



# OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the school's production of "Macbeth" this week – a full report will appear in next week's newsletter. A huge thank you to Mrs. Read, Mrs. Barnett and the many other members of staff who supported this production in so many different ways.

As we approach the Jubilee Year of Mercy, as proclaimed by Pope Francis, and beginning on 8<sup>th</sup> December, I hope that all students and staff will be able to make some time in spiritual reflection. To aid their 'Journey', we will be distributing a pocket sized booklet "A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy 2015-16" to all members of our school community on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## **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 Abisola Ipaye, Charity prefect**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection recently for Scope which raised the sum total of £70.16.

## **Christmas celebrations**

Our celebrations in school will include serving Christmas lunches to all students next week – it will mean that we have no hot lunch time service on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so students should make any purchases they require at break time (or bring a packed lunch – school will provide packed lunches for all those eligible for free school meals).

Arrangements are as follows:

Christmas lunch	Years 8, 12 & 13	Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas lunch	Years 9, & 10	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas lunch	Years 7 & 11	Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> December

Students will still have a full timetable of five normal lessons on these days (with some variation in the actual timings) and we will finish 15 minutes earlier than usual at **2.55pm** on these days.

Please contact the school office if you require us to supervise your daughter until 3.10pm

## **Year 12 English Conference on 'Hamlet' – Report by Ms. Rigney**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 16 Year 12 students, Miss Rigney and Ms Rigby headed off to spend a day absorbing Shakespeare's tragedy *Hamlet*. We had four lectures on different aspects of the play and its main character. The lectures were given by a host of university lecturers who are experts in analytical criticism of the play. The day opened our eyes (and ears) to the many interpretations of Hamlet and his revenge, and has helped us in our own analysis of the play.

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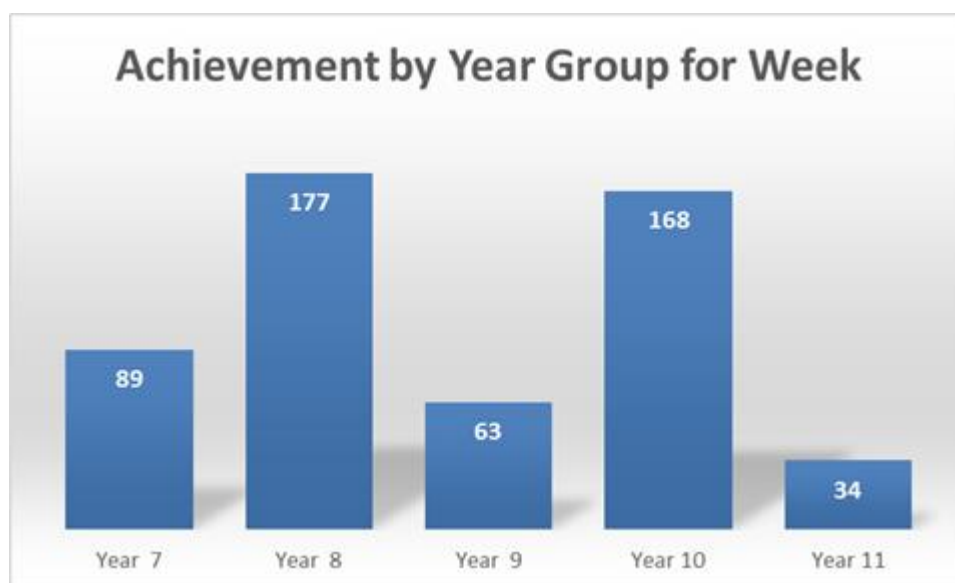


### Cambridge Masterclasses - Report by Aina Suyat Year 12

On Saturday 21st November, Rachel Barrett and I travelled to Cambridge University to attend masterclasses. I attended the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Masterclass. It was separated into two lectures - Chinese cultural history and Zionism in Israel. I found it very enlightening especially the Chinese history lecture as I study Mandarin. The Middle Eastern lecture was also interesting as I don't have any background knowledge regarding the topic. Afterwards, they gave us advice on writing our personal statements which was very helpful.

### 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 30th **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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Congratulations to these forms and a special mention to 11H with 100% Attendance

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7M	97.5	7H	98
Year 8	8H	97.5	8J,M	97.74
Year 9	9M	98.35	9P	98.33
Year 10	10M	96.9	10H	98
Year 11	11H	100	11M	98.21

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Gray  
Headteacher