



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Governing Body of the school held their first meeting of the school year this week, after many years of dedicated service to the school, Anthony Frall had retired as Chair of Governors so an election was held for a new chair. I am delighted to inform you that Ms Karen Sims was elected to the role, she has experience of being chair of governors from another school and has been a dedicated member of our governing body for a number of years. It is also an opportune time to thank all the governors for the time they give and their continuing support to the school in this voluntary role.

Last Friday we welcomed a group of staff from a secondary school in Norway who were visiting London to learn about the strategies that have led to the improvement in London's schools standards over the last ten years. They toured the school, met with students and visited a variety of lessons – they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and they thanked all the staff and students for making them feel so welcome.

Our Open Evening for prospective Sixth form students was held on Thursday evening. We were delighted to see so many students and parents from our own Year 11, as well as welcoming other students from a variety of different institutions. We realise that making the correct choice for post 16 education is most important and we will continue to offer advice and guidance to our Year 11 students throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further information.

Charity Collection – update from Abisola Ipaye, Charity prefect

This week our school community observed a One Minute Silence at 11am on 11th November, to remember all those who gave their lives in conflicts all over the world. We also held a collection recently for Royal British Legion which raised the sum of £60.49.

Our Hampers need You!! - 6th Form Service at Christmas Project

Please remember our Christmas Hamper project, all the details have been sent out in a separate letter today – we are asking the **whole school** to support the 6th Form Hampers at Christmas project by donating FOUR food items. Every item can contribute towards improving someone else's Christmas, letting them know that there are people who care for them and to show them they are not alone.

*Please remember that nominations for new recipients are always more than welcome!!!

Year 12/13 Parents Evening

Just a reminder to parents of Year 12/13 students, our consultation evening is on **Thursday, 19th November** from 5pm. You should have received a separate letter with the details, please return your reply slip as soon as possible.

School Outfitters

Fosters Schoolwear will be in school on **Monday, 23rd November** from 3.30 to 5pm to sell school uniform

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Punctuality – update and request from Dr Blackwell

The table below shows the punctuality for each Year group for the first half term of this year. Although these figures are above the National Average they do not meet our high standards. It is particularly worrying that Year 7 have the lowest figure. Clearly though, many girls are arriving at school on time and you together with your daughters need to be congratulated for this. Punctuality is an important life skill which will serve your daughter well for her time in education and the rest of her life. If your daughter is late for school it means she will not be organised for the whole day and will miss important messages. You will know if your daughter is persistently late because she will have received Head of Year detentions and possibly a Saturday morning detention. If you are having difficulties getting your daughter to school on time please contact myself and I will help.

PUNCTUALITY AUTUMN 1ST HALF TERM

	2015/16
Year 7	97.4%
Year 8	98.3%
Year 9	97.8%
Year 10	97.6%
Year 11	97.4%
Whole School	97.7%

E-Safety Information Evening Thursday 26th November – Report from Mr. Smith, Assistant Head Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who asked their daughters to show them the flyer giving you information about the E-Safety Information Evening. And thank you also to those parents who followed this up with a question about whether we would be sending a letter home with a reply slip.

We will be sending a letter home with your daughter in the early part of next week – week beginning Monday 16 November – inviting you, in a more formal way, to this event so please do ask your daughter to pass it on to you when she receives it.

I look forward to seeing you on the 26th November.

University Interview Training – report by Nadiya Charles, year 13.

Over the last few weeks, some Year 13 students have been preparing for university interviews by taking part in mock interviews, which were given by admissions tutors from one of London's top universities. Interviews are always quite terrifying, this is why I found these sessions very useful in making me more confident. The interviewers were very kind and really helped in structuring sentences that flowed well and actually answered the questions. I think this interview practice will help prepare me for the real thing.

Student of the Month – report by Mr. Smith, Assistant Head Teacher

As part of the School Reward System we are delighted to be able to reveal the names of the students who have earned their place as Student of the Month. These are the students who have received the most achievement points in their Form Class from week commencing 05 October to week ending 06 November. There is also a Student of the Month for the Year Group who received the most achievement points for the entire year group during the same four weeks!

	H	J	M	P	Year Group
Year 7	Rhoda Sakate	Julia-Joyce Omorogbe	Rachel Oloyede-Oyeyemi & Stephanie Guarro Bevin	Claudia Szyfer	Clara McCaughey & Beverlyn Dwebeng-Boadi
Year 8	Lauren Sustituya	Ellie Lawton-Byrne	Fiona Michael	Noella Kukemba	Kimberley Santos Rodrigues
Year 9	Lashanda Atupem & Emily Nascimento	Sinead Patton	Nicola Lemiecha	Joy Adeogun	Katie McCaughey
Year 10	Morgan Marcellin	Prudence Adegbite	Hillary Ike-Michael	Leonie Thompson	Cassandra Bentil
Year 11	Joy Sustituya	Emmanuella Opoku Agyemang	Evelyn Fagbemi & Wiktorja Blaszkiewicz	Whitney Ayiwah Boadu	Mary Karayel

This is an open list each month so every student has the opportunity to take their place as a Student of the Month – they simply need to earn more achievement points than the other girls in their form.

