



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for another magnificent team effort on our Open Evening for secondary transfer which was held on Tuesday this week. All subject areas were filled with a variety of displays and were ably assisted by student helpers. Our Year 10 and Sixth form students acted as Tour Guides and the feedback we received on our students' politeness, confidence and helpfulness was overwhelmingly positive. Parents were also pleased to receive a very warm welcome from all the staff in the departments who were also assisted by our parent ambassadors who were able to share a parents' perspective of the school. Overall it was a really positive celebration of all the fantastic work that goes on in school and I would like to thank all the staff and students for finding the energy to keep going through the rest of the week because it was a very long day!!

Invitation: Year 7 Parents' Information Evening

Parents of Year 7 students are invited to attend the Year 7 Parents' Information Evening on Thursday 08 October from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Come along and find out information that will be of use to you and your daughter in the coming weeks; come along and meet your daughter's Form Tutor; come along and meet your daughter's Head of Year; come along and see her form class.

And if any of these words or phrases are unknown to you then why not come along and let us explain what they mean: we'd really like you to meet and speak with the adults your daughter works with every day and to see the spaces she sends so much time in.

If your daughter has not already brought the letter home giving you information about this event then please do ask her for it – we have spare copies for her to take home with her. Thank you to all those who have already returned the reply slip – that was very helpful.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 08 October.

Advance Notice: meeting for Parents of Year 7 & 8 students

Would parents of Year 7 & 8 students please be aware that we are holding an information evening on Wednesday 21 October from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. The topic will be how we assess your daughter's attainment and progress in the subject she studies, now that National Curriculum levels have been abolished.

There have been many changes in this at a national level which we have already implemented and are continuing to implement. We now need to inform you of those changes.

We will remind you once again about this event closer to the time and will also write a letter inviting you to it nearer to the date.

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Year 11 Parents Evening

Just a reminder to parents of Year 11 students, our consultation evening is on **Thursday, 15th October** from 5pm. You should have received a separate letter with the details, please return your reply slip as soon as possible.

Parent View - message from Mr. Tierney, Assistant Head Teacher

We will be sending out an email very shortly asking parents and carers to complete a short survey about how they view the school and what, if anything, could be improved.

The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete, but will provide the school with valuable information. If you do not receive an email, please let the school know (and also check your spam filters, just in case). Thank you in advance for your help.

Brilliant Club Graduation – report by Ms. Cooke

A huge congratulations to the 16 Year 13 students who graduated from the Brilliant Club recently. The event, at King's College London, celebrated the students' completion of an extended assignment that challenged them to work above A Level standard. During the Summer Term, students worked closely with PhD tutors from SOAS and Oxford in a series of small group university-style tutorials. They explored topics they may not usually study in the school curriculum, including 'the philosophy, psychology and biology of decision making' and 'the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda'. Their assignments were assessed at undergraduate level, with extra congratulations to **Taiwo Oyebola** and **Laura Toulson** who achieved a 1st.

Year 10 Trip to Clare College, University of Cambridge – Precious Antwi 10H



Five Year 10 students were accompanied by Ms Cooke on a residential trip to Cambridge last week. We were joined by schools from all over the Hackney borough. We arrived on Sunday and were given a tour of the prestigious university. The students from other schools were quite friendly, as we got to know each other over the two days. We were also given talks about A Level choices by current Cambridge students. My favourite part of the trip were the activities, like a

quiz, that we did as a group. It was quite a memorable day!

Summer Schools – report by Kehinde Oyebola (13J) and Betty Opong - Kusi (13P)

Summer is usually a time when students relax and have a well deserved break from school and the exams that were taken in the May-June period. But not for us!

We participated in a number of summer schools at Russell Group universities such as Bristol, Birmingham and Oxford just to name a few! However, our favourite summer schools we both participated in were at the University of York and Kings College London.

At York, we were placed in the Social Sciences and Humanities stream, where we had an opportunity to taste a wide selection of university courses under this branch such as Social Policy, Law, History and Politics. Also, at Kings College London, we were part of the Law and History and Politics stream respectively where we had to do an assignment which required an undergraduate level 2,500 word essay which required us to analyse the key pressing issues in world politics and law. We were very happy when we got our amazing results back at the graduation event!

It may seem like it was very academic but we also had an opportunity to have a feel for the social aspect of university life. At York we were placed in university dorms on campus where we shared accommodation with people from all over the UK, which was a great opportunity to make friends. At Kings, the university organised a social event for us where we went on a free trip on the London Eye followed by dinner in Central London.

Overall, we are so happy that we were able to have these opportunities as it will make the transition into university life next year that much easier. We encourage those in the younger years (particularly year 12) to try to apply for these schemes and summer schools if they have the chance.

We would also like to thank Ms Cooke, Mr Bailey and Mr Earnshaw for encouraging and notifying us about these great opportunities.

Recognising Achievement – update from Mr Smith, Assistant Headteacher

Many students are seeing their efforts rewarded with Achievement points for all different aspects of their work and contribution to the school. Our first ‘Students of the Month’ have been posted on the Year Achievement boards and the latest totals are as follows:

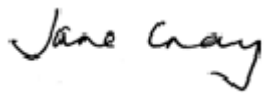


Attendance and Punctuality – Information from Dr Blackwell

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 25th September 2015.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7M	99.06	7P	98.39
Year 8	8J	98.06	8J	99.03
Year 9	9M	97.42	9H	99.37
Year 10	10M	98.57	10J	98.06
Year 11	11H,J	97.24	11P	98

Yours sincerely



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