



# OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: Issue No. 464 Friday, 22nd January 2016

### Headteacher's message: *Ms Justine McDonald*

Last Wednesday we had our first year group Mass of 2016 with our Year 11 students, who celebrated the Eucharist in an incredibly mature and moving manner, this was a very special experience for me as the new Headteacher. This week it was Year 7 who were celebrating Mass together in a very peaceful and calm manner. Together we reflected on how God gives us the strength to be, and to do more, with our lives than we ourselves may realise – a really important message for Year 7 at this early stage in their school career – we must all strive to be the very best we can be **and** to be a force for good in our world.

I would like to remind all students and parents that school will finish at **2.20pm** on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January**.

Finally, I would like to draw parent's attention to the fact that we are currently reviewing our school policy on Drugs. There will be some substantial re-writing of the current policy, making the document easier to understand, more logical in its layout and to bring it in-line with current practice and regulations. As part of the review the Governing Body would appreciate feedback from parents. The current document is available on our website under the 'About Us' tab and the 'policies' from the side menu. If you have comments or feedback that you would like to share please email to [officeadmin@ourladys.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:officeadmin@ourladys.hackney.sch.uk) with **Policy Review** in the subject.

The current policy can be found at:

<http://www.ourladys.hackney.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=14>

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### **Announcements:** *Events and important date*

#### **Early closure: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January - School finishes at 2.20pm**

Please be advised that the school day will run with five 50 minute lessons on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Students will be dismissed at 2.20pm – unless they have been set a detention after school.

**Year 11 parents Information Evening: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - starting at 5.30pm.** This event is to give parents information and guidance to support their daughter in the final preparation for GCSE examinations.

**Year 9 Parents Information evening: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - starting at 5.30pm.** This event is to give parents the information required to understand the options process which will take place in March (the Year 9 Options Evening is on the Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March).

#### **School Term Dates**

School term dates for 2016-2017 are being distributed this week – please keep it in a safe place and ensure that family holidays do not occur during term time.

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<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>SPRING TERM</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM</b>
<i>First day of term for students:</i> <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Last day of term for students:</i> <b>Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016</b>	<i>First day of term for students:</i> <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b> <i>Last day of term for students:</i> <b>Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017</b>	<i>First day of term for students:</i> <b>Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b> <i>Last day of term for students:</i> <b>Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017</b>
<b>INSET DAYS</b> Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	<b>INSET DAY</b> Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May 2017 <b>INSET DAY</b> Thursday, 29 <sup>h</sup> June 2017
<b>Half-term</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 to Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	<b>Half-term</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	<b>Half-term</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 To Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017

## Reports and News

### Lunch Time and After School Clubs

*Ms Wilburn, Head of PE*

Below is a timetable of the clubs that are currently on offer. All clubs are free and open to all in that age group. Please encourage your daughters to attend.

DAY	<b>LUNCH 1.25-1.50 KS3 (trainers required)</b>	<b>AFTER SCHOOL 3.15-4.15 (full kit required)</b>
<b>MON</b>	YEAR 9 DANCE PRACTICE: DANCE STUDIO	YEAR 12/13 GYM: FITNESS STUDIO YEAR 7-8 FOOTBALL: SPORTSHALL
<b>TUE</b>	DANCE WITH WENDY: DANCE STUDIO	YEAR 10 GYM: FITNESS STUDIO
<b>WED</b>	ALL YEARS VOLLEYBALL: SPORTS HALL	YEAR 7 & 8 NETBALL: SPORTS HALL YEAR 11 GYM: FITNESS STUDIO
<b>THU</b>	YEAR 8 DANCE PRACTICE: SPORTSHALL DANCE WITH WENDY: DANCE STUDIO	All YEARS BADMINTON: SPORTS HALL 3.30-5.00
<b>FRI</b>	YEAR 7 DANCE PRACTICE: SPORTS HALL	

### Mandarin: Schools and Universities Day

*Ms Y Li, Mandarin Teacher*

Our Year 12 A level Mandarin student went on a 'Schools and Universities Day' organised by Institute of Education: Confucius Institute at UCL, last Friday. Although the Tang poetry translation was quite a challenge but we thoroughly enjoyed it. After the poetry session, we got the chance to speak directly to Universities who offer Chinese or Combined Chinese course. It is very helpful because we now have a better idea which university offers particular Chinese programmes. The universities' admission teams also gave us detailed advice on our applications and personal statement, which we found particularly useful.

## Year 11 Medical Taster Day

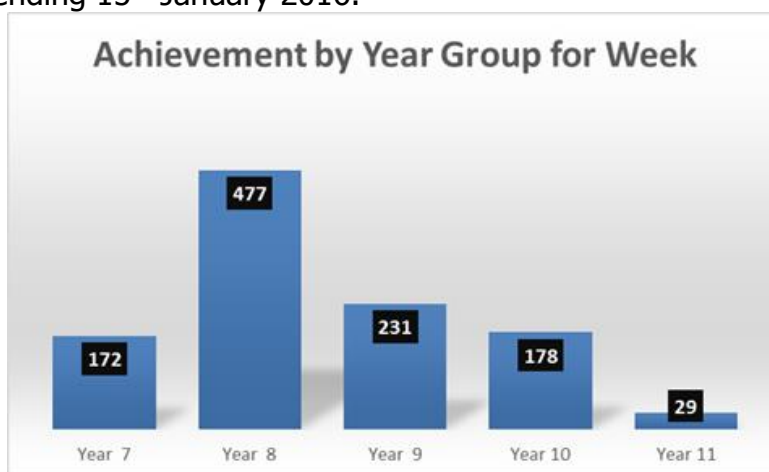
*Mandy Tan and Eloge Betu 11M*

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016, we went on an exciting medical taster day that took place at Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow. It was an overwhelmingly great experience and it really inspired us to consider all the different aspects that make up medicine itself as an area of study. The day was really insightful: from learning practical skills such as CPR and stitching wounds, to investigating how bodily reflexes work, we learned a lot and met lots of different people with similar interests. The company – Exscitec – and all the mentors were especially helpful in offering advice and help regarding prospective medical careers. We would like to thank Ms Cooke for organising everything for us!

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### **Recognising Achievement:** *Mr. Smith, Assistant Headteacher.*

The table below shows the total number of achievement points received by each year group for week ending 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.



### **Attendance and Punctuality:** *Dr. Blackwell, Deputy Headteacher*

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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7M	99.69	7J	99.33
Year 8	8P	97.74	8J	98.67
Year 9	9M	96.13	9P	99.33
Year 10	10J	99.35	10H	98
Year 11	11M	98.21	11J	98.28

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