



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to receive the latest release of Ofsted data for our school – it is a new initiative by Ofsted and it has taken them some time to analyse this data for all schools hence, it is based on the results achieved by our students in the summer of 2014. The summary notes seven different areas of strength and 'no weaknesses'. The strengths are:

- Overall KS4 value added was significantly above average.
- KS4 value added was significantly above average in nearly all (4 out of 5) subject areas.
- Overall KS4 value added was broadly average or above for disadvantaged pupils and those who have special educational needs.
- From at least 5 out of every 6 starting points, the proportion of disadvantaged KS4 pupils making and exceeding expected progress in English & in mathematics was similar to that of other pupils nationally.
- Attendance was high (in the highest 10% of all mainstream schools nationally).
- Persistent absence was below average.
- No group had low (in the lowest 10% of all mainstream schools nationally) attendance.

Congratulations to all our staff and students for the hard work that went into achieving these very positive outcomes.

Early closure – 2.20pm - Tuesday 13th October – please note that lessons will be 50 minutes long (instead of the usual one hour) and school will finish at 2.20pm on Tuesday next week to allow time for an extended staff development session after school.

Email communications – we need your help!!

We would like to establish a full and accurate collection of parent email addresses – we would like you to email us from the email account into which you wish to receive school communications.

Please could **all parents** email emailnotification@ourladys.hackney.sch.uk giving the following information:

- Your daughter's name and form
- Your full name

Charity Collection – update from Lauren Hands, Charity prefect

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection recently for Save the Children which raised the magnificent total of £163.

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.

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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.

School Outfitters

Fosters Schoolwear will be in school on **Thursday, 22nd October** from 3.30 to 5pm to sell school uniform

FAMILY TRANSLATION WORKSHOP- EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME IN D28

KEEP THE FAMILY LANGUAGE ALIVE!

Does your daughter speak to you in English?

Would you like to keep the family language alive?

Read on and find out how *Our Lady's Family Translation Workshop* can help.

Did you know that most of us here at Our Lady's are bilingual, or even multilingual?

That means that we use different languages at different times, depending on whether we are alone or with family, talking to our children or to their grandparents. Our children may understand us when we speak to them in the family's language, but they may often reply in English. Is this what happens in your family?

At Our Lady's we value our languages. Did you know that pupils who master more than one language are the lucky ones? They are often more successful and more curious about the world around them. They are more likely to keep family traditions alive – and they simply tend to be happier!

Everybody wins when families work together to keep their languages alive.

And that is where the Family Translation Workshop comes in.

It is a lunchtime club and a family activity at the same time. Your daughter can attend the lunchtime club every Tuesday, where she will bring a poem, a story, a letter or any kind of writing from her family that you are happy to share. You can have fun choosing the text together. It could be in the family language, in which case she would make a start with translating it into English. Or it could be an English text, maybe something that your daughter herself has written, and you could work together to put it into your family's language. In that case you, the parents, would be the experts! In both cases you would be talking and writing together. Your daughter will bring the translations to the Family Translation Workshop to share what you achieved in the meantime. It would be wonderful if your daughter could bring some photographs, so that we can have a display of families writing together. Hopefully we will even have a celebration at the end of the year, with presentations of each other's family translations in as many languages as possible.

And why not taste some of each other's family recipes, as well?

I hope to see as many girls as possible on Tuesday lunchtimes, and yourselves later in the year. So choose a text and get translating. You know it makes sense!

Micha Meyers, EAL Co-ordinator, (English as an Additional Language)

Health & Social Care – report by Ms. Stanton, Head of Health and Social Care

On Wednesday, 30th September year 13 Health and Social Care students (Kendra, Jessica, Ruvimbo, Virginia, Karen and Abigail) attended a midwifery training and study day with Dr Lockey from The Foundation for Infant Loss Training. The students enjoyed the day and felt that through the workshops and practices they learnt a lot and gained valuable experience that will enhance their UCAS applications, interviews and assessments, they covered topics such as improving public health, child health, drug dependency, and the decline in TB. They also improved their personal statements and practiced assessments that are likely to come up through the interview and assessment for midwifery and nursing.

Dr Lockey took the time to send this email.

“I just wanted to let you know what a super group of young ladies that you sent to our study day today. They were a real joy to teach and wonderful ambassadors for Our Lady’s, they also came and thanked me personally at the end (when most delegates walked out). You should be very proud!”

