



# OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday evening to celebrate with our Year 12 students for their GCSE successes in summer 2015. Our guests enjoyed light refreshments and musical entertainment followed by the presentation to the students of their hard earned GCSE certificates. Further congratulations to those who were also awarded prizes for:

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| Highest attainment & progress: | <b>Chloe Durack-Robinson</b>                           |
| Attainment:                    | <b>Rachel Barrett &amp; Brittany Mubadiata</b>         |
| Progress:                      | <b>Carolina Castilho &amp; Veronica Konadu-Afiriye</b> |
| Achievement:                   | <b>Grace Massamba Mantseka &amp; Aina Suyat</b>        |
| Service to the school:         | <b>Katie Phillips &amp; Aurelie Dengo</b>              |

A very big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to prepare the hall for the evening and also the Music department for their excellent entertainment.

Also, special congratulations to all the staff and students who worked so hard together to achieve such excellent overall GCSE outcomes in summer 2015. In the first data release for this cohort, for the new Government measure called Progress 8, our students have scored 0.63 and placed the school in the top 4% nationally. This is fantastic news as the measure recognises the progress made by all students across eight subjects. It clearly demonstrates that our broad, balanced curriculum combined with experienced, committed teachers and students with an excellent work ethic bears rich fruit – not forgetting our partnership with parents!

**Farewell** and a big thank you to Mr Duffy, Science teacher for his significant contribution to school both inside and outside the classroom. He resigned recently, for personal reasons, and we wish him every success in the future.

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

Please remember our Christmas Hamper project, 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.

## **Charity Collection – update from Susan Omope, Charity prefect**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection recently for The Sick Children's Trust which raised the sum total of £41.41.

## **Year 9 Parents Evening**

Just a reminder to parents of Year 9 students, our consultation evening is on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December** 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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### **Drama Conference – report by Ms. Read, Head of Drama**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Barnett, Mrs Read and year 12 Drama students attended a Drama conference in central London. We saw RADA students exploring “Macbeth”, learned about the importance of breath when acting; attended a seminar on stage design and listened to a professional actress speak about her collaborative work with Steven Berkoff. This was an excellent trip, in which students and teachers alike, learned a great deal about the professional world of the Theatre.

### **Charity Sleepover – report by Samantha Routledge and Jennifer Minga**

Last Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, The RE Department organised a group of Year 11 and 12 students to take part in a sponsored sleepover to raise funds and awareness for two local homeless shelters; the Hackney Winter Night Shelter and Giuseppe Conlon House.

While the corridors were empty, 21 compassionate students were determined to make a real difference for people facing homelessness. The sleepover began on Friday evening and ended early on a very cold Saturday morning. They spent the night entertaining themselves and trying to keep warm on the coldest night so far this year with Dr Blackwell, Ms Price and Ms Kane in attendance. Congratulations to the students below for their fundraising efforts:



Elizabeth Adeturinmo,  
Elizabeth Odumosu, Jenna Colaco, Sydnella Lake, Joy Sustituya, Clara Ojiako, Carla Wilson, Ophelie Bile, Davina Agyei-Achemapong, Hannah Odebode, Rachel Marie, Daria Werner, Ketsia Itseli, Daniela Mendes, Belinda Da Silva, Debbie Akinwade, Danielle Mensuo, Aurelie Dengo, Ayana Peters, Gabriella Gedu, Brittany Mubudiata.

### **“Macbeth” Show – Wednesday 2nd December – report by Mrs. Read and Mrs. Barnett**

A limited amount of tickets will be available to buy from Mrs Billings in the Office.

Prices are: Adults £2 per person, Children (under 18s) £1.50 per person

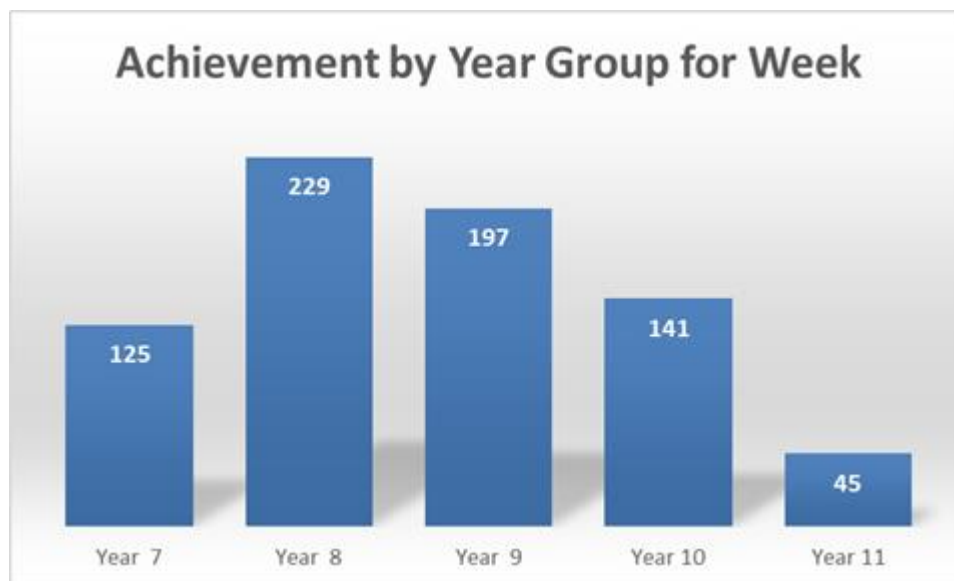
Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £6.

The show will start promptly at 6.30pm on Wednesday 2nd December. Latecomers will not be admitted.

If you are year 10 student, you will be watching a second performance of this play, during period 5 of Friday 4th December.

### 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 23rd **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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

|         | Attendance |       | Punctuality |       |
|---------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
|         | Form       | %     | Form        | %     |
| Year 7  | 7J         | 97.59 | 7J          | 97.93 |
| Year 8  | 8H         | 98.75 | 8H          | 98.12 |
| Year 9  | 9J         | 99.67 | 9H          | 97.5  |
| Year 10 | 10M        | 97.93 | 10H         | 96    |
| Year 11 | 11H        | 98.28 | 11M         | 97.86 |

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Gray  
Headteacher