



**OUR LADY'S CONVENT
HIGH SCHOOL**

"Shaping Tomorrow, Inspired by Faith"

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

International Women's Day Thursday 8th of March: Literacy Competition and Non-Uniform Day.

To celebrate women's international day on Thursday 8th of March we will be having a literacy competition after school from 3.15 to 4.30 pm. Students from all Year groups are invited to take part in the literacy competition. They could read a poem they have written, read a short story, or act out a short play they have created.

Anyone who would like to enter the competition needs to register their name at reception by the end of the day on Monday 5th of March. Auditions will take place on Tuesday 6th of March from 3.15 to 4.30 pm, with successful performers then invited to a dress rehearsal taking place on Wednesday 7th of March from 3.15 to 4.30 pm. Students will be able to stay behind and watch the literacy competition but they will need to purchase a ticket from reception for a minimum donation of £1. We only have a limited number of tickets available and they will be sold on a first come first served basis. We are delighted that Hackney based poet, Amelia Grant, will be performing one of her poems and will also be one of the judges on the evening.

We will also be having a non-uniform day and students are encouraged to wear black in support of the "Me Too" campaign. The "Me Too" campaign is highlighting the harassment that women face in their lives, especially in the workplace. The [World Health Organization](#) have estimated that one-third of all women worldwide are victims of sexual harassment at work, and a 2017 poll by [ABC News](#) and [The Washington Post](#) also found that 54% of American women report receiving "unwanted and inappropriate" sexual advances with 95% saying that such behaviour usually goes unpunished.

It is essential for all of the students at Our Lady's, who will be the leaders of the next generation to be aware of the issues and the discrimination that exists in the world so that they can shape tomorrow, inspired by faith.

All money raised from the non-uniform day and the sale of tickets to the literacy competition will go towards Mind, a charity that supports all people with mental health problems.

Yours Sincerely,

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