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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to **Ada Lynn Lamptey**, 9M on her participation in the Royal Opera House Youth Company in the current production of Bizet's Carmen. I was delighted to attend their dress rehearsal last week and was absolutely captivated by the performance.

Congratulations also to **Madame Robinson** who was one of the guests of honour at the ceremony at Hackney Town Hall to celebrate the contribution of colleagues who have 25 years of service in the borough. We are very pleased that her dedicated commitment to the education of students in Hackney has been recognised in this way and we thank her for her continued work in our school.

Everyone has worked incredibly hard this half term and we now look forward to a well deserved half term break. I hope you all enjoy a restful holiday, students return at the usual time on **Tuesday, 3rd November**, staff will be training on the Monday.

Charity Collection – update from Lauren Hands, Charity prefect

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection recently for Breast Cancer Care which raised the magnificent total of £92.42.

Hope Foundation Lunch

Thank you very much to Aurelie Dengo 12H, Rachel Marie 12M, Daniela Mendes 12P and Ayana Peters 12M for their assistance at the Hope Foundation lunch – a charity lunch event in Mayfair that raised money for the children of Kolkata in India.

The organisers sent the following message of thanks “Thank you to the volunteers, **Aurelie Dengo, Rachel Marie, Daniela Mendes and Ayana Peters** - they helped make a big difference to many of Kolkata's poorest children's lives by volunteering their time. The volunteers' superb conduct and attitude were remarked upon by everyone and they were friendly and confident, marvellous ambassadors for Our Lady's Convent High School”.

Congratulations on making such a positive contribution!



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Exhibition – African Threads – Hackney Style – Report by Nana-Ama Ewusi-Emmim

‘On the 1st October I went to the opening of the ‘African Threads Hackney Style’ exhibition at Hackney Museum. The exhibition was created to celebrate Black History Month by exploring Hackney’s historic ties with Africa through fabric and fashion. I did my work experience at the Museum so helped research for the exhibition. I was really happy and proud to see my research and a piece of my own fabric from Ghana in the exhibition. So many people came to the opening and commented on how much they enjoyed it. They also asked me lots of questions about my fabric which was a top and skirt called a Koba and Slit which I wore when I was 7 years old. If you are interested in fashion or want to find out more about Hackney’s links to Africa go to the exhibition which is free and runs until 23rd Jan 2016.

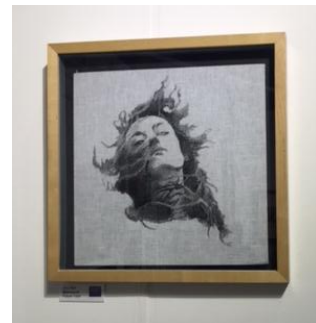


Duke of Edinburgh award camping trip – report by Mr. Duffy

Twenty Eight Year 11 students and Seven Year 13 students are currently working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award. On the first two weekends of October we went camping and orienteering in Epping Forest as part of the Expedition section of the award. As well as hiking for several hours, the girls learnt the basics of life outdoors such as cooking and cleaning with rudimentary equipment. The girls acquitted themselves excellently and successfully completed all the challenges laid out for them. Throughout the programme the girls have shown great persistence and dedication and I look forward to them receiving their awards in the near future.

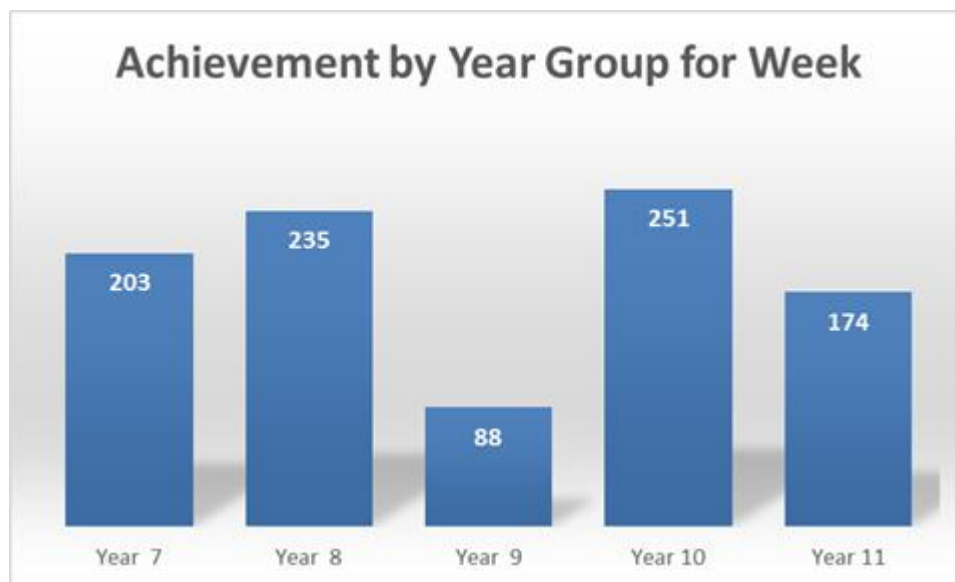
Knitting and Stitching Show – report by Tiffany Sahili, year 13.

On the 7th Of October we went on a trip to the Knitting and Stitching show at Alexandra Palace, an event that takes place every October, where we get the opportunity to gain inspiration from a wealth of textile and knit designers in hopes of helping our coursework and potentially triggering new ideas to improve our work. There is so much to see and admire that you are bound to always be inspired and spend lots of money collecting exciting new materials to use to inform your work. One downside though, the space, it is so easy to get lost in all the amazingness!



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 16th October 2015.



Editor's note: challenge to Year 9 – can you improve on this after half term?!!

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 16th October 2015.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7M	98.44	7H	97.67
Year 8	8P	98.06	8H	97.81
Year 9	9J	99.66	9P	97
Year 10	10M	98.62	10M	97.93
Year 11	11H	98.62	11P	97.67

Yours sincerely

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