



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

"Shaping Tomorrow, Inspired by Faith"

06/02/2018

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Progress 8, GCSE Studies and Behaviour & Safety Outside of School

Progress 8

I am delighted to be able to share with you the amazing achievements of our 2017 GCSE cohort, many of whom are currently studying in our Sixth Form. Their hardwork and determination allowed them to achieve excellent results, and the recently published School Performance Tables show that these results place Our Lady's in a very select group of high performing schools; we gained a Progress 8 score of **+0.5**.

GCSE Studies

If our current GCSE students in Year 10 and Year 11 commit themselves to their studies in the same manner as our Year 12 students did, we can expect them to perform equally as well, if not better. We expect to see our GCSE students in Study Prep which is available after school 3.30pm to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and in the morning 7.30am to 8.30am Tuesday to Friday. Mr Shine, Head of Year 11 has shared with the students the range of interventions available to support their learning and this will be updated as the year continues. Materials distributed at the Year 11 Information Evening, which was focused on revision and support for GCSEs, is available on our website.

Behaviour & Safety Outside of School

On a less positive note, unfortunately last week I have received more than one report from members of the public about the behaviour of students in the younger years on their way home and in Sainsbury's. Not only have some of our students been behaving in a rude and disorderly manner, but they have also come close to causing accidents on Stamford Hill and Amhurst Park, by running across the road and paying little attention to their own safety or that of others. I know that this will only be a small number of students, but no member of the public should be upset, or placed in danger, by our students.

Unfortunately, a larger number of students involved themselves in an incident on Friday. Some of the younger girls have developed a very unpleasant habit: a minor issue may occur between two individuals, that could be quickly and easily resolved, but other girls insist on getting involved and crowding an individual in an unsafe and intimidating manner. This is such an unpleasant and unnecessary habit. We supervise the students exit from school and the local bus stops. But when students take it upon themselves to congregate away from school and cause a public disturbance

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they must realise that they are putting themselves at great risk and are actively bringing the school into disrepute.

We have made our expectations with regard to behaviour in school, on school trips and outside of school very clear. These standards remain constant wherever they are. Outside the school there is a zebra crossing and a set of traffic lights and students must ensure they use these to cross the road safely. I know that these messages will have been made very clear to them by you at home, by their primary school and by us throughout the time they have been here. **However, I would be most grateful, for your daughter's own safety, that you take the time to reiterate these messages about behaviour, road safety and the importance of students going straight home at the end of the day.**

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justine McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a hand-drawn rectangular box.

Ms Justine McDonald
Headteacher