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Language College

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College Specialise en Langues

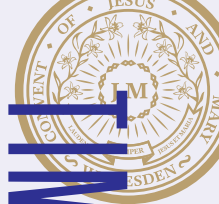
Students exhibit exemplary  
behaviour...They are prompt  
to lessons, arrive well  
prepared and ready to learn.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DEC 19	End of term (Early closure 12.40)
JAN 07	Start of term (Full school)
JAN 16	Year 13 Parents evening (Early closure 3pm)
JAN 24	Year 11 Parents evening (Early closure 3pm)
FEB 11-15	Year 13 Health & Social Care work experience (all week)
FEB 18-24	Half term break
FEB-MAR 25-01	Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 Assessment week
FEB 28	Year 8 Options evening
MAR 27	Dance Showcase
MAR 28	Year 10 Parents evening (Early closure 3pm)
APR 04	Year 12 Parents evening (Early closure 3pm)
APR 05	End of term (Early closure 12.40)
APR 23	Start of term (Full school)
APR 25	Year 9 Parents evening (Early closure 3pm)

# CONVENT TIMES



Our twitter account is super busy! Follow us on @cjmhc for updates



## OUR NEW STEINWAY SCHOOL

The Convent is now the first state funded school in the country to become a Steinway School. A group of our finest musicians together with staff attended a workshop at the prestigious Steinway Studios near to Bond Street in July where we were met by the world famous concert pianist Philip Fowke. We were treated to an amazing performance of well-known music played by Philip as he shared his expertise in how to select a concert grand piano, what to look and listen

for, how it should sound and which piano would be the most suitable for our school. After much deliberation and careful consideration we voted on Piano number 3. Philip thought this was an excellent choice! The piano was then purchased by our very generous Governing Body and is now situated in its new home in our school hall. We are the very first state school in the country to have a full size model D concert grand piano.

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Philip has kindly agreed to be the Patron of our new Steinway school and will give a piano recital on Thursday 2 May 2019 at 6pm. This will be an event not to miss for all music lovers amongst the students, staff, parents, governors and friends of the Convent.

The students were in awe of Philip's playing but not shy in trying out the pianos for themselves. Both Himashi and Lily performed solo and then Jerusalem joined with a vocal rendition of one of her favourite songs.

The Convent will soon become a centre for recitals and concerts and in the spring will host the Brent Young Musician of the Year competition.

We are very fortunate and blessed to be able to offer the best piano in the world to our students.

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MRS L MCGOWAN  
HEADMISTRESS

It was a great honour to go to Steinway Studios and pick out the new grand piano for the assembly hall. It makes me immensely happy to know that I was the first Convent girl ever to play the Steinway concert sitting in the hall. It was a brilliant experience.

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LILY, 10 CECILIA

Going to choose a Steinway was an experience I never thought I'd have. It was interesting to see all the prestigious instruments and learn how they are made.

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HIMASHI, 11 MATILDA



## MESSAGE FROM MRS L MCGOWAN

**It is all happening at the Convent! With last academic year very much seen as a transition year from one chapter to another, we are now firmly in a brand new era for the school and to mark this new chapter, we have launched several new, exciting and very different initiatives.**

We are very proud of our new status as the very first Centre for Research in Catholic Education in London and the south of England. Our 6th Form students began study for a research qualification last year and their results were exceptional with the majority of grades being A\* and A. From next year all our 6th Form students will take this important research qualification. We also have a team of staff researchers and student research associates from Years 8 to 12. St Mary's University, Twickenham are delighted to be supporting our new venture and several of our teachers are now studying for a Masters degree delivered here in our school by the university's professors. Academic attainment is so important in today's climate. For our students to be fully ready for higher level study at university, the experience of research whilst still at school will give them a significant advantage.

Another first for the Convent is that we are now the very first state funded school in the UK to become a Steinway School. Our purchase of a top model concert grand piano is an exciting new venture for the school. We are delighted that world famous concert pianist Philip Fowke has agreed to be our Patron and Philip will be with us in May next year to perform a piano recital. We will also be welcoming piano students from

the Royal Academy of Music in the spring who will visit to give piano recitals and masterclasses for our students to enjoy.

