



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's message:

Ms Justine McDonald

We are getting very close to the end of term, and for many of our students that means that final examinations are drawing ever closer. In preparation for those final public examinations, our Sixth Form students and most KS4 students will be taking mock exams over the next two week. Please keep these students in your prayers - at this important and often stressful time.

With those mock exams in mind, please remind your daughter how important it is to be **Peaceful, Polite and Punctual** at school – creating the appropriate environment for students to study, learn and take examination.

A prayer for those preparing for examinations:

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.
Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.
Help me to focus on my books and notes,
keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use
of this time that is available to me.
Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying,
and help me to remember it when the time comes.
Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study
and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.
Help me always to use them in such a way
that they honour you and do justice to myself.
Amen

Many thanks to Year 10 Parents who came along for our annual Parents' Meeting with subject teachers. Attendance was excellent, with over 106 of Year 10 families represented at the evening. Thank you for your support of our work with your daughters.

Announcements:

Events and important dates

Friday, 18th March 2016: Sports Relief Day Non-uniform for students - £2 donation to Sports Relief.

Monday, 21st March 2016: School Outfitters Fosters Schoolwear will be in school from 3.30pm to 5.00pm to sell school uniform

Thursday, 24th March 2016: Last Day of Term Students will finish the term after Whole School Mass on Maundy Thursday. We expect students to be dismissed at approximately 1.15pm. Lunch will not be served at school on this day.

Monday, 11th April 2016: First day of Summer Term Students are expected back at School by 8.40am, after their Easter break.

Thursday, 21st April 2016: Year 7 Parents Evening 5.00 to 7.00pm

Just a reminder to parents of year 7 students, our consultation evening 21st April. Students will bring home letters for this event but for now please make sure this date is in your diary.

Reports and News



Sports Relief Day

Ms McDonald, Headteacher

Friday 18th March is Sports Relief Day and to help support this fundraising event we will be holding a non-uniform day. Students are asked to contribute £2 each and to wear sports clothes, such as their school PE kit, on the day. Please do not allow this event to be an excuse for students to purchase new clothes - everyone has sports attire that they can wear on the day.

Students should give their £2 to the staff collecting in the dining hall before school by 16th March 2016. The 18th March falls during an exam week for some of our students, therefore it is imperative that students' behaviour is maintained at the usual high standard on Sport Relief Day. Students taking exams must be able to do so in a quiet, calm and supportive environment.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Ms. Lopes, Head of Year and Teacher of P.E.

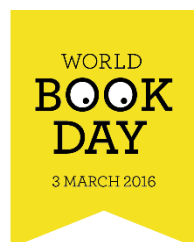


Sainsbury's
Active Kids
Eat well • Move well • Live well

The PE Department is now collecting Sainsbury's Vouchers towards Sports equipment. Please help us by bringing your vouchers into school. There is a box at reception. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day

Clara McCaughey 7J



This year, World Book Day was on Thursday 3rd March. Throughout the week, in our year seven library lessons, we had a three round book quiz, which included tasks like 'Guess the book character'. We worked in teams for the quiz and whoever won received a bag of giant chocolate buttons. This was a fun surprise for year seven.

On the day, the library held similar quizzes for everyone during break and lunch. With similar rounds to the class quizzes, everyone went around the library answering as many questions as possible to try and win more chocolate buttons. On Friday, we found out the results of the quizzes – everyone was very excited! Shania Charles (9P) and Angella Del Mondo (9P) worked together and won both quizzes overall, but Caroline Acquaye (7M) and myself won for year seven – we were both very happy!

Events and news from Health and Social Care

Ms. Stanton, Head of Health & Social Care, BTEC Coordinator.

Congratulations to **Catarina Batista 11P** for achieving a Distinction equivalent to an A in her external examination for level 2 Btec Health and Social Care.



British Red Cross Emergency First Aid Course

We have some places left on the British Red Cross Emergency First Aid course. This is available for students in Year 7 to 11. The two dates left are Thursday May 19th or Thursday May 26th from 3.15 to 5.15 pm. If you would like a place please send your name and form group to Ms Stanton via email or leave it at student reception.

**St John
Ambulance**



Resuscitation Course

We will be running a resuscitation course, available to students in Year 12 or 13. Dates available are Wednesday 4th May or Wednesday 11th May from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Please send your name and form group to Ms Stanton via email or leave it at student reception.

