



# MOGADISSHUES (MOGA Issues)

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## THE ALMA MATER



*Aerial View of the School*

### Dining Hall Expansion

Our Alma Mater in recent years has become a much sought after school on the list of many parents seeking admission for their wards into the nation's secondary education stream. This has translated into student population increases that has over the years stretched the school's infrastructures to the limit. Nevertheless, it is not all gloom and doom, as new projects have sprung up on the school compound to meet these demands. To ameliorate the situation, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is currently funding the expansion of the dining hall to accommodate a capacity of 1500; and this addition is 70 percent complete. This will allow the students to have their meals together instead of the shift system that has been operating for quite sometime now. Plans are also afoot to upgrade and expand the kitchen. In addition, an 18 unit classroom block and a 6 unit classroom block are under construction behind the Administration Block. These classroom blocks funded by the GET Fund are all at the roofing stage. A new dormitory block to be situated behind the hill between Butler and Chinery Houses is also on the drawing board. The same Fund is behind the completing of the Assembly Hall. The school has also received additional transportation in the form of new bus, bringing the total number to three. A recent project completed under the same fund was the 6<sup>th</sup> dormitory block - Yeboah House.

## MOGA NKOMO



*New Tractor*

### MOGA-85 donate Tractor

22 January 2011 was the date set aside by MOGA-85 to discharge their social responsibility towards their Alma Mater. The purpose of visiting the school was an exciting one indeed for the group because up their sleeves was a DOHA tractor with full complement of parts (slasher, harrow and plough), and a 6.5 horsepower water pump to the school. The value of the tractor was GHC12,000.00 (the Ministry's subsidized rate to farmers under a government assisted programme). These items were sourced under the Ministry of Agriculture School Tractor Programme through the able facilitation of Mercy Phorson, a member of the year group and also an employee of the Ministry. MOGA-85 also made an impression on the minds of the students by counseling and mentoring them. MOGA-85 further pledged to continue with the student mentoring programme which the group started two years ago. Kudos to MOGA-85.



*Participants at ICT Training*

### ICT Training for Accra Chapter Members

At their general meeting on 17 April 2011, the Accra Chapter of MOGA held an ICT training facilitated by staff from the Ghana Telecom University. The aim of the programme was to upgrade the internet skills and knowledge of chapter members; better enhance

their knowledge on how to manage their profiles on the various social networks; and communicate more effectively. It was also designed to help connect with family and friends those who have little or no knowledge of managing internet communications. MOGA appreciates the fact that such social networks have become a great tool in keeping the majority of our members informed on MOGA's activities. A previous workshop held by the Chapter in March was on personal financial management and facilitated by Dr. Benjamin Amoah, Assistant Director and Head of the Financial Stability Department of the Bank of Ghana. Chapter members were given sound financial advice on how to cultivate investment and saving habits.



### Mfantsiman takes the Wiki Highway

Wesley Girls', Mfantsipim, St. Augustine's, Achimota -- they are all on Wikipedia. So are 83 million Monthly Unique Visitors according to Compete.com. When prospective students or students' parents search the internet for information on a school they are considering, Wikipedia provides a thorough write-up of the school's history, traditions, school songs, notable graduates, and other attributes using multiple independent sources to provide an objective account. Even though Wikipedia pages are increasingly written by the subjects in question or their representatives, Wikipedia -- or "Wiki" as it has been nicknamed -- has maintained the perception that it is an independent, and, thus, more trustworthy account. Compiling information from primary, secondary, and anecdotal sources, etc, readers use it as quick, yet comprehensive access to a school they want to know more about.

As Mfantsiman Girls' Secondary continues to establish a dynamic presence on the internet to connect the global community of MOGAns, raise funds, further engender pride in her students, and attract a new generation of Mfantsiman Girls, we believe a website and a Facebook page is not enough. We must offer an alternate in the form of Wikipedia to give searchers the chance to get a real sense of the rich history and culture of our school. The team who kindly volunteered to do this work are Nana Ekuia Brew Hammond, Nadia Sam Agudu, Amma Dakwa and Sheila Minna Addy. We will keep you posted on how they progress in the coming issues of this newsletter.

### MOGA Women on

The fastest growing MOGA Forum on the social network scene is "MOGA Women" on Facebook, created by Marilyn Maher (*nee Kwakwa*). The main objective of the Forum is to provide an informal medium to unite the alumni through a lively exchange of ideas. By creating synergies to address issues affecting our school, the forum hopes to draw attention to our social responsibilities as old students towards our alma mater. To date, there over 550 subscribers, with daily additions! The fast transmission of current news from the school is a bonus to MOGAns in the diaspora. At present we are trying to co-ordinate the different professional levels in the group to enable us to utilize this great resource to promote our Alma Mater not only in Ghana, but also on the International level. We have moved on with the times so don't miss out on the fun. Join MOGA's Official Facebook page "MOGA Women" to share your ideas with others and add your voice to the growing group of proud MOGAns who are helping to shape the future direction of our alma mater to make it a better place.



Inauguration of MOGA VAS

### Ongoing Projects

Remember this building? This is the MOGA VAS (Visual Arts Studio) which was inaugurated during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders' Day celebration last year. MOGA is yet to put a final lid on this project by completing the ceiling, terrazzo flooring, septic tank and landscaping. It is the desire of the National Executive Committee to complete this project before embarking on any new projects, and so we appeal to all MOGAns to join in this final push to the finish line. Send your donations via your chapter or year group focal points or contact Serwa Atiase Dzogbenuku, Financial Controller at: [serwa.dzogbenuku@gh.pwc.com](mailto:serwa.dzogbenuku@gh.pwc.com) for information on how you can contribute.

### Scrapbook Payments

The following year groups and houses have still not paid their scrapbooks: 1978, 1979, 1984, Butler, Chinery, Engmann and Scotton Houses. Focal points, please contact Doreen Addo on 020 813 2626 or [naaded2000@yahoo.com](mailto:naaded2000@yahoo.com) to clear your debts.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Kumasi Chapter

The Kumasi Chapter will celebrate this year's May Day with a picnic at the KNUST Botanical Gardens on Monday, 2 May 2011.

#### Final Year Students' Induction

In line with MOGA tradition and constitutional requirements, members of the National Executive Committee will be conducting an induction ceremony for final students graduating this year on Saturday, 7 May 2011.

#### Accra Chapter

There will be a talk on cervical Cancer at Accra Chapter's next general meeting on 15 May 2011. The lecture will be delivered by Phaedra Yamson-Osei, MOGA 1981. For more info contact: Doreen Addo at [accrachapter@mfantsiman.org](mailto:accrachapter@mfantsiman.org)

#### UK Chapter (MOGA-UK)

A fundraising Sponsored Walk is slated for 29 May 2011 by MOGA-UK. The starting venue will be Victoria Park, Tower Hamlets, Grove Road, London, United Kingdom.

Make a date with MOGA-UK at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster for the Ghana Old Schools' Alumni Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, 10 July 2011. For more info contact: Olive Owusu Attafuah at [ukchapter@mfantsiman.org](mailto:ukchapter@mfantsiman.org)

### **MARKETPLACE**

Local Jobs: [www.jobsinghana.com](http://www.jobsinghana.com)  
International Jobs: [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)

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