Do keep an eye out for next month's names.

Jumping Beans Workshop – report by Ms. Stanton, Head of Health & Social Care

Jumping Beans is a collaborative project we are delivering with Children With Voices run by the Director Mrs M Dornelly, it is a programme that will help young people learn about a healthier lifestyle through exercise and dance, food facts, cooking, budgeting and socialising with each other. We have 20 places available for each sessions and a waiting list.

At the moment the places are offered to 5-11 year olds, and it will be expanding to include all the year 7 students during school time. If you have a younger sibling or friend who might like to come along, every Monday from 4pm to 5.30pm please collect a registration form from reception or email Ms Stanton for one.

The year 11 and 12 Health and Social Care students are working on this project as part of their course, it enables them to gather vocationally applied experience and complete units in health education and personal and professional development. Its great fun and educational too.

Y12 Geography Field Trip to Blencathra – report by Mr. O’Hanlon

At the weekend, our intrepid Year 12 girls braved the cold, wind and rain to conduct two days of fieldwork in the Lake District with myself and Ms Haughey. Leaving from Euston and travelling to rural Cumbria, it was great to take the students out of the city and into nature. From measuring rivers at wellie-threatening water levels to hiking up a glaciated valley in vertical rainfall to identify features shaped by glaciers, the students worked with patience and precision to achieve their goals, with cloud passing us at eye level as we went! The girls were shattered, but left with a feeling of real accomplishment, representing the school impeccably in their dealings with all people that they met. They even took a shine to the local Hardwick sheep, naming them the officially cutest breed they had ever seen. With the fun part out of the way, now the real hard work begins as they produce the write-up to their investigation in preparation for the summer exam.



Day trip to the Wallace Collection - report by Blessing Sunday-Mamoh

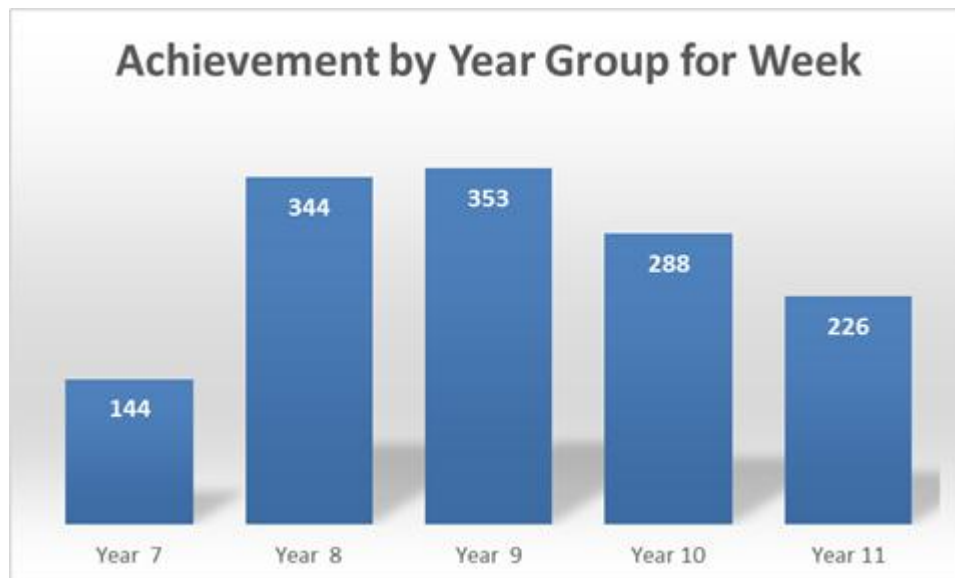
On November the 3rd the GCSE art students went on a day trip to the Wallace collection to take part in a workshop that focused on Tone, Light and Shadow and how this could use this in our sketch books. We experimented with new techniques and did activities that aimed to enhance our observational skills. During this workshop we completed a series of work using different art materials that we have never experienced using before, like putty rubber and charcoal or using different coloured papers.

Some of us found inspiration at the Wallace collection because there was a lot of work from a variety of artists and we saw different textures, emotions behind the images, different surfaces and textures of colours. The Wallace Collection is a very beautiful and inspirational gallery to attend especially with the different rooms which dazzle in colour and a lot of fine art on the walls.

It was a beautiful day out and was so worthwhile. I enjoyed myself and so did the other students.

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 6th November 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 6th November 2015. Congratulation to these forms and a special mention to 7J with 100% Attendance

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7J	100	7J	97.84
Year 8	8H	98.05	8J	98.39
Year 9	9J	99.58	9P	99.17
Year 10	10H	98.33	10H,P	95.83
Year 11	11M	98.21	11M	96.87

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Gray
Head Teacher