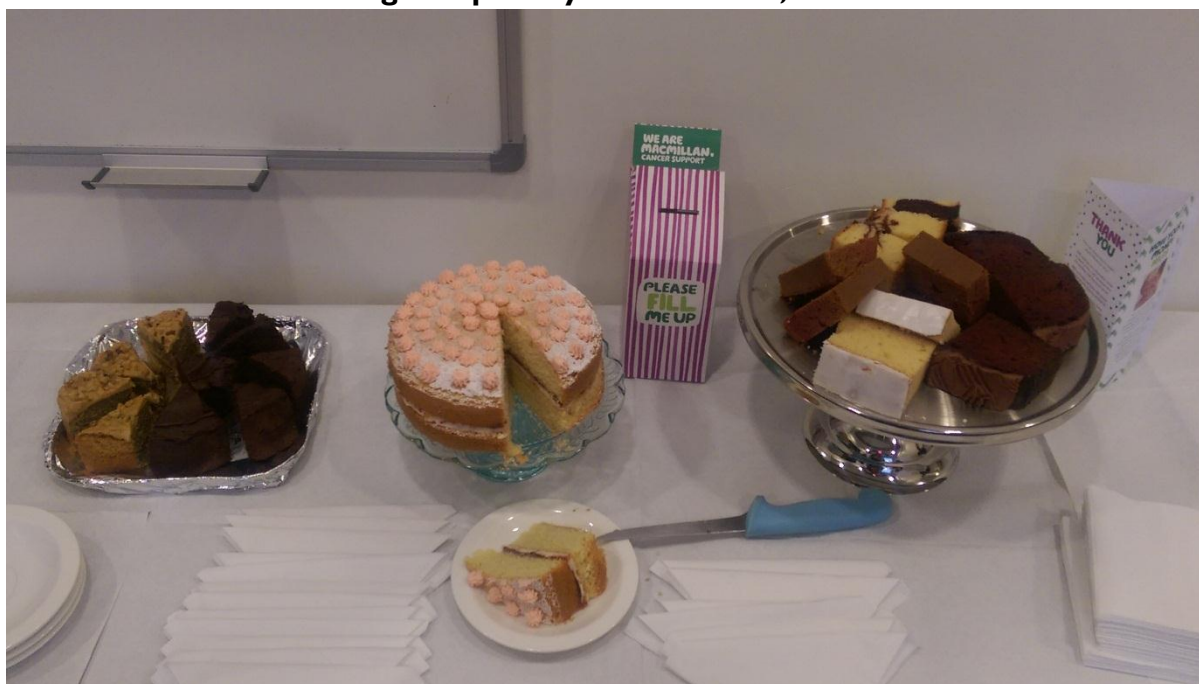
We are very proud of the students and would like them to appreciate how much we value their motivation and maturity. Well done.

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

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey so far. If you have not done so, I would be grateful if you could please complete *and return*.

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.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Report by Ms. Bedneau, SENCO.



Our Lady’s Convent High School took part in the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning which is Macmillan’s biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. The SEN department hosted the Macmillan coffee morning on the 25th September for parents, staff and students during break and lunch time. Donations from staff and students of homemade cakes went down a treat.

We raised £405 for a Charity that touches everyone’s lives.

A special thanks to everyone especially the SEN department for a very successful event!

Matilda the Musical – report by Laura Ukpokolo, Year 10.

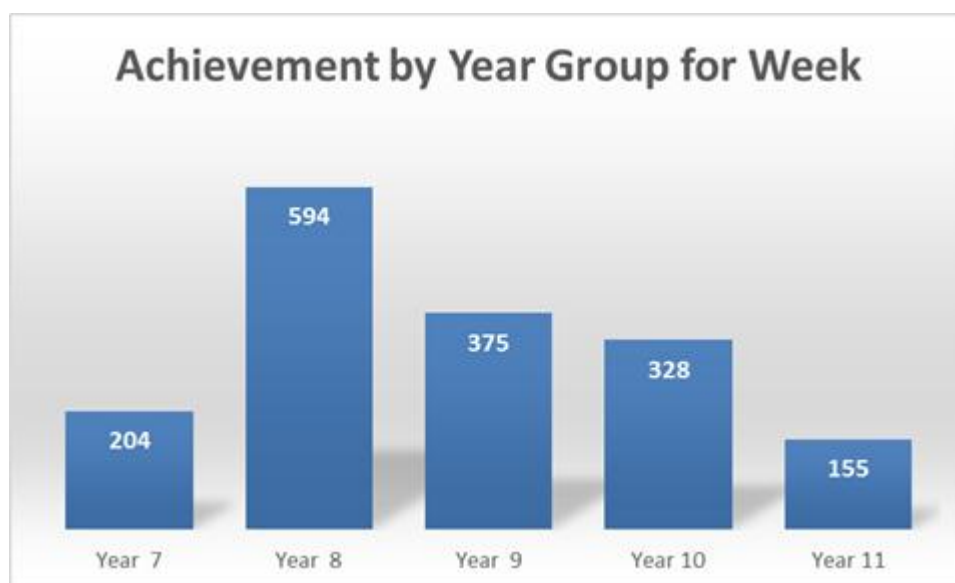
On Wednesday the 30th of September, Year 10 drama several Year 11's went to the Cambridge theatre to watch the multi- award winning "Matilda the Musical".

A theatre production inspired by the original Roald Dahl book "Matilda". It was an incredible experience, packed with so much fun. The singing and performances were spectacular.

Thanks to Ms Lopes and the Staff of the SEN Department we were given this fantastic opportunity that we really enjoyed.

Recognising Achievement – update from Mr. Smith, Assistant Headteacher.

The table below shows the total number of achievement points received by each year group for week ending 2nd October 2015.



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 2nd October 2015. Congratulations to these forms and a special mention to 8P with 100% Attendance.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7P	99.68	7J	99.31
Year 8	8P	100	8P	99.68
Year 9	9J	97.93	9H	99.06
Year 10	10M	99.29	10J	98.71
Year 11	11H	97.24	11M	99.64

Yours sincerely

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