



Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful last few weeks of term with some exceptional showcases of talent. The Art department displayed the examination work, which was impressive. In Drama, the girls showcased their playlets. Our sports day was enjoyed by all – and the girls are such excellent ambassadors for both sport and our school – they made the day so much fun for everyone. The Music department once again stunned us with superb ensembles, amazing voices and just so much talent. Thank you so much to the girls, the staff and to you, our parents – your support is invaluable in enabling the girls to fulfil potential. We were thrilled to welcome Mr Millar, Mrs Wegerhoff and Mr Hendricks from Norman Henshilwood High School in South Africa. They have praised our school and we're of course, most impressed with the girls. Please note our times of return next term. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Mrs Freear, Headteacher

VISIT FROM SOUTH AFRICA



Our visit to CJMLC can be summed up in one word: amazing. Our reciprocal visit was organised so that we could strengthen the relationship that was started two years ago. Despite knowing that CJMLC was an 'outstanding school', we decided post-visit that we would like to add the following descriptions: excellent, superb, at the cutting edge of curriculum delivery, professional in every respect and a place of

English teaching and learning and hospitality. **Mr D Millar (Principal), Mrs R Wegerhoff (Head of Department) Mr Z Hendricks (Senior Economics and Business Studies teacher) Norman Henshilwood High School, Cape Town**

real learning. Your discipline is excellent. The staff and girls are to be commended for making teaching and learning happen. We have learnt so much during our short stay and wish to thank each teacher who allowed us to observe them in action. In addition, we wish to thank the Headteacher, Mrs Freear for her warmth and hospitality despite her hectic schedule; the Chair of the Board of Governors, Mrs Minton, for taking the time to meet us and having an interest in our visit. Our partnership has been consolidated on this trip. Thank you for showing us the very best of



OUR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL

During the last week we had our school improvement partner, Mrs Waplinton review standards within the school which includes a review of the same areas that are examined by Ofsted. It is positively heartening to know that our outstanding work is affirmed and again the convent is deemed an excellent school in all areas. As a result of outstanding status, we are accredited as a National Support School (NSS) and will work with other schools to support their improvement. **Mrs G Freear, Headteacher**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs, 21st July	Last Day of Term (12.40 pm dismissal)
Thurs, 18th Aug	A2 I Results from 8.30 am AS Results from 10.30 am
Thurs, 25th Aug	GCSE Results from 10.00 am
Tues, 6th Sept	Year 12 Registration 9.00 am
Tues, 6th Sept	Year 7, 8 and 10 Return—9.45 am. Year 7 to the Hall, Year 8 and 10 to Form rooms
Wed, 7th Sept	Whole School Returns—8.40 am. Year 7 to Playground, All Other Years to Form rooms
From Sept 2011	Meal Deal will increase to £2.10

MANGA HIGH



Would you like to play games and improve your Maths at the same time? If the answer is yes, then log on to

Mangahigh.com where Maths is just a game - challenge all your friends in the games. Ask your teacher for your login and improve your Maths in a fun way. Suitable for everyone from Year 7 to Year 11.

Mr P Kelly, Assistant Headteacher

An **outstanding** school where students reach exceptionally high standards and develop into confident and articulate young women a very special place. OFSTED, May 2009

CULTURAL DIVERSITY EVENING



The Convent held their second Cultural Diversity Evening on 22nd June. The evening's fun factor and celebratory atmosphere is securing its place as a much anticipated annual Convent event. De-

spite a day of grim weather, the sun suddenly beamed down on us just as the festivities were due to start and this contributed to the carnival mood. The stalls, as always, offered a tempting array of foods from different cultures: from rice to noodles and from couscous to baklava. Other stalls offered (non-edible) goodies from different cultures; there were handmade beaded key-rings from South Africa made by a craftsman local to our partnership school as well as beautiful jewellery and kimono on sale too. A traditional feature of all cultural community celebration is music and dance and the Diversity Evening provided a platform for great talents in these areas. Miss Lisk had organised much of the evening's music and dance which provided substantial entertainment. Some of the girls' dancing was even featured in the local newspaper.



We look forward to another successful evening next year and hope that the Cultural Diversity Evening's legacy inspires even more representatives from different cultures to come share music, eat great



food, dance and rejoice being part of a wonderfully eclectic and culturally diverse community.