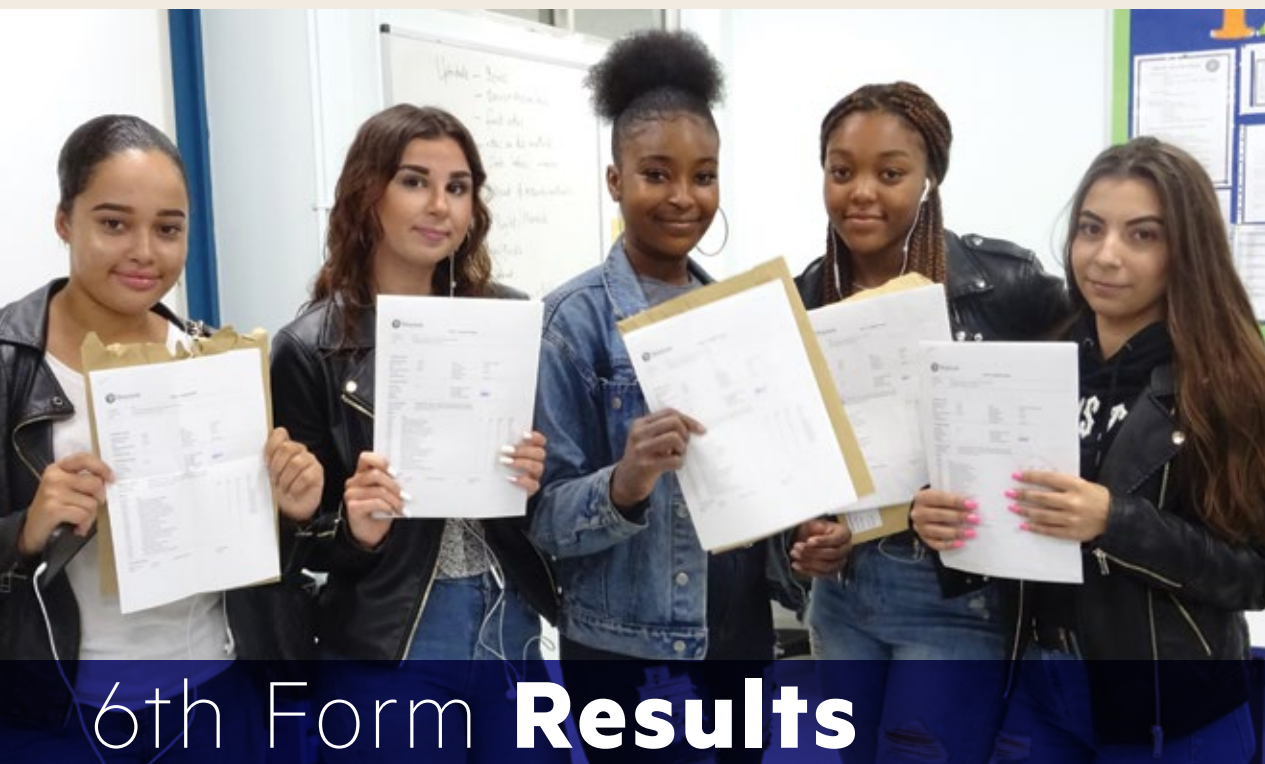
Our six new Houses are now well established in the school. After a whole school vote the students were almost unanimous in choosing names of female Saints for our Houses. We welcomed St Angela, St Cecilia, St Florentina, St Katherine, St Matilda, St Seraphina to the school in September. This was an important development from which to launch our exciting new Student Parliament. We have said a fond farewell to the School Council model and fully embraced a new form of active democracy in our Parliament. Our MP Dawn Butler will be visiting in January to work with the Parliament.

You can read about all these initiatives in this bumper newsletter and I hope that stirs your enthusiasm for the greatness that the Convent is on the path to achieving.

It has been a very busy term and draws to a close now with the beautiful and reflective season of Advent. We have fully embraced the spirit of preparing for Christmas at the Convent and our final day of term spent entirely in the Houses has brought much fun and laughter to our community. As we head home for the holidays we take with us the value and importance of family spirit taught to us by St. Claudine and we give thanks for who we are, what we have, for our education and for being blessed that we are members of a very special school community.

I wish all our students and their families every blessing this Christmas time.

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MRS L MCGOWAN,  
HEADMISTRESS



## 6th Form Results

*A-level and Level 3 students nervously arrived to receive their results. Many had done exceptionally well and had in fact surpassed expected grades. The students were able to go to the universities of their choice or apprenticeships. I was a very proud Head of Sixth Form as I took pictures of their celebrations. There was plenty of evidence that hard work pays off, and so does self-belief.*

*We started September with our new sixth form partnership. We are working with CCA and Newman to widen choices for all students involved. This package also includes new intermediate courses (Level 2) and new Level 3 courses. The array of opportunities will continue into September 2019 and this summer we will continue to celebrate A-level successes.*

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MS PAISLEY, HEAD OF 6TH FORM





# GCSE RESULTS

*Year 11 students celebrated fantastic successes in their GCSE results in August. Students achieved notable performances across all subjects.*

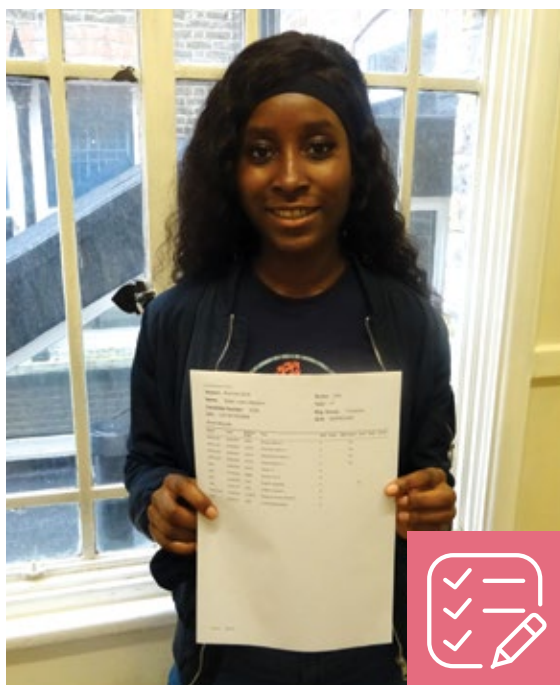
*Lynette Akuffo, who achieved five 9s, three 8s, one A\* and one 6, said: "I felt really nervous on my way into school this morning. I'm really happy with the results I have achieved. The hard work paid-off. I'm going on to study maths, further maths and chemistry."*

*Stella Lienu-Mpakam, who achieved three 9s, three 8s, one A\*, one 7, one 6 and one 5, said: "My heart was pounding as I arrived at school this morning. I felt so happy to see the grade 9s that I achieved. I feel really proud. I'm going to study A-levels in maths, biology, chemistry and French."*

*Abigail Yohannes, who achieved two 9s, three 8s, two 7s, one A and two 6s said: "I felt a mixture of nervousness and excitement this morning, I could hardly open my results. I'm really happy with the results I received and I'm looking forward to starting my A-levels."*

