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The new Assembly Hall is complete! Now there is enough room for the entire student body to assemble without need for multiple sittings. The impressive building located just beyond the school gate is a welcome addition to the campus as Mfantsiman's vibrant populace continues to grow.

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### Accra Chapter/Engmann House Visit Mrs. Engmann

The Accra Chapter paid a courtesy visit to Mrs. Comfort Engmann (Headmistress 1963-1967), in conjunction with Engmann House members. The MOGA party of 6 were Accra Chapter Chairperson Esi Hammond\*, Chapter Secretary Doreen Addo, MOGA Chapters' Chairperson Margaret Palmer, MOGA Secretary Ruth Aryee\*, former MOGA President Matilda Attoh\*, and Phylis Ayertey-Blasu.



Mrs. Engmann received the group in jovial spirits, regaling them with stories of her tenure at Mfantsiman, and how the dining hall and Engmann House was built. She expressed deep pride in the legacy graduates of Mfantsiman Girls are creating, and the important positions many MOGANs hold. On behalf of MOGA, the Accra Chapter presented Mrs. Engmann with a basket of fruits and provisions; and promised to visit her again on her birthday.

### Students and Faculty Assemble for Impressive Speech Day

This year's Speech Day started with a bang—and a band. Mfantsiman's regimental band and a guest band from a nearby primary school joined the school cadets to open the 29th September ceremony at 9am. The impressive parade set the tone for the event, which boasted the theme *"Girl Child Education, A Tool for National Development."*

Held in the open space between the school wall and the Administration Block, Municipal Chief Executive Mr. K. Hayfron presided over the festivities as Chairman; and Guest Speaker Dr. Erica Dickson gave a rousing, well-researched speech. In keeping with the event's theme, Dickson lamented the patriarchal socialization that has blocked most girls' access to quality education and reminded the audience Ghana's development hinged upon educating all of her children, irrespective of gender. Dickson personally exhorted the students. *"Young ladies, you are blessed to have been given the opportunity to acquire knowledge and therefore to be able to develop yourself physically, mentally, socially, and economically. To whom much is given, much is expected."*

The school choir led a splendid rendition of Mfantsiman's Ode, "Ɔbra Nye Woara ƆƆ," drawing tears from some in the crowd. Headmistress Charlotte Addo followed the stirring song with an encouraging progress report. Citing the improved academic growth of the students, Headmistress Addo reported that a number of Mfantsiman Girls have earned awards for outstanding performance. Many students received multiple prizes at the Speech Day service.



Former Heads/Teachers that graced the occasion

Former faculty members Miss Asare-Djan, Miss Smart-Abbey and Mrs. Asiedu were also among the day's honorees; presented with awards of kente/wax prints and honoraria for their service. After the programme, MOGA '85 arranged for group pictures with the honorees and other luminaries, before leading the honorees and Old Girls into the new dining hall for refreshments sponsored by the '85 year group. The Speech Day offered the opportunity to raise funds for the school. Brochures were sold to guests. 20-50 copies of the commemorative brochures will be made available to each regional chapter and active year group at GHC 5 each (depending on size).

#### **MOGA '85 Sponsors Speech Day**

Addressing the annual Speech Day gathering, MOGA '85 President/MOGA Financial Controller Serwa Atiase Dzogbenuku praised her mates' contributions to the school, and exhorted them to do even more. She listed the specific contributions of the '85 year group. *"We have conducted two separate counselling and mentoring sessions with final year students,"* she said. *"In June 2010, with the assistance of Mercy Phorson (MOGA'85), who works in the Ministry of Agriculture, we were able to secure a tractor, ancillary parts, and a water pump for the school."* The '85ers also renovated the Infirmary, gifted the school with 200 books, and donated individually packed gift boxes to the children on admission at the Saltpond Hospital.



Before and after pictures of some of the renovations

#### **MOGA Executive Donates to Primary School**

As part of MOGA's social responsibility towards the Mfantsiman community, the MOGA Executive in November committed personal funds to buy gift boxes for all the children in primary school on the campus. The gifts were presented on behalf of the Executive by MOGA, Endowment Fund Chairperson Vivian Etroo, and MOGA, Assistant Public Relations Coordinator Gay Hayfron. MOGA Executive: Ayekoo!!!



A cross-section of the 1985 Year Group

Dzogbenuku expressed gratitude to the active group for paying their dues, and acknowledged the invaluable assistance of Headmistress Charlotte Addo as well as other Mfantsiman faculty and sponsors. Dzogbenuku ended with an encouragement to the '86 year group who will sponsor next year's Speech Day. *"As we hand over the baton to you, know that we are available to support you as you prepare to host the next speech day. There will be distractions and there will be doubts. Keep focused on your goal and pray for God's wisdom."*