



Ten days that will change their future: CofA girls at the end of their 2015 Summer Camp.

## Aiming high

When the 2015 CofA summer camp ended on 9 August, 15 Junior High School girls from Pokuase and Berekuso had spent ten intensive days working with qualified teachers and volunteers improving their Maths, Science, English and ICT skills in preparation for their upcoming BECE Senior High School entrance exam.

The 15 girls had attended two previous summer camps and the focus was on working on any gaps in their understanding of these subjects. Besides the teachers and volunteers, the girls were also helped by three of CofA's 'old girls' who recently completed Senior High School.

Although it was a packed week's programme, on Sunday the girls were invited to a dinner at Labadi Beach Hotel - one of Accra's top resort hotels - as guests of the Moremi Initiative for Leadership Empowerment and Development (MILEAD), an organisation that brings together young achieving women between the ages of 19 and 25 from Africa and the diaspora. The girls were thrilled to meet participants in the MILEAD programme as well as other guests, including Ghanaian actress Jocelyn Dumas and the country's Deputy Minister for Tourism, the Hon. Dzifa Gomashie.

The 2015 summer camp was again held at the University of Ghana. Asked what they liked about their stay, the girls replied "Madam Fafa gave us plenty of food and we also liked going to the Legon Bush Canteen, where the food is delicious". CofA's Assistant Education Officer, Fafa Banini, commented that the girls appreciated the teachers taking time to explain everything, something that often doesn't happen in their schools, where the girls would sometimes even be ignored when asking questions.



In 2016, CofA will return to the longer summer camps with a new group of girls and a programme that includes creative arts, adolescent reproductive health, swimming, martial arts and first aid, as well as academic subjects.

## Signs of success

CofA's success was underlined by the fact that this year nine CofA girls completed their Senior High School education; they are currently awaiting their exam results. It also saw its first CofA girl entering tertiary education by being admitted into the Nursery and Midwifery Training College.