



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 8 September 2017

Name Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **New Beginnings**

The importance of community can never be underestimated and our mission is always to include everybody in our community. The Gospel for this week reminds us that the community is there to support others but also to challenge each other. It is not always easy and sometimes people struggle but, as Saint Paul says: love is the answer. We *are* a community of faith, hope and love.

Lord, as we travel together in faith, we thank you for our school and all who are part of it. We pray that we grow, love and learn to be more like you in our thoughts, words and actions. Amen.

UNIFORM

Many thanks for the excellent support to ensure that children have returned to school looking smart and are dressed in accordance with our uniform arrangements. A small number of pupils have returned wearing acrylic nails and eyelash extensions. These are not allowed for school and therefore any pupil wearing these will not be allowed to attend lessons from Monday, 11 September unless they are removed.

CAT TESTS

All Year 7 pupils will sit their CAT tests on Monday, 11 September. This will take place during P1 & 2. Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT tests) are taken by all Year 7 pupils in all schools across Lancashire. They are not tests that pupils can revise for but they do help us, as a school, by providing more information about a pupil's ability. Pupils should not feel anxious or nervous about the tests. They are taken online and are multiple choice questions.

ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2018

The process of applying for high school places in September 2018 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online at <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx> or via the link on Moodle. Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2017**. In addition to the Lancashire application process we ask that a Supplementary Form is completed. These forms are available on the school website or from reception.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The annual Macmillan Coffee morning takes place this year on Friday, 29 September 2017. Family members are most welcome to join us in the staff room from 12 noon for cake, coffee and a chat and hopefully we will raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause. Please contact Pam Bilsborrow (326913) if you would like to come along.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances have changed and you are in receipt of benefits you may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child. In addition extra funding will be given to your school which may be accessed to provide additional financial support for trips and resources. Further details can be found on the website <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> or you can ring your local area education office on 01772 531809.

VACANCY

We currently have vacancies for 3 Temporary Catering Assistants to work in our Restaurant. Further details, including Job Description and Application Forms, can be found on the school website www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk.

APPEAL FOR WOOL AND NEEDLES

Do you have any spare wool, crochet hooks or knitting needles? We will soon be starting a beginners' knit/crochet lunchtime group for pupils and staff. This is a lovely hobby and we hope to start to make simple items such as baby hats and mittens for charities such as Babybeat. If you can help with any of the above items please send them to Mrs Howard.

FOOTBALL COACH

Mrs Lin is looking for a committed, DBS cleared, football coach to coach a talented group of Year 7 girls for one academic year. This would involve planning and implementing a coaching session once weekly which is tailored to their needs and supporting when possible at fixtures. This role is on a volunteer basis and would be a great opportunity for someone to earn some coaching hours and experience. Training night could either be a Wednesday or Thursday. If you are interested please email Mrs Lin direct on zli@olchs.lancs.sch.uk to discuss further.

PE Extra-Curricular Timetable Sept-Oct 2017

	<u>Before School</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>After School 3.30-4.30</u>
Monday	Hockey Y7/Y8 8.10-8.40	Year 9 and 10 Handball (Sports Hall – SHE) ELE – Pep Coursework in R8	Year 7 and 8 Football SHE / GNE Y7 Netball
Tuesday	Year 7 and 8 Handball (sports hall – SHE) 8.15-8.45	Year 9 and 10 Basketball (sports hall – GNE)	U14 Girls Football Training
Wednesday	Hockey Y10 8.15-8.45	Y7 Netball (Sportshall)	Year 9 and 10 Football SHE / GNE Y7 Girls Football
Thursday	Year 7 and 8 Basketball (sports hall – GNE) 8.20- 8.50 Y11 Boys GCSE Revision 8.15am (M8)	Y8/9 Netball Y10/Y11 Netball	Y8/9 Netball Y7 Trampolining Y11 Boys PEP sessions till PEPS complete R4
Friday	Year 9,10,11 Table Tennis (gym – GNE) Hockey – Y9 Sports hall GCSE Girls PE revision in M2	Year 11 Basketball and Handball (sports hall – GNE and SHE) Y7 Girls Trampolining (starting 3 weeks).	Year 7,8,9 Rugby training (RFU)

Dates to remember

Thursday, 28 September - Year 7 Welcome Mass
Friday, 29 September – Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday, 5 October – Open Evening
Friday, 6 October – INSET day, pupils at home
Wednesday 11 October – Open Day tour of school
Thursday, 12 October – Open Day tour of school
Thursday, 12 October – Year 7 Information Evening
Friday, 27 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm



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Monday, 6 November – school opens