

RESIDENTS' CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Photograph

We will hire a professional photographer for the annual Connaught Hall residents' photo. You will be able to buy prints afterwards as a reminder of your time at Connaught. The date is provisionally set for **Thursday 3 May** at **5.30pm**, but look out for signs with more details nearer the time.

Common room televisions

For those of you who didn't already know, we have a new 42-inch plasma TV in the third-floor common room. There is also a working television in the fourth-floor common room.

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?).

☘ Stressed out?

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.

☘ Senior Member vacancies

We expect to have three or four vacancies for Senior Members starting in September. We are not yet able to advertise these vacancies because the University of London is presently reviewing the job description and recruitment process for Senior Members.

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. Pay and benefits include a large *en suite* room in Hall, a small salary, and a payment for each duty shift worked; these conditions may be subject to change.

If you are interested in becoming a Senior Member next year, email the Vice-Warden at 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

🌿 Welcome back!

We all hope you are relaxed and refreshed from your holidays and looking forward to the new 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 documents any time you need them, join the residents' website at www.connaught-hall.org.uk.

🌿 New Bursar

Andrew Clare, previously the Bursar at Commonwealth Hall, took over the role of Bursar from Lesley Oliver on 2 April. You will see more changes in the staffing of the Bursar's Office over the next few months as Andrew and his team prepare to manage Connaught Hall and the refurbished College Hall (re-opening in September) jointly from one site. Andrew Clare already knows Connaught Hall very well; he was a Deputy Bursar here 1995-2002. He and all the staff wish Lesley well in her future endeavours.

❀ ❀ ❀ 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.***



🌿 Weekend dinner

The dining hall is now open for an extra 15 minutes on Saturday & Sunday evenings, so dinner is served 5.45 – 6.45 at the weekend.

🌿 Bathroom hygiene

The toilets and showers are cleaned seven days a week, but several residents have complained that by the end of the day the facilities can be quite unpleasant. We really need all residents to help keep the bathrooms clean for everyone's benefit.

We've provided extra bottles of skin-safe disinfectant 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 please remember to use the bags provided when disposing of sanitary waste; failure to use a bag reduces the functional capacity of the sanitary bins.

🌿 Microwave ovens

Cloths are now provided in every pantry for you to clean the microwave before and/or after use. Please respect your neighbours and help to keep these facilities clean.

🌿 Laundrette refunds

The Facilities Committee found that many residents were not aware that the Bursar's Office can issue refunds for money lost in laundrette machines. Simply report the problem to the Bursar's Office during working hours and you should get a refund within a few days.



🌿 Environment

Both the Residents' Club Committee and the Facilities Committee want to encourage you to help the environment. Some simple things you can do include:

- ❀ If you're the last person to leave the common room, turn off the lights and television.
- ❀ Turn your electrical appliances off instead of leaving them in standby.
- ❀ Switch off the lights in your room during the day and when you go out.
- ❀ Don't leave the tap running when you brush your teeth.
- ❀ Use the half flush facility available on most toilets in Hall.
- ❀ Collect your waste paper and empty cans & bottles and take them once a week to the recycling bins outside ULU (on Byng Place).

