



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday, 5th June 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

The appointment process for our new Headteacher is progressing well, there will be five candidates attending for interview on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th June, I am sure that all members of our community will make them feel most welcome.

Year 11 Study Leave & Uniform – reminders from Dr Blackwell

Year 11 Study Leave will start straight after the Maths Exam on the coming Monday morning, June 8th. The girls will then only attend school when they have exams or extra revision lessons, as was explained in the letter you received last month.

Uniform - all girls must be in full school uniform anytime they are in school. If you will not need your daughter's school uniform after she finishes Year 11 we purchase good condition blazers for £5 each. We would also be very grateful if you would donate other items of good condition school uniform to the school so we can help needy students. Thank you in advance for your support.

Year 11 Graduation Celebration evening and Leavers Jumpers – report by Mrs Georgakakou, Head of Year 11

I am pleased to report that Year 11 students have been very focussed on their exams and dedicated to their revision. We are all looking forward to the end of the exam season when we can celebrate their hard work with a Graduation Celebration evening on Thursday 25th June, at the Regency Banqueting Suite, 113 Bruce Gove, N17 6UR from 7:00pm-11:00pm. Pupils still have a chance to return their reply slips to reception by next Wednesday 10th June with their payment of £30 in a named envelope. Ms Bedneau has also kindly organised leavers' jumpers at the price of £14 and deadline for payment is also on Wednesday 10th June. We will let students know when the jumpers will be available for collection at reception.

Secondary transfer, Year 7 in September 2016

Over the next fortnight, we are looking forward to welcoming year 5 pupils from several of our feeder primary schools to experience Taster sessions of the secondary school experience. In the autumn term they will also be able to visit with their parents our Secondary Transfer Open Evening on Tuesday 29th September from 4pm.

GCSE History trip to Museum of London and the Royal Courts of Justice; - report by Jenna Colaco, Form 10P

On Tuesday 6th of June, the whole of Year 10 History went on a trip to the Museum of London where we participated in a work shop about the Suffragettes who campaigned for women's right to vote. We got to handle original posters and cartoons about their cause, and explored the museum's collection of Suffragette items, including teapots with their logo on! Afterwards, we visited the Royal Courts of Justice where we re-enacted a court trial about a Suffragette, Mary Richardson, who went on trial for slashing an expensive painting with a "meat-chopper" at the National Gallery.

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This was just one of the militant acts women committed to raise awareness and express the importance of their fight for Women's suffrage in the early 20th century. We also learnt a lot about the Judicial system itself- did you know that you can watch trials at court from the age of 14? Or that the makers of Jaffa Cakes took the government to court because they did not want to be taxed for being a chocolate 'biscuit'? I definitely didn't, which is why I felt like the experience really taught me a lot about the legal system in our country and about the suffering women went through in order to get us the vote. All I can say is, I'm very grateful to the Suffragettes and Suffragists for the freedom we have as a result of their hard work and campaigning.



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 22nd May 2015. Congratulations to these forms and a special mention to 10J with 100% Attendance.

| | Attendance | | Punctuality | |
|----------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Form | % | Form | % |
| Year 7 | 7J | 98.06 | 7J | 99.35 |
| Year 8 | 8P | 98.33 | 8J | 99.31 |
| Year 9 | 9P | 98.71 | 9M | 98.39 |
| Year 10 | 10J | 100 | 10P | 99 |
| Year 11 | 11H | 96 | 11M | 96.33 |

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher