



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 11's enjoyed a wonderful evening of celebration at their Prom last week, thank you to Ms Georgakakou, Head of Year for organising the event and also to all the staff who attended and joined in the celebrations. This week we welcomed our incoming Year 7 cohort, Year 6 pupils from over 50 different Primary schools spent their Induction day with us on Thursday and enjoyed starting getting to know one another as well as finding out more about life in Our Lady's. A very big thank you to Ms McDonald and all the staff who ran activities on the day and a special mention to the fantastic team of Year 7 & 8 ambassadors who looked after these new members of our school community.

Message from London Overground

As you may be aware, the train line between London Liverpool Street and Enfield / Cheshunt has been taken over by London Overground. All stations are now fully staffed throughout the day and ticket checks undertaken on a regular basis, students should be aware that free Oyster travel refers to buses not trains and they must purchase a valid ticket for all journeys on the train.

Female Genital Mutilation

In May this year the Nigerian Government made international headlines by passing a law that bans FGM. Campaigners say this is an important precedent and now the world looks to the last few nations who have not yet made it illegal. As an organisation, representing an international community of women here at Our Lady's Convent High School, we would like to add our voice to all those working to outlaw FGM across the world.

FGM comprises all procedures involving the partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or any other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. FGM is sometimes known as 'female genital cutting' or female circumcision. FGM is considered a grave violation of the rights of girls and women.

Under the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 it is an offence for anyone to perform or assist anyone in carrying out FGM. The Act also covers FGM carried out on UK residents when holidaying abroad.

If this is an issue that concerns you or you would like more information, please call the NSPCC FGM helpline on 0800 028 3550 for more information or email them at fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk.

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Geography Field Trip – Walton-on-the-Naze

On the 25th June all of year 8 went on a field trip to Walton-on-the-Naze. We had our booklets with our tasks to do while on our trip. The first task was to observe all of the uses of the Tower (e.g. for schools, builders, dog walkers etc) and to see if the uses had any conflict. We did many other tasks as well. However, I particularly enjoyed the following task: we had to walk down the street and observe all the buildings that were there and we had to take pictures. I enjoyed taking pictures of all the different buildings. In addition I also liked the questionnaire as we had to ask people questions and I liked interacting with all the different and interesting people.

Report by Rosie Matondo

On Thursday, 25th June, we went on a field trip to Walton-on-the-Naze to look at coastal erosion. We had to fill out a booklet while we were there. We had to ask people around the area questions about why they were in Walton. We had to take pictures of all the different people (dog walkers, tourists etc.). We also looked at the different types of sea defences in Walton and we drew field sketches of them and filled out a bipolar questionnaire to evaluate the coastal management strategies. Also we went into the town and took pictures of the different land uses (residential, shops etc). Once we were finished we had an hour of free time to go anywhere we wanted to go along the beach.

Report by Sinead Patton

The trip was good because we did lots of different activities such as taking photographs, asking people questions and lots more. The beach at Walton-on-the-Naze had lots of gift shops and other shops. I thought the Walton-on-the-Naze trip was good.

Report by Rebecca Isichei



Materials Science Trip to Cardinal Pole School – Thursday 25th June – Report by Mr. Andrews

25 Year 11 and 12 students attended a lecture from Professor Dan Allwood of Sheffield University at Cardinal Pole School.

There were many different examples of materials with remarkable properties to touch and feel including: bullet proof materials (with bullets still embedded in them from testing), carbon fibre moulded parts from Formula 1 cars, and the 3-D printed nose cone from the Bloodhound car which will aim to break the land speed record.

The students were accompanied by two new members of the Science Department for September 2015: Mr H Sykes (Head of Science) and Mrs E Hillier (Physics).

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 26th June 2015. Congratulations to these forms and a special mention to 7H for 100% Attendance.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7H	100	7M	99.06
Year 8	8J	98.28	8H	98.75
Year 9	9M	99.35	9H	98.44
Year 10	10H	98.62	10P	96.33

Yours sincerely,



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