



RJED: From Our Lady's to Uganda

The school's commitment to Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity (RJED) extends beyond curriculum content and seeks to develop pupils' understanding of **global solidarity, human dignity, justice and service** through meaningful encounters and positive role models.

A strong example of this is our ongoing work with former pupil **Aoife Donkor**, now Head Girl at The Saint John Henry Newman School, who will travel to Uganda to support the work of the **Kiddies Support Scheme (KiSS)**. Aoife will return to Our Lady's, alongside the JHN Head Boy, to lead assemblies for pupils about the communities they will encounter in Uganda, the importance of education and the work being undertaken to support sustainable futures for children and families. This provides pupils with an authentic opportunity to learn about life in another cultural context while recognising the equal dignity, gifts and potential of people across the world.

Importantly, the work is rooted not simply in fundraising, but in **solidarity, encounter and social justice**, helping pupils to consider their responsibility to others and challenging simplistic or stereotypical perceptions of communities in Africa. Aoife's testimony also provides powerful evidence of the **long-term impact of the school's Catholic life and mission**: she identifies the values learned at Our Lady's - service, compassion, gratitude and helping others - as continuing to shape her actions and leadership as a young adult.

Her return to the school enables current pupils to see how the Gospel values and principles of Catholic Social Teaching nurtured at Our Lady's can be lived beyond primary school and translated into meaningful action for racial justice, equality, dignity and the common good.

