



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday, 11th December 2015

Dear Parents,

Christmas is rapidly approaching and we are still working very hard in school – especially Year 11 who have been taking mock GCSE exams this week, their conduct has been excellent and they will certainly deserve a good rest during the holiday!

We will be celebrating Mass at St Ignatius church next Friday, 18th December and students will be dismissed home at 1pm.

There is an INSET day on 4th January so they will return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2016**.

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

Please remember our Christmas Hamper project, we are asking for one last round of donations before deliveries on Wednesday next week. 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.

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:

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

Publication in “The Scholar”

Congratulations to **Mandy Tan**, IIM who has beaten some very strong competition to have her article published in “The Scholar”. This article was written as part of Mandy's work in The Brilliant Club project that gives students a taste of university study. The article was about Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Motor Neurone disease and this is what Mandy's tutor said: “... the depth of knowledge, high level of research, the clear and accurate scientific communication and excellent presentation of data gave this essay the highest mark I have awarded so far..... it is a remarkable achievement for a GCSE pupil...”

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Jack Petchey Award Winners for September – November 2015

Congratulations to our most recent Jack Petchey award winners who have all made a positive contribution to our school community:

Stephanie Andrade – For her excellent attitude to learning, being a positive role model for other members of the school community and her excellent achievement at AS

Chang-Thuy Tran – For good progress and a positive attitude.

Joy Adeogun – For her dedication, effort and commitment to curriculum drama and also for positive attitude and peer collaboration as part of school production of Macbeth.

Macbeth – report by Mrs. Read & Mrs. Barnett

Many thanks to the cast and crew of “Macbeth”, who put in an extraordinary amount of time, effort and talent, into presenting the play and many thanks to all who were involved and supported us.

The cast were:

Onyeka Ofoedu, Nkemdilim Ansiobi, Mical Bile, Faith Babatunde, Joy Adeogun, Tyra Malcolm, Leyla Pekcan, Ameerah Amushan. Brooke Bolcho, Vanessa Nuamah-Kutin, Theresa Tetteh-Adumuah, Myliesha Coutinho, Rosie Matondo, Rahel Frimpong, Mary Chris, Rachel Kalokoh, Megi Precaj, Emmanuella Osuala, Sinead Patton, Rachela Lanc, Nalia Benn-Silva-Da-Rocha, Kimberly Joanes, Natalie Ofori, Priscara Bokulu, Shanice Tambe, Angel Gzowski, Julie Rafai, Safiya Charles

The crew were:

Theodora Munkoh; Maeve Bassani-Policarpo; Evelyn Fagbemi; Jenna Colaco; Amanda Boakye-Duah; Eloge Betu; Davina Ageyi-Achaempong; Ophelie Bile; Sydnella Lake; Carla Wilson.

E-Safety Information Evening– report from Mr. Smith, Assistant Head Teacher

Thank you to all those parents who came to the E-Safety Information Evening on Thursday 26th November.

The many positive comments and the many, slightly shocked, parents who were eager to talk to Luke (the specialist guest speaker) and school staff after the presentation about some of the most serious topics raised left us in no doubt as to how useful these parents found this event.

Many parents asked us to arrange similar information evenings in the future so you'll certainly be receiving further invitations to future events.

We look forward to seeing you at them.

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

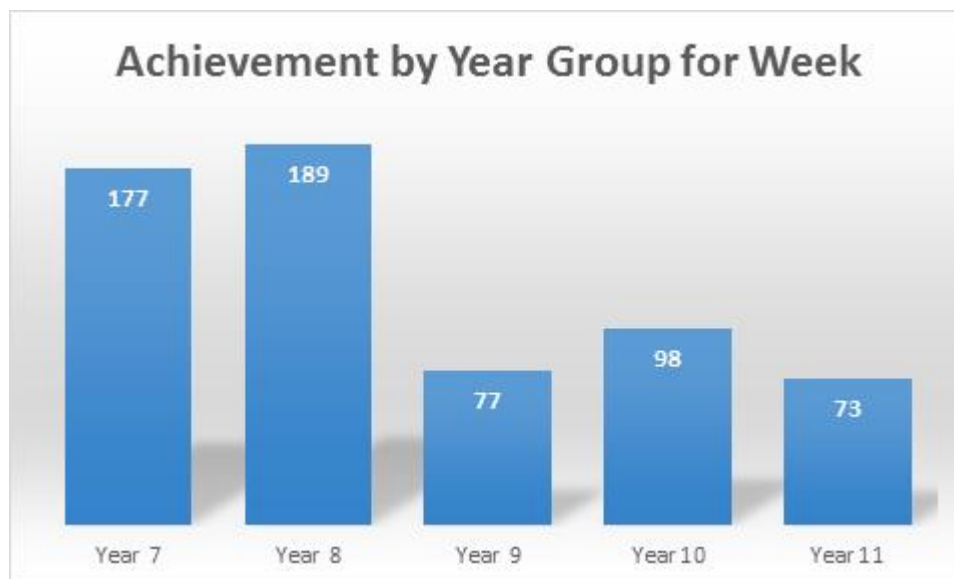
As part of the School Reward System we are delighted to be able to reveal the names of the students who have earned their place as Student of the Month. These are the students who have received the most achievement points in their Form Class from week commencing 7th December to week ending 15th January 2016. 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!

| Name | Year 7 | Name | Year 8 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Rebecca Issak | 7M | Laura Gamba-Ramirez | 8M |
| Kimberly Ward | 7P | Priya Nagen | 8M |
| Fathia Amushan | 7P | Noella Kukemba | 8P |
| Lily Sheridan | 7J | Gabriela Filonowicz | 8J |
| Rhoda Sakate | 7H | Lauren Sustituya | 8H |
| Esther-Marie Arhin | 7M | | |
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| Name | Year 9 | Name | Year 10 |
| Janet Ndagire | 9J | Olivia Owczarek | 10H |
| Nalia Benn-Silva-Da-Rocha | 9P | Shannon Duffley | 10H |
| Peggy Masamba | 9M | Jeanne Haligah | 10M |
| Bryanna Jackson | 9M | Dominika Sasin | 10J |
| Jamalah Bushell | 9H | Massa Gassama | 10P |
| Dajana Woloszyn | 9P | Jade Tuitt | 10P |
| Sinead Patton | 9J | | |

| Name | Year 11 |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Mary Karayel | 11J |
| Blessing Sunday-Momoh | 11P |
| Azaya Wilson Braithwaite | 11H |
| Chinyere Ezechuku | 11J |
| Rhayanne Oliveira | 11M |
| Klaudia Mikolajczak | 11M |

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 4th December 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 4th December 2015.

| | Attendance | | Punctuality | |
|---------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | Form | % | Form | % |
| Year 7 | 7M | 99.38 | 7J | 97.64 |
| Year 8 | 8P | 96.77 | 8M | 98.39 |
| Year 9 | 9J | 99 | 9J,P | 98 |
| Year 10 | 10J | 98.39 | 10P | 96.67 |
| Year 11 | 11J | 99.31 | 11M | 98.57 |

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Gray
Headteacher