*Our headmistress, Mrs McGowan, paid tribute to the students and staff saying: "I am very proud of all our students and their teachers. To see so many achieve the highest grades of 7, 8 and 9 is exceptional, but of equal importance are the students for whom academic study can be a struggle; seeing the delight on their faces as they open their envelopes and think 'Yes, I did that!' is heart-warming."*

MR GRANT, HEAD OF YEAR 11



STELLA LIENU-MPAKAM



ABIGAIL YOHANNES

# European Day of Languages



*The MFL Department once again embraced European Day of Languages, which is celebrated every year on September 26th.*

*This year we added an extra twist by organising a Bake off with a European theme. Tasty and wonderful looking cakes were enjoyed by many and the proceeds of the sales contributed to the MacMillan Cancer Support.*

*Indeed, we have some truly talented bakers amongst our girls! Congratulations to our winner Jeanne.*

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MS I VUJICIC, CURRICULUM  
LEADER - MFL



# THE ROAD TO JERICHO



*Year 13 were invited to a retreat called 'The Road to Jericho' with the RJM sisters at their convent in Felixstowe.*

*The activities we shared were very special: we painted onto a ceramic tile something that represented us and we made rosaries. It's great to have these mementos of the experience.*

*We talked a lot with the sisters and learning from their lives and experiences was very inspiring. Seeing the simplicity of a nun's life was very purifying. We talked about the parable of the Good Samaritan and thought about what our charism or special gift might be and how we can use it for the best.*

*We set up tents in the grounds and had a campfire to sing and dance around so obviously we had to have hot chocolate and marshmallows too! We got up early one morning to watch the sunrise on the beach but sadly it was a little overcast and cloudy. We also had enormous success catching crabs and one of us even caught a fish!*

*Living as part of a community and bonding with each other and the sisters and staff was a comforting, calming and reflective experience.*

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ALESSIA AND PAULA, 13 SSEREPHINA,  
JIZELLE AND JANET, 13 KATHERINE





# DAY OF THE DEAD

*On Friday 2nd November our Year 9 students had the opportunity to be off-timetable and undertake different workshops on Dia de los Muertos, loosely translated as Day of the Dead. The date is the official one for Day of the Dead to correspond with Catholic celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls. It is not a morbid or depressing time, but rather a period full of life, happiness, colour, food, family and fun. The main symbols of this day are skulls, skeletons and the marigold flower, which are displayed throughout the cities in Central America.*

*The workshops reflect on the meaning of 'life and death' and this celebration is highlighted through the different activities the students enjoyed. We had the eye catching Tree of Life; students decorated biscuits and created flowers and the departments of English, History and RE offered students the chance to learn and reflect a little more deeply on events in the world and in our own lives. Year 9 students made the most of every moment of it.*

*The leaves that were created in the RE workshop was presented at Mass the following Friday, when Year 9 had Pastoral Mass, and have been placed in front of the Altar and are part of our prayerful life throughout November.*

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MRS SYLVESTER-CHARLES, CHAPLAIN



My favourite activity was art. We decorated a giant sugar skull with mini skulls. We coloured them in to make funky patterns whilst jamming to music with Ms Williams, which was really fun!

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MIRIAM, 9 CECILIA





GLOBE

# Theatre Visit

The History trip to Shakespeare's Globe was an extraordinary experience that helped to shape my journey as a historian.

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CLARE, 11 KATHERINE

When we went inside to look at the theatre, it was a totally different environment that I wasn't used to. I learnt that in Elizabethan England, actors and performers were not respected at all! They were called Vagabonds and could even be arrested.

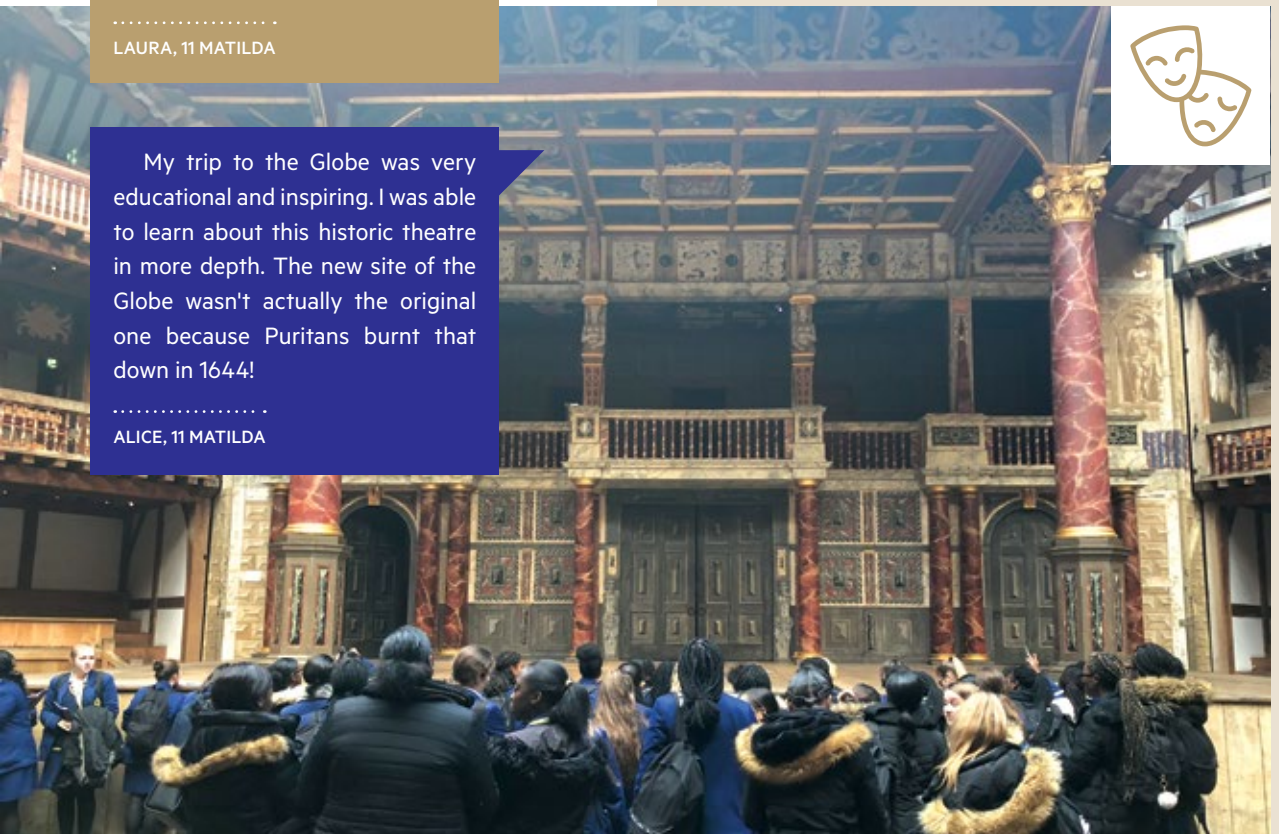
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LAURA, 11 MATILDA

