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## THE ALMA MATER

### 2009-2012 Exam Results Trend



Mfantsiman Girls' exam results have steadily and consistently improved since 2009. WASSCE results indicate the number of students who earned an A1 grade increased from 401 (6.0%) in 2009 to 1,014 (22.6%) in 2012. Meanwhile, the number of students who received a failing grade (F9) shrank from 273 (8.4%) in 2009 to 82 (1.8%) in 2012. The largest share of students obtained a B3 grade - 1,063 (27.8%) and 1,357 (30.2%) in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

562 students took each of the core subjects in 2012: Social Studies (99.8% passed), Integrated Science (100% passed), Mathematics (92.3% passed) and English Language (100% passed). 99.7% of the 301 students who took the Elective Mathematics exam in 2012 passed. 324 took Economics, 98.5% passed. 136 students took the Biology exam, 99.3% passed. Of the 159 students who took the Physics exam, 99.4% passed. 90.2% of the Chemistry students passed their exam. All 3 students who took Clothing and Textiles passed.

The percentage of students that passed Social Studies and Integrated Science fell slightly from 100% and 96.6% in 2009 to

98.7% and 93.7% in 2011 respectively. However, in 2012 there was a marked improvement in the performance in both subjects (99.8% Social Studies and 100% for Integrated Science). For Mathematics and English Language, there was an upward trend over the 2009 and 2012 period, rising 83.3%, 99.8% in 2009 to 92.3% and 100% in 2012 respectively.

## MOGA NKOMO

### "Movers and Shakers" Trio Donate to Visual Arts Studio

After organizing a spirited one-off event to raise funds for the completion of the Visual Arts Studio (VAS) (which was featured in the August 2012, Volume 4 issue of *Mogadishues*), Pearl Nyafli (*née Tamakloe*) (1980), Maude Chinery (1981) and Marilyn Maher (*née Kwakwa*) (1985) - also known as the "Movers and Shakers" - donated £1,652 into the MOGA Endowment Fund. Included in this amount is an individual donation of £100 from a MOGAN who wishes to remain anonymous.

A funding agreement signed between the "Movers and Shakers" and the MOGA Executive stipulated that the money be ring-fenced for the sole purpose of re-wiring electrical cables and placing them in PVC pipes; provision of sockets and switches; and the chemical treatment of the ceiling noggins in the VAS. The work will take an estimated six weeks to complete.



Uncompleted ceiling works at the VAS

### 7 Years Later, MOGA Pledge to VAS Remains Unfulfilled

The VAS stands incomplete with a number of items on the snagging list still outstanding. We report with great embarrassment that sometime last year, current students

pooled their personal resources to pay for the building's electricity supply out of frustration.

As an alumni body we cannot count our achievements when the **only** project we promised to undertake in unison as far back as 2006 remains outstanding! To support the completion of this project, individuals, year groups and chapters should contact the Executive for details of what remains to be done. The longer the VAS remains unfinished, the more expensive the project becomes.

We leave you with this quote: *"Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody"* - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

#### **'85ers Lead Mentoring and Counselling Programme**

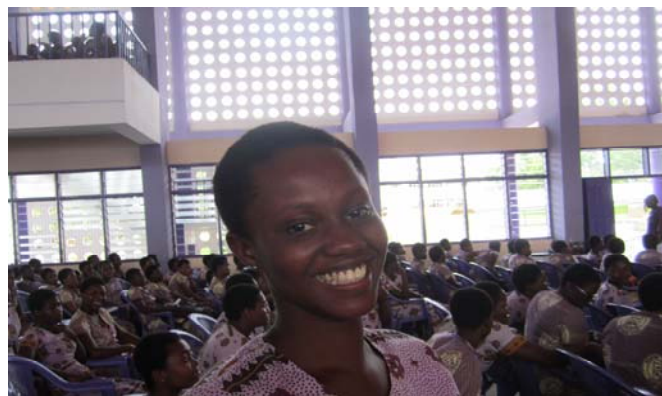
The importance of mentoring and networking as a tenet of MOGA became enshrined within the aims of the association at the 2006 homecoming event. A most remarkable MOGA achievement of bridging the gap between current students and the Alumni body. It is with this shared vision that on Sunday, 24 March 2013 the 1985 Year Group held their third bi-annual mentoring event. Funded and run by the '85ers, the programme had the dual goal of mentoring and networking.



Cross-section of student participants

The exciting line-up included career presentations in which MOGAns briefly explained their respective professions; as well as an info session to inform leavers' of tertiary education choices, and details of the entry routes to various professions. Students were also given tips on useful subject combinations to support entry into their desired institutions and careers, as well as handouts that summarized all of the information provided.

The event was rounded off with a motivational session in which students were encouraged to keep a relationship with God as their first priority, work efficiently and diligently, maintain integrity, and above all to believe in themselves. The leavers were reminded that within each of them lay the ability to determine their success, succinctly defined in the words of our school ode *"Obra Nye Woara Abo"*. The group assured the leavers of their commitment to their success.



One content student participant at the event

Feedback from student attendees indicated the session was informative, enjoyable, and, above all, useful.



'85 Mentor addressing the students

#### **MOGA gains Board Approval**

One of MOGA's most laudable roles is to support the school to achieve its vision and aims. To enable the association fulfill this role, there is a MOGA presence on the school board. Reporting on the benefits of the strengthened links between MOGA and the school board, MOGA President Dr. Grace Bolfrey-Arku cited the inclusion of the Open Day and bi-annual homecoming event into the school's calendar, as examples of MOGA suggestions which the school board had approved. She added that a proposal for a mentoring programme/workshop for staff to promote and advance the school's reputation and academic profile from MOGA had been favourably received and approved by both school board and staff members. On that note, she stressed the importance of maintaining and preserving the synergy between the School Board, MOGA and the PTA.

Dr. Bolfrey-Arku used the opportunity to remind all MOGAns that plans were underway for the next homecoming event in 2014 and subsequent 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2015. Tentative dates will be circulated as soon as PTA agreement has been received. MOGAns are reminded to factor the homecoming event into their plans and take advantage of the opportunity to network with old and new friends, have fun and join the forum to actively participate in lively debates about the future and direction of MOGA and our Alma Mater.

#### **Upcoming Event**

The annual MOGA Induction Ceremony of school leavers will be held on Sunday, 5 May 2013. All MOGAns are encouraged to attend in support of the new inductees.