Mrs M Di Lullo, Assistant Curriculum Leader English
The Cultural Diversity Evening was one of the ways in which the Student Council has tried to encourage co-operation between students and teachers. There was a



really big turnout this year and there were lots of music, food and activities all around. Everyone enjoyed themselves and I look forward to making next year's Cultural Diversity Evening even better. **Tianna, 9 Gervasio**

It was extremely fun and I enjoyed the music. I thought it was a great opportunity to represent my country. The dancing was good and a brilliant show of different cultural traditions. **Amara, 9 Fourviere**

I found the Cultural Diversity evening very enjoyable. It was my first. I felt so proud to come and see not just my background being represented but so many others as well. I am glad that I have decided to come because if I hadn't, I would have missed this wonderful occasion.

Jessica, 7 Mary

The Cultural Diversity evening was fun - it was like a mini festival. I really enjoyed myself and can't wait for next year. **Fikeme, 7 Esther**

I think the event was good and we as parents should co-operate a lot more for the benefit of uniting the students and the friendship with the school.

Elizabeth, Kimbeley's mum, 8 Vladimir

It is beautiful and nice. We need more parents' involvement in the school! **Anna, Julia's mum, 8 Vladimir**

Today, I enjoyed the event as it was very good! **Everton,**

Tianna's dad, 7 Ruth

Came around 7pm and feel that the event needed more activities and stalls. Parents like myself would like to participate next year. It is a nice cultural event that brings everyone together with different activities and food to taste. The mix of ages was good, especially with my daughter being in year 7 and will get involved for many years. **Violet and Judith, Tinishia and Siohbans' mums, 7 Ruth**

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FETE DE LA MUSIQUE PRIMARY WORKSHOP



On Tuesday 5th July the Convent received a visit from a group of 32 year 4 girls from St Joseph's Primary School, Harlesden.

They took part in two specialist workshops focusing around the common theme of the French Fete de la Musique. By the end of a very busy morning our young visitors were delighted at the wonderful activities they

had undertaken:

I liked to play the French games. **Dominika**

I liked Music the best because I love singing. **Sherelle**

I liked the little quiz as it tested our knowledge. **Marianna**

Many were enthusiastic about their visit:

I think it is a fantastic school. I really enjoyed it. **Sophie**

I loved being here. I want to come to this school when I am older. **Latani**



SPORTS DAY



A huge 'thank you' to all pupils, staff and sixth-formers who worked so hard to make Sports Day a success. It's always lovely to see teams pulling together as well as individuals who show true promise. It really is a celebration of talents. Congratulations to everybody who took part.

Miss L Goodwin, Curriculum Leader PE

I won, whoo! I am so thrilled and happy. It was a very good day.

Fatima, 7 Esther

Sports day ws amazing and it was really fun. I did the 800M race and I came 2nd. I am really happy about it.

Marcia, 7 Judith

Sports day was fantastic! I enjoyed it thoroughly. I did the 100M race and came 3rd. Sotonye, 7 Judith
I thoroughly enjoyed the day especially when the Red team won!

Lavinia, 7 Esther

Sports day was fun! I did 100M, 200M and 4x100 relay and won all of them. The teachers congratulated me for doing well. Overall, the Red team won and the Green team came 2nd. Everyone enjoyed themselves, even those who did not win.

Edaina, 7 Esther

I was happy that it did not rain and there were many events. All of the girls



tried their best to win! There should be a students vs teachers event to make it fun and see us beat the teachers!

Martha, 7 Sarah

I was very excited and I enjoyed all the events! Overall it was a great day.

Kamali, 7 Ruth

It was a very eventful day and I am so pleased that I came 3rd in Discus.

Allayah, 9 Ipswich



	Florian	Sebastian	Chevremont
Year 7	313	399	299
Year 8	290	356	297
Year 9	360	327	372
Final results	963	1082	968

YEAR 5 VISITS JULY 2011

Again this year we have welcomed a number of our Catholic primary feeder school to take part in lessons here at the Convent. This year we have welcomed the following schools – St Mary's RC, NW6, St Margaret Clitherow, Our Lady of Grace, St Mary Magdalen, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Josephs, Wembley, St. Charles, Our Lady of Dolours, St. Mary of the Angels, St. Joseph's, NW10, St. Mary's, East Row, St. Vincent's Acton. Almost 300 students have had a taste of life at secondary school. The girls have been overwhelmingly positive about their visits. Here's what some of the girls said about their visit:

History was fun. Joanna

I learnt a lot. Shenhod

Liked the roman numerals. Lauren

I liked everything. Matilda

I liked the science experiment. Cartleen



Enjoyed the Science and Art lessons. Dechanel
The Science lesson was really good and fun. Olivia

The students that helped were very nice. Giulia

The art exhibition was very pretty.

