



# OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I know that many students will be busy revising during the holiday and may even be coming into school as many staff have generously offered their time to run additional revision classes. I would like to thank them for their commitment and hope they will also find time to enjoy a well-deserved half term holiday with some sunshine to help the relaxation! We return to school at the usual time on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## **Year 10 Study Tour of the Bay of Naples – report by Sydnella Lake, year 10.**

The Geography Department organised a study tour of the Bay of Naples area which included study of the volcanic areas of Solfatara and Vesuvius together with some stunning coastal features of the Isle of Capri. Each place we visited had its uniqueness. The sulphur fumaroles of Solfatara got everyone squirming with the smell of rotten eggs though it was fascinating to stand in the crater of a super volcano!

The next day we woke to some stunning views right from our hotel balcony of Vesuvius – a dormant volcano that dominates the skyline of this entire bay area. Even more thrilling was the walk right up to the crater of Vesuvius and see the huge chasm through which lava had poured out during its eruption in AD 79. The views of the Bay of Naples from a height of nearly 1300m were grand!

Another highlight of the trip was visiting Pompeii - the city that was totally engulfed by the AD 79 eruption. We took a moment to read the account of the eruption written by Pliny the Elder. The mosaics and the buildings of this ruined city were fascinating and it was amazing to see how people in Ad 70's lived their lives.

Overall it was a fabulous few days with gorgeous food – not often that I get to eat an entire pizza to myself or see some breathtaking views from a chair lift in Capri!



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## Headteacher's lunch

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

**Sophie Alves 7J, Lashanda Atupem 8H, Ellie Bowyer 8J and Shania Charles 8P**

## Student Travel Ambassadors Project (STAR) – Events for June 2015 – report by Dr. Deeny, Science.

The STAR group had a visit from Hackney Council Sustainable Transport group this week for a Bikers Breakfast to launch the Cycling Challenge on 19<sup>th</sup> May. In June they will encourage students to cycle or walk to school. There will be prizes for those who make the most journeys to school by bike or on Foot.

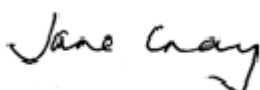
They are also recruiting for the Hackney Bike around the Borough event on 18th June 2015. This is an all day event organised by Hackney Council for all schools in the Borough. It involves a 10 mile cycle ride with events and activities along the way. If you want to register for it, please contact **Ijeoma Nzeama (7H)** or **Whitney Ayiwah Boadu (10P)**.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7H	98.71	7J	98.71
Year 8	8J	99.66	8J	99.31
Year 9	9J	99.69	9M	98.39
Year 10	10J	99.31	10M	98.57
Year 11	11P	97	11M	97.33

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Jane Gray  
Head Teacher