



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's message: *Ms Justine McDonald*

Last week, on Thursday 28th January, the latest Performance Tables were published for Secondary Schools. These contain headline data for schools reflecting the results of examinations students took with us last summer. There are many different measures of a school's success and some of them are presented in the Performance Tables.

The results that we are most proud of are those relating to student progress. These look at the 'journey' students make whilst with us and measure the progress between start point (KS2 SAT scores) and outcomes in Year 11 (GCSE grades). For 2015 two measures of this nature have been published:

- Value added – where we have a score of 1033
- Progress 8 – where we have a score of 0.59

These two measure put us in the **top 7%** of schools nationally.

This is a real testament to the hard work and determination of our students and our staff. Congratulations to all our students, many of whom are now studying in our Sixth Form.

Announcements: *Events and important dates*

Wednesday 10th February 2016: Year 9 Parents Information evening- 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 3rd March).

Thursday 11th February 2016: Early finish at 3.00pm - Bishop Nicholas Hudson visit and whole school Mass.

Friday 12th February 2016: The Scope Great Donate 2016 finishes - please bring in donations – full details below.

Thursday 25th February 2016 : Year 12/13 Parents Evening – 5.00pm to 7.00pm Just a reminder to parents of Year 12/13 students, our consultation evening is on Thursday, 25th February from 5pm.

Reports and News

Year 9 Theatre Trip to Sadler's Wells

Mrs. Z. Read, Head of Drama.

On Friday 29th January, I took her year 9 Drama class to Sadler's Wells for a production entitled "Sampled". This was a festival, showcasing a range of dance styles, from Argentinian Tango, Indian traditional dance, contemporary and hip-hop. There was a clear overlap with Dance and Drama, as each dance told an emotive story. This trip helped us to realise that every move we make on stage has a purpose in communicating plot, character and emotion.



Chinese New Year – Year 7 Workshop

Mrs. S. Li, Teacher of Mandarin.



The Chinese New Year 2016 starts on Monday 8th Feb, and it is the year of Monkey.

To celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year, We organised a workshop for year 7 students in school. The workshop was run by a professional story teller. Through the workshop, the students learned which 12 animals were used for the Chinese zodiac. Apart from this, they also learned a few greeting words as well as a Chinese new year song. It was a fun and fantastic workshop, in which students learned a great deal about the Chinese New Year customs.

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恭喜发财！ 过年好！

Happy Chinese New Year to everyone!

Bishop Nicholas Hudson visit

We will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with prayers for the Feast of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order which is on Wednesday, 17th February, with a visit from Bishop Nicholas Hudson on Thursday, 11th February. We will celebrate Mass at St. Ignatius Church at 11.30am with Bishop Hudson and school will finish early at 3.00pm.

The Scope Great Donate 2016

Mr Duran, Community Outreach Co-ordinator



Starting this Friday 29th of January, Our Lady's Convent High School is running a fortnight appeal on behalf of Scope UK.

The Great Donate is an opportunity to raise money for this charity's vital work supporting the rights of disabled people across the UK. Since 2015 the school has been working closely with the local Scope charity shop on Stamford Hill, where students provide weekly support as part of their Servite Community Service.

Donations can include the following unwanted items;

Clothing, books , handbags, jewellery, CD's and DVD's, homeware, mobile-phones.

Every full bag of donations earns the charity £20.

70p of each donated pound goes towards supporting disabled people and their families, so they can have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Please collect Scope donation bags from the main entrance and return collected items to the school's main office. **Collections end on Friday 12th of February 2016.**

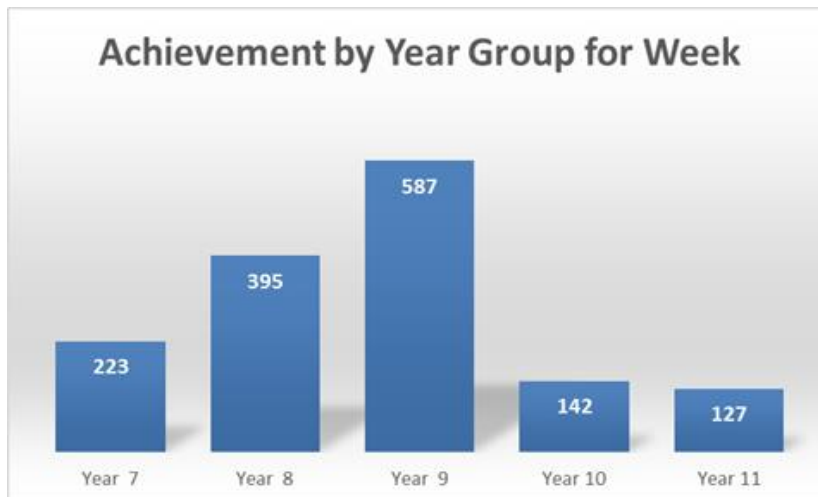
Charity Collection: *Lauren Hands, 13J*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection recently for the charity

Save the Children
which raised the sum total of **£94.61**

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

The table below shows the total number of achievement points received by each year group for week ending **29th 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 **29th January 2016**.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7M	99.06	7M	98.12
Year 8	8H	95	8J	98.67
Year 9	9P	97.67	9P	98
Year 10	10J	97.1	10J	96.77
Year 11	11J	95.52	11M	97.14