My trip to the Globe was very educational and inspiring. I was able to learn about this historic theatre in more depth. The new site of the Globe wasn't actually the original one because Puritans burnt that down in 1644!

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ALICE, 11 MATILDA

*The trip to the Globe helped bring the learning of this historic site to life! The students listened to a Historian exploring the development of Theatre-going in London during the reign of Elizabeth I, and then toured the theatre itself. The students were brilliant, asking thoughtful questions in the workshop and taking notes independently. Whilst the new Globe is a modern interpretation of the original, the students were able to immerse themselves in a key cultural site of Elizabethan England. This will help support them in their Historic site question in their GCSE exams.*

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MRS ANINAKWA, HEAD OF HISTORY DEPT.



# LOURDES TRIP



*In July a group of 26 students and 2 teachers took a pilgrimage to Lourdes. This was a chance to give something back to the community by helping those who were less able get around and have a one in a lifetime experience. During this trip, there was a lot of hard work and dedication, with early starts and full days of service. In my experience at the Accueil Marie Saint-Frai we had a different schedule, with different meal times and duties; the work was a*

*lot harder but so rewarding. Lourdes is not just about your service to the community, but your own personal pilgrimage. It's a chance for you to take the time and reflect on your own story and faith. Personally, the best part was emerging from the healing baths. Through prayer to Mary and the cleansing experience, my faith became stronger. It really was a rewarding and fulfilling experience.*

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NIAMH, 13 KATHERINE

Watching our girls grow and learn how to care for others was truly delightful and we all came home so much richer in experience and love.

Thank you Yr12 for helping us as teachers grow and we hope you all thoroughly enjoyed it too. For those in Yr12 debating whether to go this year – you have our seal of approval. Lourdes is a must!

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MISS MAGUIRE, RE TEACHER



It was a privilege to be celebrated for my sporting ability and to be able to congratulate my friends on their achievements.

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KAYLA, 9 CECILIA

It was great to hear an inspirational speech from a former Convent student and learn about her journey in sport.

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COMFORT, 10 CECILIA

I felt very happy when I was honoured with my award and recognised for my achievements in the Convent World Cup.

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REBECCA, 10 ANGELA

All different year groups came together to congratulate each other on our achievements which made it a really special event.

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SARON, 10 MATILDA

# PE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

*The PE Presentation Ceremony, the first of its kind here at CJM, was held on 17th October 2018. It was well attended by parents, friends and the extended family of students who were being honoured for their hard work in PE during the academic year 2017-2018.*

*The evening began with a very warm welcome from our Headmistress, followed by engaging speeches from five of our students, Marianne 11C, Emma 11A, Mahasty 11C, Sian 11A and Blean 8K.*

*The atmosphere was saturated with a sense of excitement and joy as students collected their awards and certificates. We were blessed*

*with a very engaging guest speaker, Ms Annie Tagoe, an athlete and past student of the Convent, who encouraged the girls to work hard and believe in the gift that God has given them.*

*As the evening progressed, there were two amazing musical performances, one from Mrs McGowan with a beautiful rendition of Consolation no.3 by Liszt and the other an original piece from Ms Gardiner of the Performing Arts Department who sang beautifully.*

*The evening was a huge success and I'm so proud of what the girls have accomplished.*

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MS P JOHNSON HEAD OF P.E.



# HOUSE ANGELA

*A big thank you to every single ANGEL who has contributed to St Angela's house this term. You have all excelled as individuals and contributed to our family.*

*Because of you, every single one of you, we have been in first place in the house points since day one. I am very proud of you all.*

*You have elected an amazing group of House MPs that will, with dedication, hard work and commitment, lead us to even more success.*

*Be warned, the other houses are fed up with our reign at the top and want to dethrone us. We need to work that extra bit harder so that we go into the holiday still in the lead.*

**'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'**

MR JAMES, HEAD OF HOUSE

Angela is a fun and welcoming House that supports students all round the school. We put as much effort as possible into making the school a better place where students can have fun and learn in a safe environment. We are encouraged to excel and lead in all that we do.

AIMEE AND SHAUNA, YEAR 10

It's an amazing feeling to be a member of Angela and to know I am part of something bigger than myself. I have so many talented, kind-hearted and wonderful friends to depend and rely on. We are nothing but winners and I wouldn't change my house for the world!

