

Email update from the Warden

To warden@connaught-hall.org.uk

Dear Dr Adrian Clark

I hope you have enjoyed your first few days / weeks at Connaught Hall and in London. It has been a real pleasure for me to meet so many new residents in the last few weeks. If we haven't met yet, please do come and say hello soon!

Below are some updates and announcements that I hope you will find useful.

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Social reception  
Sunday 27th September

Concluding this week of floor parties is a social reception for everyone in the dining hall, from 19:45 today. Complimentary wine, soft drinks, and snacks will be served.

I hope you can join us and this will be a good time for you to relax after your first few days at college. Come for a chat, meet some new people, and use the opportunity to ask me or the senior members any questions you have.

At 8:30, I will speak very briefly formally to welcome everyone to the Hall (now we're all here).

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ABC (anything but clothes) freshers' party  
Friday 2nd October

This is the biggest Connaught party of the year. Don't miss it! The bar will be open till 1am, and we'll have a DJ until 1:30. Come wearing "anything but clothes".

(Don't let the dress code put you off: you will be just as welcome to come in your normal clothes!)

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Residents' Club Committee elections  
Nominations open now; closing date 6pm Sunday 4th October  
Speeches, voting, and count from 6:45pm on Wednesday 7th October

The Residents' Club Committee is made up of five elected Hall residents: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sports Officer, and Entertainment Officer; the Warden and the Bar Manager are also members of the Committee. The Committee runs the bar and organises various social and sporting functions, funded by the subscriptions which all residents pay; this income is also used to provide newspapers and magazines.

Joining the Committee is a great way to get involved in the life of the Hall, meet lots of people, and make the most of your time here. It's also a really good addition to your CV and can add weight to your application for re-admission to Connaught Hall next year.

I strongly urge you to consider standing for election ? or if that's not your thing, get involved and talk to the new committee once they're elected. Shape the Hall's social life this year the way you want it to be!

Visit <http://election.connaught-hall.org.uk> for more information and to nominate yourself as a candidate in the election. If you're thinking of standing for election, see an important note below about the table tennis and football tables in the Bell room.

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Bar staff vacancies

Connaught Hall Bar is run by the elected Residents? Club Committee under my supervision, and managed by Benjy, our student Bar Manager. Everyone who works behind the bar is a student resident in Hall. So it?s your bar, run for you by you.

Benjy will be advertising vacancies to work at the bar later this week. Look out for posts on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/ConnaughtHall20152016>) and posters around the Hall for details of how to apply.

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Smoking outside the front of the Hall

If you smoke, please take a moment to check the attached poster, which shows the area where smoking is not allowed on and around the front steps.

If you're outside the front of the Hall late at night, please keep in mind that many residents have windows facing the square and could be woken up if there's a lot of noise outside.

ATTACHMENTS: 3. Smoking.pdf & 4. Noise.pdf

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Medical details

I hope you have had a chance now to register with a GP (doctor) in the local area. If you have, please update the records we hold on your medical details form: call into the office behind reception during working hours, or email details of your new GP to [info.connaught@london.ac.uk](mailto:info.connaught@london.ac.uk).

Now that you've moved in and got to know us a little, you might also feel more comfortable disclosing medical conditions to us. Again, you can do this in person or via email.

If it's easier for you, you can also just re-send us a completed, updated medical details form.

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Mini-coolers / fridges

If you're confused about what is allowed re. fridges and mini-coolers, or if you're looking to buy one and unsure what kind to choose, the best thing to do is speak in person either the Alice or Julie (in the office during working hours) or to me (usually in the dining hall around 7:15pm). We can be a lot more helpful in a verbal discussion than we can by email or via Facebook.

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Personal safety

I've attached our top tips for personal safety in London. Now you've had a chance to settle in, it's a good time to quickly review these to help ensure this year is a safe and happy one.

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Connect with us!

To be sure you don?t miss out on events, opportunities, tips, and important announcements be sure to connect with us online. We also love it when you tag us and ask questions via social media ? so everyone else can benefit from the answers, too. Interact with us through all our social media channels. The attachment lists all our social media channels and

groups.

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Broken table tennis & football tables

Sadly, both the table tennis table and the table football in the Bell room have been broken. It looks like completely accidental damage, so we're not calling in vandalism or anything horrible like that.

Equipment like this is the responsibility of the elected Residents? Club Committee. The outgoing committee are looking into the possibilities for repairing both tables this week, but early feedback is that it may not be possible to repair them. Replacing them will require significant expenditure. The outgoing committee don't want to spend half the new committee's budget before they are even elected (on 7 October).

So if you are standing for election next week, think about what you would like to do ? if elected ? about replacing these bits of equipment. Ideally, we would need to spend about £500 to £800 per item to replace them with kit that will last more than a few months of heavy use. Spending that much, however, will significantly eat into the social budget for the year. How do you want to deal with this? Talk about it in your manifesto!

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As always, let us know if we can help with anything. Use our email suggestion box to send us any ideas, comments, complaints, or feedback about anything in Hall: suggestions@connaught-hall.org.uk - and of course you are very welcome to speak with me or Alice (Hall Manager) any time.

If you're not sure who might be best able to help you, our "how can we help you" poster will point you in the right direction: <http://www.connaught-hall.org.uk/documents/Connaught-Hall-help-and-advice.pdf>.

Have a great week - and remember to come and say hello if we haven't met yet!

Yours sincerely

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