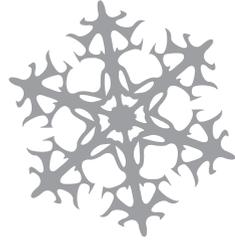




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**CONNAUGHT HALL**



# WINTER BULLETIN

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## KEEP IN TOUCH...

This bulletin contains important messages from the Bursar's Office, Warden's team, and Residents' Club Committee. Please take a few moments to read it now. To keep up to date with Hall news and activities, get answers to FAQs, and download important documents, visit [www.connaught-hall.org.uk](http://www.connaught-hall.org.uk).

We really want to hear your opinions, and it's important for us to keep you informed too, so make sure you tell the Bursar's Office if you change your email address. Send your ideas and comments about any aspect of life in Hall to [suggestions@connaught-hall.org.uk](mailto:suggestions@connaught-hall.org.uk).



## THE WARDEN'S TEAM

The Warden and five Senior Members are in Hall to promote your welfare, deal with noise and disciplinary problems, and encourage a supportive, inclusive community environment and active social life. They can help with any concerns you have about life in Hall, college work, or living in London.



You can see the Warden without an appointment at his open office sessions advertised on posters around the Hall, or visit the Warden's team web page at [warden.connaught-hall.org.uk](http://warden.connaught-hall.org.uk).

The Wardens' team email address is [wardens.team@connaught-hall.org.uk](mailto:wardens.team@connaught-hall.org.uk).

## Hush!!!

Noise is by far the most common complaint about life in Hall: the Warden's team receives two or three complaints every week about noise. Please be considerate of your neighbours, especially in quiet time

between 11pm and 7am. Avoiding loud music and TV is one obvious thing you can do to help, but also remember that voices and the noise from doors closing travel a long way down the corridor and can disturb lots of people.

## The garden & smoking area

We want you to enjoy using the garden but please remember that about a quarter of rooms in Hall face onto the courtyard; noise and smoke from the garden can disturb students in these rooms.

disturbed more than two nights every week by noise from the garden, and a quarter frequently had a problem with cigarette smoke.

After several complaints from students in courtyard-facing rooms, we carried out a survey. Half of the 23 residents who responded said they are

If complaints continue, we may have to close the garden earlier on weekdays; but we should be able to avoid this if everyone is careful to keep noise to a minimum when using the garden, and to smoke only in the smoking area.

# Residents' Club Committee

## TALENT SHOW: 27th NOVEMBER

Enter the talent show: all acts are welcome - music, singing, dancing, comedy, video - anything entertaining! The bar will be open until 2am. Contact Aria for details or to enter: [entertainment@connaught-hall.org.uk](mailto:entertainment@connaught-hall.org.uk).

## SUNDAY FOOTBALL

James is organising weekly five-a-side football in Regent's Park. Meet at 2pm on Sundays. Contact James for info: [sports@connaught-hall.org.uk](mailto:sports@connaught-hall.org.uk).

## MINUTES & ACCOUNTS

Minutes of Committee meetings and updates on the Club's financial situation are posted on the noticeboard to the left of the lift in reception.

## CONTACT THE COMMITTEE

Your Residents' Club Committee is elected to represent you. Contact them if you want help raising a complaint, or with suggestions for parties, societies, or social and sporting events. Email [committee@connaught-hall.org.uk](mailto:committee@connaught-hall.org.uk).

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

We need eight student representatives on the Facilities Committee: a forum for residents to express their views on catering, maintenance, security, and housekeeping services. Email [facilities.committee@connaught-hall.org.uk](mailto:facilities.committee@connaught-hall.org.uk) before 26 November if you want to join, or visit [facilities.connaught-hall.org.uk](http://facilities.connaught-hall.org.uk) for more information.

## MEALS IN THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

The kitchen at Connaught Hall will close after dinner on 23rd December and will reopen for brunch on 2nd January.

Meals for Connaught Hall residents will be provided at International Hall from 24th to 28th December and at Hughes Parry Hall from 29th December to 1st January. Remember to take your Hall ID with you.

## SECONDS AT DINNER TIME

Feel free to ask for "seconds" of your evening meal a few minutes before the end of service (7pm Mon-Fri, 6.45 Sat & Sun), but no earlier, please, to ensure there is enough food for everyone who wants "firsts"! We at Connaught Hall fought hard with the catering company for you to be allowed any seconds at all, so don't spoil things by taking seconds too early. And please be respectful of the catering staff: there is no excuse for being rude to them.

## ACCOMMODATION FEES

If you have not yet paid your fees, please speak to someone in the office as soon as possible. Remember that cash payment is only taken in the office at Hughes Parry Hall; most students find it's best to pay online at <https://epay.london.ac.uk>.

# CHRISTMAS



## DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Thursday 3rd December 7 pm

Come and help decorate the Hall Christmas tree at reception to a backing of cheesy seasonal tunes, with mulled wine and mince pies for everyone who joins in! We will also need some help to decorate the Christmas tree in the dining hall.



## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

We have been very fortunate at Connaught Hall for the last few years to have had a number of talented and generous musicians and singers who have volunteered to perform while residents are filing into the dining hall at the start of Christmas dinner, then in between the main course and pudding, and finally playing Christmas carols after dinner for everyone to sing along. You don't have to play typical Christmas music: jazz or other chilled out stuff would also be great.



If you sing or play an instrument and you would like to perform in the dining hall at Christmas dinner on 11th December, email [committee@connaught-hall.org.uk](mailto:committee@connaught-hall.org.uk) with details of what you would like to do.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY

Friday 11th December 6 pm for dinner then party in the bar 8pm - 2 am

**Dress for both events: smart, preferably dinner jacket or lounge suit**

At 6pm – a special, traditional Christmas dinner served at your table in the dining hall with wine, music, and Christmas crackers. Please inform reception by Friday 4th December if you want a vegetarian meal, so we know how many to prepare. Christmas dinner at Connaught Hall is always really good fun – one of the highlights of the year, so don't miss it!



From 8pm – the Christmas party is guaranteed to end the term on a high. The bar will be specially decorated and we'll have a live DJ and a dance floor.

