



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's message: *Ms Justine McDonald*

To mark the start of Lent this week, as in previous years, all students have been given a copy of a pocket sized booklet "Walk with Me". The booklet contains a daily prayer and reflection for the season of Lent. Please encourage your daughter to keep this booklet with her as we will be using it during form assemblies.

We had a wonderful celebration of Mass with Bishop Nicholas Hudson on Thursday 11th February. He was incredibly impressed by the beautiful singing during Mass and the students' prayerful and peaceful attitude throughout the service. A group of students, the Young Servite Leaders from KS4 and KS5 form groups, joined the Bishop for buffet lunch. It was a really wonderful occasion for the school.

This week in Headteacher's Assemblies I have been setting the students a Lenten Challenge, which has two parts:

1. To do something different during Lent

2. To give something up during Lent

Part one is to focus on developing our capacity to show **Mercy** and I have made three suggestions:

- Be patient with others
- Be tolerant of mistakes
- Forgive the errors of others

Part two is to reduce (give up) the intake of **added sugar** and aim to consume no more than 30g of added sugar a day. Again I have made three suggestions:

- Drink water
- Avoid sugary drinks
- Look carefully at label

You can find out more about this at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/campaigns/sugar-smart/sugar-facts>

Announcements: *Events and important dates*

Thursday 25th February 2016: Year 12/13 Parents Evening – 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Just a reminder to parents of year 12 and year 13 students, our consultation evening 25th February.

Thursday, 3rd March 2016: Year 9 Options Evening – 5.30pm to 7.00pm

It is very important that parents of students in Year 9 attend this evening – please do try to make arrangement to be there

Thursday, 10th March 2016: Year 10 Parents Evening – 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Just a reminder to parents of year 10 students, our consultation evening 10th March.

Reports and News

Visitors from Oslo, Norway

Mr Tierney, Assistant Head Teacher



As part of an on-going collaboration with the Hackney Learning Trust, our school was selected to host a visit from a group of visitors from Oslo, Norway. This included the Vice Mayor for Education for the city of Oslo, Tone Tellevik Dahl, and 9 of her colleagues.

The group were very interested to look round our building to see how we are developing the use of ICT in the classroom. They saw lots of wonderful examples of students using our new, fast chromebooks which enable students to work using the Google Apps for Education software.

Thank you to all students who talked to the visitors and were able to show all of the wonderful work they have been doing.

Year 10 Theatre Trip to the Fortune Theatre

Mrs Read, Head of Drama

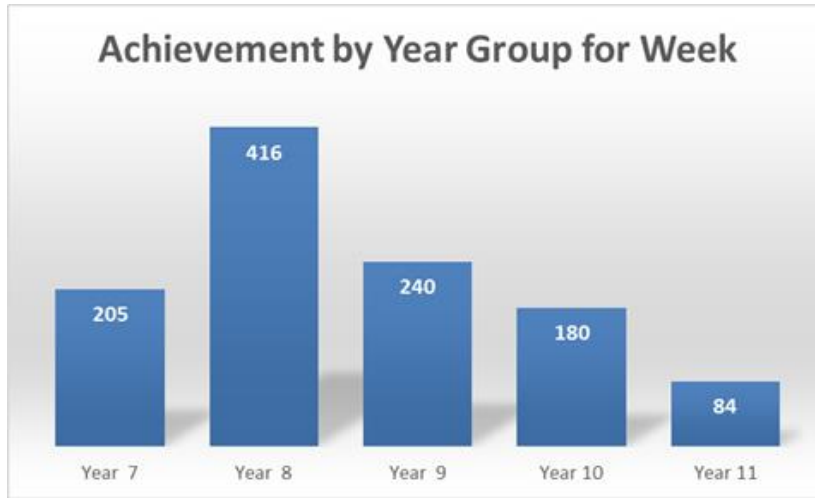


On Tuesday 2nd February, Mrs Barnett and Mrs Read took the year 10 GCSE Drama students to a production of "The Woman in Black", at the Fortune Theatre, Covent Garden. The girls having been studying what makes an effective thriller, as well as this particular play, so this production helped us appreciate how to build tension, atmosphere and stillness. The entire performance of 2 hours and 20 minutes was performed by just two actors. This helped the students to understand how to act a role, as well as narrate the story, with flawless accuracy.

The year 10 girls who attended this trip were impeccably behaved and were outstanding ambassadors for the school. We look forward to taking them to the Theatre again.

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

The table below shows the total number of achievement points received by each year group for week ending **5th February 2016**.



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

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	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7M	97.95	7J	97.95
Year 8	8J	97.08	8J	98.57
Year 9	9J	97.39	9P	98.54
Year 10	10J	97.92	10M	97.27
Year 11	11J	97.38	11M	97.82