



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents of Year 10 students who came to our parents' consultation evening last week. Once again, it was a very useful opportunity to share progress reports and discuss ways in which staff and parents can work together to support your daughters' achievement.

Parents' Forum – update from Mr. Smith, Assistant Headteacher

Thank you to all parents who attended Mrs Gray's presentations on the 2014 Summer Exam results last week – it was lovely to see you and I hope it gave you a deeper understanding of how examination data is used to measure a school's performance.

On **Tuesday 5th May at 5:30pm** we have our next information event on the topic of E-safety for Parents. This presentation is for anyone who has questions, concerns or simply an interest in whether their child is using the internet and social media in a safe way. It will cover the topics that appear in newspapers every day: cyber-bullying, on-line grooming, child exploitation and online protection. It will be delivered by an external specialist in this field and will provide you, as a parent, with important information that you need to know about these topics and about how young people use digital technology to communicate with others. **All parents are welcome to attend this event.** Your daughter was given a letter last Monday that gives further information about this event.

School day timings and public examinations

In order to ensure that afternoon sessions of public examinations start within the regulation time period, we will be adopting new timings for the school day from Monday 11th May until the end of term. Our start time remains the same, 8.45am, with all students expected to be in school by 8.40am. Lunch will be earlier, with two periods in the afternoon instead of one, and school will finish at **3pm**.

Headteacher's lunch

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated for Headteacher's lunch for this week :-

Catarina Ballista I0P, Melissa Lopes Embalo I I P, Audrey Oppong I I H and Kimberley Peleaz I I P.

School Outfitters

Fosters Schoolwear will be in school on **Monday, 18th May** from 3.30 to 5pm to sell school uniform.

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China Town Trip - Report by Jenna Colaco

On Friday 20th March, the year 10 Mandarin group went on a trip to China Town. During this trip we had the chance to eat very delicious Chinese food at an all you can eat buffet! We also tasted some other authentic Chinese food, such as spicy tofu, from the local stalls. After the meal (and many of my failed attempts at using chop sticks), we split into pairs or groups for a competition. Each team was given a quiz sheet and we had to use our Mandarin skills to find every location and object on the list! When everyone was regrouped and the prizes for the winners were handed out, we were allowed to go shopping (I bought some chop sticks, other girls bought bubble tea or traditional Chinese pastries and breads!). Overall, It is a great trip, because we are able to use Mandarin in the real life situation.

Suite Française - par Sarah Nkempi and Jessica Inzani (Y13)

Lors des vacances de Pâques, nous sommes allées au ciné Lumière avec Madame Robinson et les premières afin de voir 'Suite Française'. Le film s'est déroulé dans les années 1940 où La France était sous l'occupation allemande. Cette histoire d'amour suit Bruno et Lucille (un soldat allemand et une femme française ordinaire) qui tombent amoureux l'un de l'autre, contre toute attente. C'est un film touchant avec une morale : « apprécier les moindres moments de la vie ».

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Year 9 Competition : Best English translation of this article will receive a prize.

Deadline: Friday 8th May Merci d'avance (Mme Robinson)

Rock Style Chinese Concert - from Ms Chen

On Monday after school, all students who are doing Mandarin Chinese were invited to attend a rock style Chinese concert. A band called Transition who is the only band in Europe who write and sing Chinese songs gave a great performance in our Assembly Hall. The band was very impressed with how beautifully our students can sing along with their famous songs and how responsive the girls were as audiences! The band share with all girls their experience of learning Mandarin Chinese and how it enriched their life and help open doors for their music career. In fact, they are going to China to have a tour of performance in 21 cities in June. Many students went up to the band to get autographs of the band members, asked them more questions and even bought their CDs at the end of the concert. A big thank you to Mr Earnshaw, Ms Li, Ms Song, Ms Xue, Mr Downey (Our former PGCE student teacher) for helping organize the concert and thank you Mr Khwaja, the site team and Ms Wetton for running around helping the band to get another microphone.

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 17th April 2015.

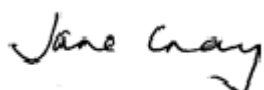
	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7P	99.38	7J	99.03
Year 8	8J	98.62	8P	99.33
Year 9	9J	99.38	9H,J	98.75
Year 10	10J	98.67	10M	98.21
Year 11	11H	98.33	11M	96.67

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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 24th April 2015. Congratulations to these forms and a special mention to 8P with 100% Attendance.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7H	98.39	7J	98.71
Year 8	8P	100	8P	98.33
Year 9	9J	99.06	9H	98.12
Year 10	10H	97.93	10M	97.5
Year 11	11H	97.33	11H	94

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Jane Gray
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