be fined if caught.