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Dear Parents,

Thirty members of staff attended the Learning Trust Educators' awards ceremony at the Tower Hotel, St Katharine's Dock on Monday evening this week. They were supporting their colleagues who had been selected as finalists in the following categories:

Outstanding Teacher of the Year (Secondary / Special) – Ms Ebejer (Maths) and Ms Wilburn (PE)

Leader of the Year (Secondary / Special) – Mrs Gray

Although no-one brought a trophy home, it was a wonderful celebration of success in Hackney schools attended by over 300 members of staff from primary and secondary schools across the borough.

A special part of the evening was being there to enjoy the solo singing performance of our Year 10 pupil, **Maya Britto**, that formed part of the musical entertainment for the evening – she was an absolute star!

### **Year 7 Mass: report from Fr Dzagdu**

The theme of the Year 7 Mass on Wednesday 3 March was Forgiveness. The message given emphasised a reflection on the healthy relationships that the students enjoy with their families and friends in school. These relationships are only possible because mum, dad or sibling has forgiven them. When the students were younger, this forgiveness was given them automatically on the basis that they did not know what they were doing. As they have grown older, and they know what they are doing, it becomes necessary to say 'sorry' and ask for forgiveness when they have erred. Like the tax collector in Lk 18, let us acknowledge our wrongs before our families, friends and before God, in order to have and maintain healthy relationships with them. In Ephesians 4, Paul includes telling lies, anger, theft, shouting and use of insulting language among the things that we can do wrong. May the Lenten season offer an opportunity for identifying and acknowledging our wrongs and asking for forgiveness from God.

### **Charity Collection – update from Tanya Williams, Charity prefect**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection over the past two weeks. We raised £39.50 for The Cardinal Hume Centre and £44.31 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

### **Young Writers' Competition – Ms. Rigby, English Department**

Fifteen pupils from Year 9 have been successful in Young Writer's latest creative writing competition, *Mini Sagas*:

<i>Looking For The Ocean</i>	<b>Nina Wolinska</b>	Winner	<b>Sarah Sheawuo</b>
<i>What Happens Next ?</i>	<b>Hazel-Ann Simon</b>	<i>A Small Fish</i>	<b>Monika Staniulyte</b>
<i>Temptations</i>	<b>Stephany Rojas Restrepo</b>		
<i>Man Eater</i>	<b>Atinuke Dickson</b>	<i>Untitled – Help! Help!</i>	<b>Giselle Barrera</b>
<i>The Wishing Coin</i>	<b>Steffi-Joy Maranan</b>	<i>Black and Blue</i>	<b>Vanessa Aglagoh</b>
<i>A Mermaid's Anger</i>	<b>Louisa Danquah</b>	<i>Brownie!</i>	<b>Teresa Theodore</b>
<i>Untitled – I Could</i>	<b>Catriona Neville</b>	<i>I Love You</i>	<b>Annie Martin</b>
<i>First Kiss</i>	<b>Alma White Ruiz</b>	<i>Untitled – As Claire</i>	<b>Buki Osofisan</b>

These pupils' stories will be published in *Mini Marvels London* and entered into the next stage of this national competition.

**Congratulations!**

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### **Speak Out Challenge - Ms. Buck**

Over two days 50 girls in year 10 had the opportunity to take part in the Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge. The girls were engaged in a full day workshop where they learnt the values of public speaking and the main aspects needed to be successful in communicating in any public forum. The girls had the opportunity to work on improvisation skills as well as create their own speech to compete for a spot in the regional Speak Out Challenge. Both days were a success and six girls are now competing for the two places in the finals. They will all present their final speeches in assembly next week. Well done and good luck to all!

**Veronica Philips 10H**

**Chinelle Randall 10J**

**Christie Waku 10M**

**Goldy Massamba 10J**

**Brenda Kola 10M**

**Rochelle Baptiste-Peter 10P**

### **Year 12 Parents' Evening – Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> March – 5.00 to 7.00pm**

Parents of pupils in year 12 have been notified already of their forthcoming parents' evening. Please make every effort to attend this important opportunity for consultation. The evening closes at 7.00pm so the latest realistic time for arrival is 6.15pm., otherwise you may find that staff are not available.

### **Year 8 Netball Team Winners**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February Our Lady's hosted a three way Year 8 Netball tournament between themselves, Bridge Academy and Clapton Girls. Although the weather wasn't that bright it stopped raining long enough for the games to go ahead.

Our Lady's won both their games convincingly, 6-0 v Bridge and 7-1 v Clapton, putting them into first place. Well done to the following players that took part: **Taiwo Walcott, Kehinde Walcott, Leigh-Ann Quist, Elizabeth Okoye, Vernessa Adjodha, Jessica Inzani, Samantha Londono, and Lara Sufianu.**

### **East London Indoor Athletics Finals**

After four competitions in Hackney the Year 8 Indoor Athletics team was placed first and so qualified for the East London Final. This took place last Thursday at Newham Sport's centre with seven other qualifying teams from different east London Boroughs, along with many other teams of different age groups.

The competition was much harder and the level was very high compared to local competition, but the girls did their best and came in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. Some notable performances were – Taiwo 4<sup>th</sup> in Shot, Elizabeth 3<sup>rd</sup> in Triple Jump, Leigh-Ann 2<sup>nd</sup> in Vertical Jump, Moyo 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2 lap race, and Taiwo and Kehinde 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parlaaf. Well Done to all who took part.

Team – **Akalia Bamigbade, Lara Sufiana, Samantha Doyle, Taiwo Walcott, Elizabeth Okoye, Kehinde Walcott, Leigh-Ann Quist and Moyo Kalesanwo**

### **Attendance and Punctuality – Information from Dr Blackwell**

The table below shows the Form within each year group achieving the best attendance and the form achieving the best punctuality for the week ending February 26th. Congratulations to these Forms. A special mention to 10J with 100% Attendance.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7H	99.3	7H,J	99.3
Year 8	8J	98.7	8H	97.3
Year 9	9H	98.4	9H	96.8
Year 10	10J	100	10P	97
Year 11	11J	96.2	11J	93.4

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Gray  
Head Teacher