CHRISTIANNA, YEAR 9

ANGELA HOUSE LEADER	Emmanuella Boahene-Dankwa Year 12
Angela Deputy House Leader	Sian Bah Year 10
Angela Song	The Greatest Showman 'This is me'
Angela Motto	'Let your light shine'
Angela Values	Accept, Adapt, Achieve



EMMANUELLA BOAHENE-DANKWA  
YEAR 12

# HOUSE KATHERINE

November 15th marked the first whole school election for our Parliament. I was delighted that House Katherine was chosen by you as the first student government at Convent. I can honestly say this was my proudest moment at the school, not just because I was elected your first prime minister, but because you behaved in such a positive manner and really took part in the whole experience. I want to say that even though I am the lead MP for House Katherine, I will serve you without discrimination alongside all my fellow MPs no matter which house they represent.

I now want to tell you some more about House Katherine. We are caring, ambitious and a hardworking family that is passionate about contributing amazing ideas towards the school. I have no doubt that with God's grace; all of our diverse qualities put together can create greatness as well as inspiring others to follow in our footsteps.

Our Katherine party believes in courage, teamwork and working hard for what you want and that's exactly what we have done. Our parliament united and each house put together a manifesto explaining what we believe in. House Katherine then spoke to other houses on why they should vote for us. We held fun activities around the school to get everyone involved and I must say this definitely helped with political awareness and showed how important having your voice heard is when making voting decisions.

Finally, I strongly believe this will be a great year for Convent history because students now have a real voice and our school wants to hear what we have to say.

Have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

JOANA REIS, PRIME MINISTER



JOANA REIS YEAR 10



CLARE UKU YEAR 11

KATHERINE HOUSE LEADER	Joana Reis Year 10
Katherine Deputy House Leader	Clare Uku Year 11
Katherine Song	Hall of Fame – The Script
Katherine Motto	'One spirit, One team, One win'
Katherine Values	Independence Effort and Encouragement

# HOUSE CECILIA

*What an exciting time to be at CJM! We have collectively achieved so many great things since the launch of the new House system. Well done to our 12 House MPs for creating a strong political manifesto and for running such a vibrant campaign. Well done to those of you who have stood out to better our school's community. Now that we have established our House values and identity, let's see how great we can become together. Well done and thank you everyone for all your hard work.*

MS THUNY, HEAD OF HOUSE



I designed a crest and won Cecilia's house competition with help from my form. They not only encouraged me but gave me ideas about the crest and how to colour it. Thank you everyone.

MARI, 11 CECILIA

The new parliamentary system we have at the Convent is phenomenal. As an MP myself and a hopeful Health Secretary, I look forward to taking part in the Prime Minister's Question Event that will be taking place in the next academic term and to witness all the positive changes and improvements that will be implemented at the Convent because of OUR political action. I can't wait to see what the future holds for our school.

ZAINAB, 9 CECILIA



NEVAEH, BIA, NIKOLA, LEMIS, ABIGAIL, ALL YEAR 7, CHELSEA YEAR 12, ELISA YEAR 7, (AND ST CLAUDINE!)

CECILIA HOUSE LEADER	Rosa Wright Year 10
Cecilia Deputy House Leader	Mahasty Ishan Year 11
Cecilia Song	Sinach 'I know Who I am'
Cecilia Motto	'Together in One Voice'
Cecilia Values	Positivity, Excellence, Action



# HOUSE SEREPHINA

*Your Head of House, Mrs Ziff here!*

*I have been so immensely proud of you all. You have truly worked as a family to embody our values of effort, encouragement and enthusiasm.*

*Each week, one girl from every form has been awarded 'Star of the Week'! Girls who receive the most positives during the week receive a written well done card and a sweet treat! Phone calls home are made for the most positives accrued overall. We have had so many 'Stars of the Week so far including: 7 Seraphina's Charley, Winnie, Lea, Cassia, Mehad and Ruella; 8 Seraphina's Mariana, Lara, Aneshay, Fellony and Marcelina; 9 Seraphina's Nadia, Nickeya, Ciara and Carol; 10 Seraphina's Nefetari, Beatrice, Rachel and Amber; 11 Seraphina's Shimoya, Jade, Amy, Emelina, Sharissia, Pearl and Pauline and 13 Seraphina's Karain, Marta, Sally, Lauryn, Ryanny and Lauren! Superstars!*

*We have enjoyed hearing from our 12 wonderful MPs (pictured alongside this article) and a special mention must go to Seraphina's wonderful house leader Jennifer Masua-Zola and her deputy Deneeka Palmer. The girls attended a fascinating trip to The Houses of Parliament and we are so excited for our MPs to be the voices of House Seraphina.*

*A huge thank you to all the wonderful Seraphina Staff: Ms Sylvester-Charles, Ms Desir, Ms Juerakhan, Ms Peppiatt, Dr Espinosa, Ms Habtom, Mr Patel, Ms Easton, Ms Normoyle, Ms Pearce, Mr Hanley, Ms Gallimore, Ms Maclean-Thomas, Ms Johnson, Ms Jaafary, Ms Farinha and Ms Thillainadesan. Seraphina students, make sure you chant 'Seraphina' loud and proud when you see our staff team!*

*Lots of exciting competitions are on their way and more will be announced!*

*Keep being brilliant and always live by our House Seraphina Motto: "Kind Heart. Determined Mind. Brave Spirit!"*

MRS ZIFF

SERAPHINA HOUSE LEADER	Jennifer Masua-Zola Year 11
Seraphina Deputy House Leader	Deneeka Palmer Year 10
Seraphina Song	Ramz 'Family Tree'
Seraphina Motto	'Kind Heart. Determined Mind. Brave Spirit!'
Seraphina Values	Effort, Enthusiasm and Encouragement



LEA AND MARIANA, YEAR 7



LYZA AND JENNIFER, YEAR 11



DIVINE AND FAVOUR, YEAR 9

# HOUSE MATILDA

The excitement of the new House system has been remarkable, with song selection, crest design and election campaigning behind us and everyone anticipating what comes next. Under the banner of Victory through unity, House Matilda is ready to demonstrate their values of courage, compassion and commitment. Attending school is not just about academic progress; it is about the lifelong friendships that are made, the skills that are developed, and the dreams that are discovered and our new house system encourages that to happen. So let's enjoy every moment of it and squeeze this opportunity to ensure we maximise our success. Thank you to all for your enthusiastic participation.

