



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term is rapidly approaching but you can see from all our news reports that there is no slowing down in the pace of school life! We are looking forward to our annual Sports Day next Tuesday – all the details have been issued in a separate letter. Please be aware that our last day of the summer term is **Friday 17th July**, students will be **dismissed at 1pm**. They return on Monday 7th September at 8.40am.

School Outfitters

Fosters Schoolwear will be in school on **Monday, 13th July** from 3.30pm to 7.00pm to sell school uniform.

Year 7 Bush Craft Camping Trip – report by Jasmine Letham and Emily Sarr



On Thursday the 2nd of July, year 7 were given the opportunity to experience something different by going camping in Oxfordshire with the Bush Craft Company. Whilst we were there we: went swimming in the lake, we made survival bracelets, we had a dance battle, we learnt how to parnasse salmon, we slept in tents and we played a Bush Craft all-time favourite game **PREDATOR!**

The food was nice but most of all we enjoyed making pizzas! Bush Craft was fun and we recommend it to others -

Note from Ms Nye, Head of Year 7 : “I was very proud of year 7, who threw themselves at all the challenges they faced on the Bush Craft trip. It was especially fun watching them scream as they jumped into the swimming lake, and I was amazed to see 12 brave girls eat a raw salmon eye ball! Thank you to all the year 7 students who joined, for a very enjoyable weekend camping!”

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Science & Technology Challenge Day – report by Zainab Bakare

On Wednesday 24th June a group of Year 8 and Year 9 students from Our Lady's Convent took part in a Science and Technology Challenge Day at B-Six College. Secondary Schools from all over the Borough were invited to attend. Each team were faced with the task of completing three out of four possible challenges. The challenges were:

1. The Robot Challenge: programming a mobile Lego Mind Storms EV3 robot.
2. The Electronic Vehicle Challenge: it involved the design and assembly of a small vehicle.
3. The E FIT-V Challenge: creating E FIT-V images using police software.
4. Bridge Building: constructing a bridge using only paper tubes, string and masking tape!

Congratulations go to Shania Charles and Angella Del Mundo (Year 8) for winning the Robotics Challenge, whilst Chia Attiapo and Zainab Bakare (Year 9) won the Vehicle Challenge. Each student received a small plaque for their win.

Our thanks go to Mr Rogers for entering the teams and to Ms Sayedi for accompanying us and her successful efforts in fostering a healthy spirit of competition against the other schools!

Year 9 Mandarin Trip to the British Museum – Report by Hillary Ike-Michael

On Wednesday July 1st Year 9 Mandarin students went on a trip to British Museum to study the history of Blue and White porcelain. We have already watched some YouTube videos about why Blue and White porcelain were so expensive and in fact we couldn't believe it when we found out the most expensive Chinese porcelain was auctioned for 43million pounds a couple of years ago! When we arrived at the museum, we were directed to different rooms so that we could have a close look at the porcelains on display in the glass case. Some of us made a sketch of the item we like while some of us noted down the information about the item. After that, we were encouraged to speak to some Chinese tourists in the room in Mandarin. Although we have a list of questions in our hands, most of us found it scary to go and talk to a stranger. However, Ms Chen and Ms Li helped us by explaining to the tourists first what we were doing and why and then standing next to us. I was very nervous to start with, but once I finished asking the question and the lady I spoke to seem to understand me fine, I felt relieved and happy. In fact, many of us really enjoyed the conversation and we wanted to interview more Chinese tourists.

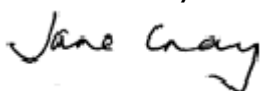
Many thanks to Ms Chen and Ms Li for organising the trip and a big thank you to Mr Meyers, Mr Cotgrove and Ms Rose who took us there.

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 3rd July 2015.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7J	97.58	7J	98.39
Year 8	8J	98.28	8H	98.44
Year 9	9H	99.22	9M	98.39
Year 10	10H	96.55	10M	98.21

Yours sincerely,



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