

**June 2016**

**Dear Ms. Gardner,**

***I am excited to tell you that I was accepted to study abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy for the fall semester.***

*If it weren't for Ogden and my experiences with internationalism there, I am not sure I would have ever imagined myself studying abroad. I am so thankful for my high school experience, which I wrote about extensively in my essays for my applications to study abroad. I looked back on some of my old essays from IB and it reminded me of my commitment to be a life long, international learner.*

*I am excited to also announce that I am already planning to meet up with many old friends while overseas. I plan to go to Hamburg, Germany to stay with my host family from Ogden's exchange program. I plan to visit Askim Yildiz (she was a freshmen when I was a senior) in Istanbul, Turkey. And of course the Putter family who lives in Italy. Jan Michael Putter also attends JCU and he has already promised to be my tour guide.*

*Please share the good news with all my beloved IB teachers. For without all of you, I would not be where I am today. Thank you for everything.*

*Emma*