MS MICHAEL, HEAD OF HOUSE AND HISTORY TEACHER

I am really excited to be apart of the Matilda family and to be one of the MPs, is an even greater honour. We have been given an chance to change our school for the better and have everyone's opinion valued, which is amazing.

JASMINE, 9 MATILDA

I feel so privileged to have been chosen as deputy and I can't wait to start my work. GO MATILDA!

RIANNA, 9 MATILDA



HIMASHI, YEAR 11 AND RIANNA, YEAR 9

MATILDA HOUSE LEADER	Himashi Perera Year 11
Matilda Deputy House Leader	Rianna Goodin Johnson Year 9
Matilda Song	Yolanda Adams – I believe
Matilda Motto	Victory through unity
Matilda Values	Courage, Compassion, Commitment

# HOUSE FLORENTINA

*From the moment we met as a group during our House assembly I knew that we had a very special spark. Whether it was Ebu and Daisy in 8F sharing their excitement at being part of our family or Rhiann and Vanessa in 12F reminding me that we are performing well, I have been thoroughly inspired throughout the term.*

*As Head of House, I think challenges are important to spur us all on and in-house challenges work well. However, the inter-House competitive spirit has been incredible and with teamwork and resilience we have come that bit closer to the top than we were at the beginning of the term.*

*Well done to Andrea, 12F and her team of MPs. They fought a fabulous battle for the first CJM Parliament – I like to think we took a strategic outlook on the Parliamentary campaign. We will be watching House Katherine closely to ensure manifesto promises are implemented and we will be there to support and constructively feed back during parliamentary minutes in the coming months.*

*Massive congratulations to Valentina, 10 F who designed our crest and also to those who provided samples too; I took bits from all suggestions and used them for our House motto.*

*Throughout the next term, I would like to see more of House Florentina sharing ideas and working together across year groups. There are some excellent opportunities coming up including extra-curricular clubs, responsibilities within House and rewards and accolades. The more work we put in together the more successes to report on!*

*Have a peaceful and happy Christmas all!  
God Bless.*

MISS MAGUIRE HEAD OF HOUSE



BACK LEFT TO RIGHT:  
ANDREA, YEAR 12 (LEADER),  
VANESSA YEAR 12, RIA YEAR 11,  
RHIANNA YEAR 10 (DEPUTY LEADER),  
SHALIN YEAR 11, GABRIELLE YEAR 10.

FRONT LEFT TO RIGHT:  
MELISSYIA, YEAR 8, LAYAN, YEAR 9,  
MEDOFO, YEAR 8

FLORENTINA HOUSE LEADER	Andrea Toma Year 12
Florentina Deputy House Leader	Rhianna South Guyer Year 10
Florentina Song	Andra Day – Rise Up
Florentina Motto	‘a flower cannot blossom without water’
Florentina Values	Honesty, Resilience, Success





I really enjoy running the Snackery. It gives me experience and a sense of responsibility.

.....  
NANA, 9 ANGELA

I enjoy being Chief Executive Officer of this amazing group of people. I have learned how to calculate the profit margin and make a cashflow with the Chief Finance Officer.

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LAYAN, 9 FLORENTINE

## The Snackery

*Congratulations to these year 9 Business students who entered the 'Tycoon Enterprise Competition' run by the Peter Jones Foundation, and successfully secured a start-up capital of £997, after submitting a Business Plan to run a school based enterprise. The money has been invested into setting up 'The Snackery', which sells both Snacks and Stationery. The first week has gone really well with sales of almost £200. At this rate, we could qualify for the finals in Buckingham Palace, where we will meet with other competing schools based on the amount of profit made. I am so proud of these girls, as they have worked diligently to undertake this business venture and have demonstrated exceptional enterprise skills. There is definitely a bright future for them in business!*

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MRS MACLEAN-THOMAS,  
HEAD OF ICT & BUSINESS STUDIES

I have really enjoyed taking part in the production and formation of the Snackery. It has been an amazing experience and I have incorporated many of the business skills I have learnt in class. It was hard work: from creating our Business Plan to advertising, we have really enjoyed every second of the production and to see the shop up and running is amazing! We received a loan of £997 from the Peter Jones Foundation and with that money we decided to open a Snack and Stationary Shop hence the name of the shop being 'The Snackery'. We have been entered in a business competition and hope to make a lot of profit so that we can win the competition and represent our School at Buckingham Palace. We urge you to come to the Snackery and support our school by buying our products. Stationery is sold in the library at break and lunchtime from 1pm and snacks and drinks are sold afterschool until 3.40pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

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ZAINAB, 9 CECILIA





EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION VISIT TO ST MARY'S  
UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM – JULY 2018

# The Centre for Research in Catholic Education

*We currently have a number of staff that have started researching areas in the school, such as role models, development of support services and raising achievement.*

*Not only do we have budding academics amongst our staff but our student body have joined together to create their own group of Research Associates. There are currently fourteen enthusiastic young ladies. who are busy researching everything from volcanoes and earthquakes through to medicine and climate change.*

*If this sounds like something of interest come and see me – we are open to expansion!*