Lissanty

Loved the science experiments.

Kayna

The girls that helped were friendly

and nice. Giorgia

Enjoyed everything we did. Esther

I enjoyed the history timeline. Jade

Science was the best. Jessica

Want to come to school. Mawel

Was really fun. Sally

I want to come to this school. Macy

Learnt so many new things. Shan-

nnon

We look forward to seeing all the girls back in September at our Open Evening.

Mrs G Quinlan, Assistant Head-teacher



ARIANNA'S LITERARY WORK



We are always very pleased to hear about the achievements of the girls outside of school. This half term we have learnt about Arianna's literary work. She is beginning to write a book. For additional guidance she took the initiative of writing to J K Rowling. Arianna was given the following advice by J K Rowling's team of

workers: 'Approach agents and publishers in the usual way. J K Rowling found the 'Writer's and Artist's Year-book' immensely helpful.' The team went on to wish Arianna well in her pursuits. Arianna has the following to say: *I'm 13 years old and my passion is writing books. I haven't actually completed a book yet but I'm on chapter*

14 of my current one. I have always loved reading since I was a child. My book is about my life but there is a vampire/werewolf twist to it. The characters in my book are actually real life people put into a story—these include Natalie Harbinson, Jordan Williams and Bobby Fernandez. Now that I have contacted some self publishers I have an idea of how to send my manuscript out to publishing companies. I have emailed Steve Feasy, the author of the Changeling series, and have also written to J K Rowling's publisher. I received a reply from both of them and they gave me advice on how to write and how to get my book published in the most efficient way possible. I hope you see my book on the top shelf in all the top bookstores soon.

Well done Arianna!

Mrs G. Quinlan, Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY

On Thursday 30th June we welcomed our Year 6 students ahead of their arrival in September 2011. The school was open on this day for Year 7 and 12 only. A programme was planned whereby the new girls (Year 6s) had the opportunity to work with our current Year 7s. Throughout the day the Year 7s buddied up with the Year 6s. They worked together on a Passport activity. Year 7 then accompanied our new girls to break and spent time with them. During the afternoon we celebrated our first formal Mass with the Year 6s. Fr Stephen Willis from Our Lady of Willesden celebrated the Mass. During his homily Fr Stephen made reference to the Year 6s perhaps feeling nervous about a number of possible transition issues. However, by the time the girls left at 2.00pm we felt very confident that we had eased the nervousness of our new students. They seemed to have had an excellent day in the care of our Year 7s. The current Year 7s have now written to each of the girls who came on 30th, extending a very warm welcome to all of them. We welcome all our new girls for September 2011. Well done to every girl in Year 7 who made them so welcome on Transition Day.

Mrs G. Quinlan, Assistant Headteacher



I enjoyed getting to know the year 6s because we got to go out at break with them.

Jessica, 7 Mary

I liked spending time with the year 6s. **Carolina, 7 Mary**



I liked how we got to meet the new year 7s and they got the chance to meet us.

Faith, 7 Mary

I liked it because we were in the same position as the year 6s last year. It was fun. **Samara, 7 Ruth**

It was very fun and exciting. I also didn't really know what to say at first. I felt as though it was my first day.

Weronika, 7 Sarah

Today was very exciting. It was really fun and I really enjoyed it. **Hulda, 7 Sarah**

It was extraordinary and fun. **Samira, Year 6**

I thought it was fab and liked the teachers. **Lucy, Year 6**

It was fun and now I'm not nervous. **Shannon, Year 6**

I thought today was really interesting.

Semhar, Year 6

Today was excellent and now I don't feel nervous any more coming here.

Victoria, Year 6

I had a great day



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Julia, Year 6

I found today really fun. A great experience!

Nin, Year 6



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