



UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
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From the Warden

Survey results

Thank you for all your responses to the residents' survey. A summary of the results is now posted in reception and online. I am publishing some of the free text responses and the action we are taking based on the survey results at blog.connaught-hall.org.uk.

Senior Members

We have two vacancies for Senior Members to start in July. Senior Members are usually postgraduate students who assist me in promoting residents' welfare, maintaining discipline, and fostering a supportive community environment. Free accommodation is provided in a single room; en-suite rooms are available on payment of an upgrade fee of approximately £35/week. Information about the Senior Member role, details of how to apply, and copies of the application form are available at vacancies.connaught-hall.org.uk.

Need a chat?

April - June can be a stressful time with coursework deadlines, exams, and preparing to leave the Hall and all your friends at the end of the year. The Senior Members and I are available if you want to talk things thorough - anything at all - just ask.

Quiet during exams

Please be especially considerate of your neighbours over the next few months and try to be quiet. Even if your own exams have finished, others will still have work to do. Think how annoyed you would feel if you were woken up in the middle of the night before your most important exam.

✿ Talk to your neighbours and try to agree on quiet times. If you can't reach agreement, or if there is a recurrent problem, talk to a Senior Member.

✿ 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. Please keep noise down in the garden.

✿ 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.

🌸 From the Bursar's Office 🌸

Security reminder

To protect your property, please remember to always lock your door whenever you leave your room and - if you live on the ground floor or basement - keep all valuables, laptops, etc., away from the window.

Smoking

We have had to write to quite a few residents recently about smoking. Under both English law and University regulations, smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the Hall, nor on first-floor balconies or the steps outside the front door. We will inform the Warden of persistent offenders.

Hall fees

Fees for the third term are due before 14th April. Please ensure you have a payment plan set up by then. If you're having difficulty paying your fees, talk to us in the Bursar's Office so we know what's happening: we will do our best to help but we can only do so if you keep us informed.

Remember, the easiest way to pay is online at <https://epay.london.ac.uk>. If you have already set up an online monthly or termly payment plan earlier in the year, you don't need to do anything more now.

Readmissions

The Intercollegiate Halls Accommodation Bureau have asked us to mention that the readmissions process has closed and no further applications will be accepted. If you need help finding somewhere to live next year, you should contact University of London Housing Services or visit their website at housing.london.ac.uk.

If all else should fail, there is a waiting list for accommodation in the intercollegiate halls; the waiting list opens in September. Details are posted online at halls.london.ac.uk.

Dining hall rules & ID

🌸 The serving staff are asked to check ID for everyone requesting a meal. Make sure you take your Hall ID card every time you use the dining hall. If you have lost yours, visit the Bursar's Office for a replacement.

🌸 Be considerate of your fellow residents and dress reasonably for meal times. Bare feet and night wear are not appropriate.

🌸 If all the knives & forks are in students' bedrooms, we won't have enough for everyone in the dining hall. Please return any cutlery you might have taken away from the dining hall. We cannot afford to keep replacing it.

From the Residents' Club Committee

Annual general meeting

The Residents' Club AGM is on **Thursday 18th March at 7pm** in the dining hall. Each of the five elected officers has submitted a written report and residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and vote on the reports at the AGM.

You can view the officers' reports on the notice board in reception or online at committee.connaught-hall.org.uk.

Amsterdam trip

Payment for the trip to Amsterdam (27th to 31st March) was due on Wednesday. If any spaces have become available through non-payment, Aria will advertise these for residents and guests in the next few days. You can email Aria for more information at entertainment@connaught-hall.org.uk.

Year photograph

We will organise a group photograph in May - like the ones in reception - and you will be able to buy prints online for just a few pounds to remember your year in Hall. Look out for posters advertising the date and make sure you are in the picture!

Talent show & party

The last Connaught Hall talent show of 2009-10 and the last major party of the year will be on **Friday 26th March**.

Sign up your act on the notice board on the stairs to the basement. After the talent show the bar will be open late and of course we'll have our very own DJ again!

Football heros!

The Connaught Hall team came runners up in the intercollegiate halls soccer tournament - well done to Will, Tom, Mick, Dave, George, Damini, and Ilk for putting in such a good effort after forming a team in just 48 hours!

Connaught Hall library

Matthew has set up the Connaught Hall library with a selection of classic fiction and London walking tours available to borrow. Details of how to borrow books will be posted soon.

Bar glasses

Please return any glasses from the bar you might have in your room - we can't operate without glasses, and we can't afford to keep buying more!