MR DOEL, ASSISTANT HEAD

# HOMEWORK CLUB OPENING HOURS



DAY	MORNING	LUNCHTIME	AFTERSCHOOL
Monday	Closed	12.40 - 1.20 Duty CFR	Closed
Tuesday	8.30	12.40 - 1.20 Duty BT	3.10 - 4.30
Wednesday	8.30	12.40 - 1.20 Duty VT	3.10 - 4.30
Thursday	8.30	12.40 - 1.20 Duty HP	3.10 - 4.00
Friday	8.30	12.40 - 1.20 Duty HL	3.10 - 4.00

## The Enhanced Learning Department Reward Card

- The reward card is given to any pupil who works in the Enhanced learning Department
- Get a stamp in the box for doing excellent work in the department by a member of staff
- Complete all 20 boxes on one card to receive a special, Enhanced Learning Certificate
- Complete 4 more reward cards to get a bronze certificate
- Complete 4 more cards to receive a silver certificate
- Complete a further 4 more cards to receive a gold certificate and a special gold pencil

**My ELD Reward Card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

★	★	★	★
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### Remember

- All cards must have your name and form clearly written
- Completed cards are handed in to Miss Rampaul who will keep track on how many cards you have completed

**Enhanced Learning Dept Award**

Awarded to: \_\_\_\_\_

For: \_\_\_\_\_







*The four days of the encounter – 19th to 22nd of July – brought us together as one family through prayers, activities and most importantly, in love. I met so many new people and through them I lived so many lives, all at once. I cannot express how amazing the encounter was! Each one of us would agree that we learned so much, enjoyed a lot and felt the presence of the Lord working amongst us. In the end none of us wanted to leave. The sisters, teachers and students were all one big family of Claudine in Christ.*

*Today I hold close to my heart the emotions and the little things which are now beautiful memories of this encounter: the anxiety, as I would be away from home; the friendship, where my friends became my family; the new people, who became my own and the new place, my home away from home.*

*As I walked on the cobbled paths and steep hills of the town I got lost. And I probably still am lost; lost in the memories of this beautiful place – Lyon.*

*Lyon, you gave me memories, experiences and people for a lifetime. Thank you!*

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DANIELLA 12 CECILIA

## Lyon Trip

*The Jesus and Mary International Youth Encounter was part of the Order's bicentenary celebrations. It was an encounter which brought people of the world together to one place – Lyon, France. I was one of them, a part of team UK.*

*Walking in the footsteps of Claudine has been an experience so divine that it has moved my*

*heart in ways I could never fathom. I am a witness of the love and goodness God manifested through St. Claudine. Walking down the paths she walked on, seeing the places she lived in, I witnessed how one holy woman worked in Christ – through the suffering and pain – to reach out to His lost ones and bring them back to Him in love. She started her mission with two orphans and now youth from all over the world came together for one reason – our dear Claudine.*

# Football

## Team News



A hybrid team of year 9 and 10 have entered the U15s QPR League hoping to extend the Convent's dominance and win the Cup for the third year running. The current Year 11s have won this cup for the last two years and have cemented their status as footballing legends at the Convent. But it is time now for a new era, and this current team have got off to an unbeaten start. Starting with a draw against our arch rivals CCA, followed up by a 3-1 win against St Mary Magdalene Academy has put us top of the league. Well done and keep training hard.

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MR JAMES, PE TEACHER

RESULT	GOAL SCORER/S	PLAYER OF THE MATCH
CJM1-1 CCA	Nicole Fonseca	Miriam Sfichi
CJM3-1St Mary Mags	Beatriz Albino 3	Rosslyn Danquah



# Wear it Pink

*On Friday 19th October our school raised £459.83 to support people suffering from breast cancer. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in the UK. It starts when cells in the breast begin to divide and grow in an abnormal way.*

*We, as a community, helped people who are experiencing breast cancer by wearing pink to raise awareness. and to show our respect. We also made a donation towards research into the condition.*

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RACHEL, 9 FLORENTINA







## Tea at The Ritz

With Mrs McGowan and Ms Mary Maloney (a member of staff at the school for 30 years), I had the opportunity to visit the Ritz for the launch of a biography in celebration of HRH Prince Charles' 70th birthday. The Convent features in the book under 'Faith in Education'. Never in my life would I have thought I'd be in such a fancy place meeting successful people from so many different industries who have made a difference in society. I can definitely say that my favourite part of the trip was having afternoon tea, everything was so delicious. Interestingly enough they had produced a tea to represent each country of the Commonwealth;

each tea was more exotic than the other. To top off the day, Mrs McGowan and I were interviewed for a short movie following the release of the book and the director said that I had a knack for interviews! Being the wannabe photographer that I am, I took so many pictures of the Ritz and Mrs McGowan with nearly all the pianos in the hotel. This trip was definitely one of the highlights of my time at the Convent, especially since I never expected us to be included in a book created by St James' Palace.

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GABRIELLA, 13 MATILDA, HEAD GIRL



# Let's Dance!

*I started dancing ballet at the age of 4. I was fascinated by how movement let me express myself so I decided to follow a career in dance. Teaching creative dance to children I am impressed to see that they not only developed their performance skills but also their confidence and self-esteem.*

*This year, I had this exciting opportunity to work in Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College where dance is a new subject in the curriculum and teach in a brand new studio. Students have embraced this new subject, putting a lot of effort and hard work into their lessons and after-school clubs where they explore a range of different dance styles.*

MS ANASTASIOU, DANCE TEACHER

There's lots of interesting things to do in dance such as hip-hop, ballet and contemporary (there are even clubs for these). The hip-hop club is on a Tuesday after school and the ballet club is on a Thursday after school. We will also perform as a team at concerts which is awesome! In the extra-curricular clubs, we have the opportunity to work with other year groups and this is an opportunity for us to make friends from other years.