University Fair – 6th Form visit to The Emirates Stadium

Mr. Bailey, Head of Sixth Form

All members of Year 12 visited the Emirates Stadium on Friday 4th March. There were 65 universities and other higher education and career pathway providers in attendance. Our students had the opportunity to speak to admissions officers from all over the UK; asking questions related to entry criteria and suitability. Students from our sixth form were joined by 1000's of other sixth form students. Although in Year 12 and still to complete their public exams this summer; we do encourage our students to have at least one eye on their future prospects – like many other young people their age. It is important that everyone is always aware that their actions and efforts now will enable them to open up career paths later on – this is true for Year 7 students as much as members of the sixth form. Initial feedback from the event was positive and our students have recognised the need to begin planning for university in September 2017

Careers: Aviva Business Mentoring

Valentina Arcila Cano 12J



On Monday 7th March, seventeen Year 12 students studying A Level Economics and Business studies went to the city (Bank station) where we were given the fantastic opportunity to work with people from Aviva Investors. The people from Aviva will be guiding us throughout the year as our individual mentors. They will introduce us to the world of work, raise our aspirations, enable us to identify career goals and increase our employability. Our mentors will also be available to help us with our University and Apprenticeship applications and there is even the potential for some of us to gain work experience with Aviva in the Summer. Many thanks to Mr Earnshaw for organising this life changing opportunity.

Year 13 Community Service - Justina Cruickshank

Claire Beerjeraz, year 13.



On Friday 4th March, during our Sixth Form Core RE, Justina Cruickshank from the Hackney Winter Night Shelter came to talk to us about her experience working with those who are homeless in this area. Homelessness is again a growing problem as the Guardian recently reported that over the past five years the number of rough sleepers across England has doubled to an estimated 3,600.

Homelessness charities believe the 3,600 figure to underestimate the problem as, women, for example, often remain uncounted because they rarely sleep openly on the streets during the night as it is so dangerous.

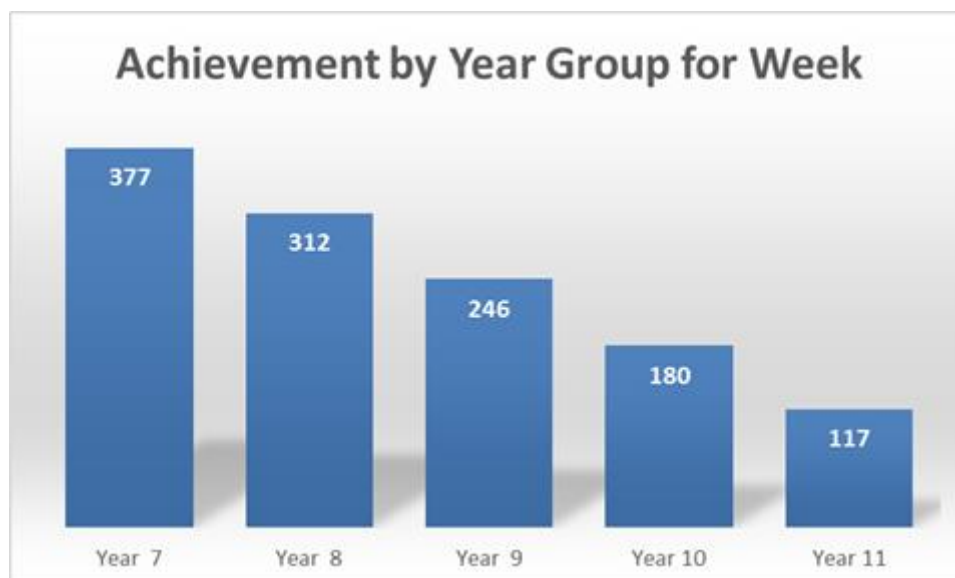
Justina told us about how the volunteers offer a wide range of support – most volunteer one evening or one night a month. The volunteers come from Hackney and travel from other parts of London and truly represent the diverse ethnic and religious range of our city. They prepare the venue, cook and serve food and offer their guests conversation in a friendly environment. Volunteers eat with the guests and share the evening with them chatting (in many languages), playing games and drinking tea and coffee. Some stay overnight and others turn up first thing to serve breakfast and help clear up. They aim to create a homely place, where guests can relax and feel safe.

The talk was really insightful and opened our eyes to the ongoing battle with homelessness in the UK. We managed to raise £300 for the Hackney Winter Night Shelter, which will provide many hot meals for those in need. Thank you to the RE department for organising the talk.

Recognising Achievement:

Mr. Smith, Assistant Headteacher.

The table below shows the total number of achievement points received by each year group for week ending **4th March 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 4th March 2016. Congratulations to these forms and a special mention to 9J with 100% Attendance

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7M	98.75	7P	96.77
Year 8	8H	96.13	8J	99.66
Year 9	9J	100	9P	98.33
Year 10	10M	97	10P	96
Year 11	11M	97.5	11M	96.43