

Our Lady's Catholic High School

A Mathematics & Computing Specialist School



*"Please let the students know that they have just reason
to be proud of themselves and their school!"*

*"Students are focused, mature,
confident... friendly and happy"*

Lancashire School Adviser



"One of the best schools in the country for securing superb GCSE outcomes, adding value to their students' achievements and outperforming expectations for their pupils"

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive, SSAT



A Challenging Curriculum for All

"My work has taken me into many schools over the years and Our Lady's really stands out, in a positive way"

Independent Consultant

We have a strong reputation for academic excellence and in 2009 we were recognised by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust as a 'High Performing School' and as one of the 'Most Improved Schools' in the country.

Progress and attainment are rigorously monitored and reported to parents each term. There is a continuous focus on personal progress and we make sure that pupils and parents are always clear about the next steps to be taken.

In the summer term all pupils take examinations designed to develop essential revision skills and examination technique, as well as assessing the extent to which individual attainment targets have been met. At a special assembly each term we present prizes and certificates to pupils who have made exceptionally good progress towards their targets.

At the end of Year 9 all pupils are able to choose from an impressive range of over twenty five courses, including both academic and vocational options. In addition to the compulsory core subjects, pupils are able to study up to two languages: French & Spanish. More able pupils follow courses in three separate sciences in Key Stage 4 and our most able mathematicians follow the 'OCR Additional Mathematics' course, which provides outstanding preparation for 'A' Level.

"The revision timetable is fantastic"

Year 10 Parent



"I cannot think of a more cheerful and engaging group to be with. It was a great privilege to have them here with us at Castlerigg"

Fr Philip Conner, Chaplain

Faith at the Centre

Our Lady's Catholic High School is much more than a school with extra R.E. lessons. Our faith is at the heart of everything that we do and we aim to support you in nurturing the faith of your children.

The school day itself always begins and ends with prayer. Mass is celebrated at lunchtime each Wednesday in the Chapel and in the Assembly Hall on all Holy Days of Obligation and other Feast Days. At the end of each year we gather together in the Sports Hall for our whole school end of year Mass.

Pupils have the opportunity to take part in Services of Reconciliation during Lent and there are special services for all pupils during Advent

and Holy Week. Year 7 pupils all take part in a day of reflection. 'Faith and Justice Days' take place each year for pupils in Years 8 & 10 and Years 8, 10 & 11 pupils also have a retreat at Castlerigg Manor.

Our assemblies always have a spiritual theme and pupils are able to take part in preparing and leading many of the liturgical celebrations that take place during the year.

"The Catholic ethos of the school has gone from strength to strength"


Year 10 Parent



*"In all my years of school Masses, I have never experienced
such a wonderful, prayerful celebration of Mass"*

Michael Campbell OSA, Bishop of Lancaster





"I was worried on the first day that it might be big and scary, but everyone was so friendly and helpful that I felt totally settled in by the end of the week"

Year 7 pupil

Managing Learning

"Since day one we have been delighted with the support our son has got from school... and have felt there has been a real collaboration to delivering his educational needs"

Year 11 Parent

We provide a framework of support and guidance for all pupils to ensure that they are able to learn well and achieve their full potential. Integral to this is our rewards system which ensures that pupils are rewarded for being punctual, organised and ready to learn. We recognise commitment to school life in many forms and reward this through our 'Star Badge' scheme.

For pupils who are transferring to Our Lady's from primary school we provide a specific programme of support and guidance. We aim to enable all Year 7 pupils to settle in quickly, make new friends and thoroughly enjoy the challenge and excitement of their first few weeks at Our Lady's.

In the summer term before they join us, pupils are placed in one of six tutor groups. Form

tutors, together with the Learning Manager (Head of Year) for Year 7, will provide support and guidance on a daily basis to ensure that the transition is smooth and free from anxiety.

As pupils enter Year 8 a new team of tutors, supported by a new Learning Manager, will guide your child through their remaining time at Our Lady's, ensuring that needs are always met, and that there is continuity of care and guidance.

"Behaviour is consistently outstanding"

Lancashire School Adviser



"A real pleasure to see so many pupils so proud of their school and so enthusiastic"

School Governor

Excellence Beyond the Classroom

A child's experience of secondary school is not limited to curriculum time. At Our Lady's we are proud of the fact that our pupils constantly excel in all aspects of life beyond the classroom. In recent years we have achieved local, regional and national success in events such as Young Enterprise, Dance Festivals, competitions in both Mathematics and Computing, Art Exhibitions and more.

Our annual school production is much admired with huge numbers of pupils acting, dancing, singing and performing live music to packed houses in our Assembly Hall. So extensive has been our involvement in the performing and visual arts that we have been awarded the prestigious Gold Artsmark for a second time.

We have an enviable reputation for outstanding sporting successes. We have student representation at regional and national level in Gymnastics and Swimming; our Year 9 Boys, Year 11 Girls and Year 11 Boys have recently become Preston Schools Football Association champions, while our Year 8 are Preston Schools Rounders champions, Netball League champions and Football finalists.

An outstanding range of residential trips take place each year, including visits to Poland, France, Berlin, London, Keswick, Kingswood and Tower Wood, along with numerous visits to centres of specific interest, museums, theatres and concerts. At the end of the summer term, all pupils with the required number of Behaviour For Learning points are able to spend the day at Blackpool Pleasure Beach as a reward for their continued commitment in and out of the classroom.

Events and trips such as these provide invaluable life experiences that cement great relationships and foster positive memories of school life.



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