In our dance lessons, we learn many techniques and this develops our knowledge of different dance styles. I hope we have the opportunity to learn more techniques in the future because dance is really fun and suitable for everyone!

CAROLINA AND INSAF, 8 MATILDA







## Founders Day Mass

*'How Good God is!' These were the last words of St Claudine. As a school community we looked forward to our celebration as this was a 130 years of our school. We celebrated our Founders Day a week earlier, on Friday 28th September 2018 as the Religious Sisters of Jesus and Mary along with Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers and Chaplains from the different JM schools worldwide would be in Lyon, the birthplace of St Claudine at the Bicentenary Symposium.*

*The day began as any other day, lessons were underway but a sense of excitement was in the air as the students in Years 7 and 8 knew they would be at Mass with the Religious Sisters; they were getting the opportunity to meet a real nun.*

*Fr Terry Murray celebrated our Mass at 2.00pm at the parish church, Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden instead of the school Hall. The Sisters wanted to have Mass celebrated at the Church as it had a special place in their lives. After the Mass we returned to school, where the RJM Sisters, invited guests and staff were treated to a High Tea. We had Himashi playing the piano and the atmosphere was one of peace and tranquillity. Our Head Girl, her Deputies and students from Year 9 were also in attendance.*

*As we sat and talked, we remembered the gifts St Claudine left to us, her children; these values which continues to inspire and guide us in all that we undertake.*

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MRS SYLVESTER-CHARLES, CHAPLAINS



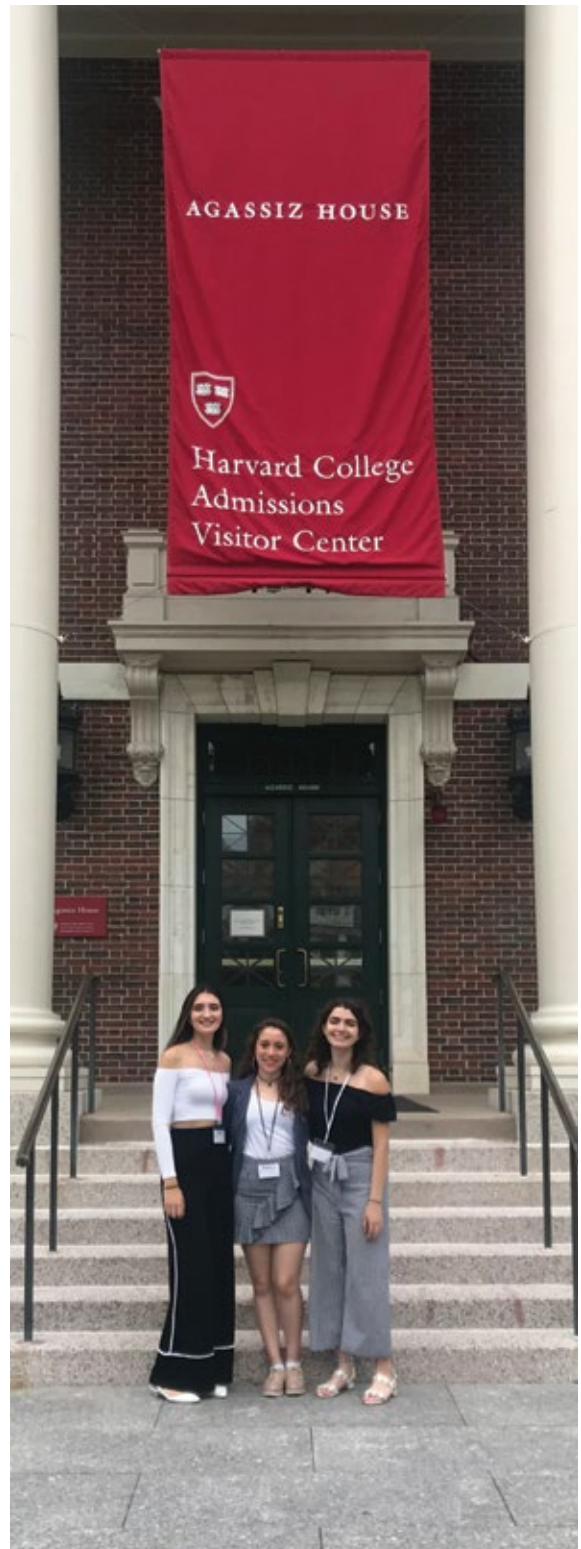
# FULBRIGHT & SUTTON TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

*There has been some excellent news for two students at the Convent. Both Elizabetha Ranxburaj (Bryn Mawr College) and Francisca Freitas Texeira (Middlebury College) are now attending these named top universities in the USA. Their places are completely funded by the universities amounting to approximately \$500,000 over the three year period meaning they will both leave university with no debt. CJM has put in place a special mentoring scheme to encourage more applications in the future and has developed links with the Fulbright/Sutton Trust USA programme which assists and encourages students from widening participation backgrounds through what is a complicated application system. These students have become ambassadors for the Fulbright Summer School in the US.*

*Currently Adelina Correa Loftus Year 13 has reached the final stages of her application and has overcome the most difficult aspects of the process. She is applying to Columbia University (Ivy League) and we have high expectations. I am currently beginning the process with the Year 12 students.*

*The competition for these places was fierce so it is congratulations all round.*

MR COLLEY, OXBRIDGE MENTOR





**Our tree looks amazing!  
Christmas has come to CJM.**

**Thank you to Ms Ferrari and  
Mrs Maloney for decorating  
it and to Julia, our amazing  
art technician, for the  
fabulous Star of Bethlehem  
at the top.**



**Merry Christmas to all of our  
girls and their families. We  
can't wait to see you in 2019!**

