



7th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! After a summer we return to some normality post restrictions, although some will continue. I hope you all managed to spend some time with your families. During the summer we had a variety of events taking place at school, very successful summer schools for our new Year 7s and selected Year 8s as well as celebrating fantastic results at GCSE and A Level.

I am delighted to be working here at Our Lady's. Mr English and I have very much enjoyed working with staff in preparation for the new term and welcoming back the girls and our lovely new Year 7. We look forward to meeting with parents/carers and introducing you to the "First Friday", a virtual meeting with parents/carers and a forum for you to raise concerns or to share what you think is going well. The first of these events will take place on Friday, 1st October at 10am. Further details to follow.

I am also writing to update you on the summer exam results. As you will be aware, the results this year were as a result of Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs). The outcomes for both GCSE and A Level were outstanding and we are very proud of our students who worked tirelessly to achieve their goals. Details are as follows:-

- Progress 8 score : 0.5
- Proportion of students securing 9-4 in English and Maths: 70%
- Percentage 9-4 Maths: 72%
- Percentage 9-4 Best English: 90%
- Percentage securing 9-4 in two Sciences: 90%

We are very proud of them all. Students who were especially successful at GCSE included: Priscilla Nana-Sakyi with 9 Grade 9s and 1 grade 8, Doris Mbakwe with 8 grade 9s and 2 grade 8s, Bobola Agboola with 5 grade 9 and 4 grade 8s, and Charlotte Rowley with 1 grade 9 and 7 grade 8s. These grades were in addition to a whole range of other outstanding grades.

At A Level, the school continues to secure exceptional progress and were again secured an ALPS 2, or an Outstanding grade. This has been a year of significant challenges for both students and staff, managing both the demands of COVID and embedding post 16 changes. All are to be congratulated for the hard work and resilience needed to secure these results. The outcomes were:

- A-A* grades - 28%
- A*-B grades - 56%
- A*-C grades - 83%
- A*-D grades - 96%



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Vocational Triple Award (Health and Social Care)

D*D*D*/D*D*D - 57%

DDD and above - 100%

Vocational Double Award (Health and Social Care and Business)

D*D*/D*D - 91.3%

D*D*/DD - 95.7%

Special congratulations goes to Aasha Hussain, Denise Shabani who secured 3 A* grades. Congratulations also to Kimberley Santos Rodrigues who secured 2A*1A, Laura Albuquerque who secured 1 A* and 3A grades, and Lithurshana Arulrasa and Deborah Gansall who gained 3A grades. Similarly, students on vocational courses have excelled, including all those who secured D*D*D*; Venora Buachie, Christine Mendy and Oluwanifemi Oyelaja, and Ummehani Pathan who secured D*D*D grades. These are exceptional results and all students and their families should be proud of what they have achieved.

Covid Update

As we return to school, we continue to keep in place the Covid restrictions such as floor markings, separate exits (not staggered times) for each year group, hand sanitising and face coverings to be worn in communal areas such as the corridors. Also, in line with Government guidelines, testing arrangements are in place for the first two weeks to ensure your child returns to school safely. Please note that students are expected to enter the school building as set out below:

Year	Tue 07 September	Wed 08 September	Thu 09 September	Fri 10 September
7	8.40am: Front Entrance	8.40am: Hillside Gate	8.40am: Hillside Gate	8.40am: Hillside Gate
8	<i>Not in school</i>	8.40am: Stamford Hill Gate	8.40am: Stamford Hill Gate	8.40am: Stamford Hill Gate
9	<i>Not in school</i>	8.40am: Stamford Hill Gate	8.40am: Stamford Hill Gate	8.40am: Stamford Hill Gate
10	<i>Not in school</i>	<i>Not in school</i>	8.40am: Front Entrance	8.40am: Front Entrance
11	<i>Not in school</i>	<i>Not in school</i>	8.40am: Front Entrance	8.40am: Front Entrance
12	8.40am: Hillside	8.40am: Hillside	8.40am: Hillside	8.40am: Hillside
13	1.00pm: Hillside	<i>Not in school</i>	8.40am: Hillside	8.40am: Hillside

The safety and wellbeing of your child remains at the heart of what we do. If you are concerned about your child or other household member, please access this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

and follow the advice on what parents/carers should do.

If your child is kept at home for any reason, the school must be informed and written evidence surrounding their circumstances must be sent to the school office.

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Parents/carers should encourage their children to walk, cycle, or travel by private car to school. If parents decide to drop off and collect their children, they should arrange a suitable location close to the school to drop them off, in order to avoid congestion outside the school building. If children must travel to school by public transport, please note that the wearing of facemasks is still in force on all London Transport.

Please also join me in welcoming the following new staff to Our Lady's, Ms S Flynn (RE), Ms R Darlow (Business Studies), Mr J Scholes (Languages), Mr M Miah (Maths) and Mr Maylon (supporting RE and Chaplaincy). We hope they have a long and fulfilling career with us.

I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER