



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 25 September 2020

The theme next week is Harvest (MATTHEW 21: 28-31)

This is one way to be generous, to give what we have, and to share." Pope Francis

In the Gospel this week, the generosity of the second son comes through in the end. He was late in doing the right thing, but it is never *too* late. Let us do the same. We can show our generosity through our actions and our words too. As we celebrate the theme of Harvest, let us spend some time reflecting on what we are grateful for and how we can give back to others. It is never too late.

Creator God, teach us to share Your bounty justly and generously. Keep us and our sisters and brothers around the world, in Your loving care. Help us to build a brighter world together, So that everyone may live life to the full. Amen

EX-PUPIL - TOUR DE FRANCE SUCCESS

The school has been following the success of an ex-pupil through his first year on the Tour de France. Hugh Carthy, now 26, left Our Lady's 10 years ago and pursued a career in professional cycling where he now rides for Team EF (Education First). We were delighted to hear that Hugh had been selected to represent the team in this year's Tour de France. He had tasted success in other tours such as coming 1st overall in the Junior Tour of Wales in 2012, 1st overall in the Tour de Korea in 2014 and an important stage win in the Tour de Suisse in 2019. Since then he has gone from strength to strength, competing in the Giro d'Italia, Vuelta a Espana and most recently the Tour de France. We were thrilled to be able to follow him through this year's tour and even more proud when he crossed the line in Paris in 37th place overall out of over 170 or the world's premier cyclists. We would like to congratulate Hugh on his success and thank him for being an inspiration to all pupils at Our Lady's.

LEAVING FROM AND ARRIVING TO SCHOOL

When walking to or from school we advise that pupils wear a face mask, especially if they are near pupils from other year groups. We also ask that parents and carers explain the importance of not mixing with pupils from other year groups on their journey. The most important means of reducing the chance of transmission is for us all to be as disciplined as possible in maintaining bubbles; keeping distance from those not in our bubble; wearing a face mask and washing hands and surfaces. Your help in discussing and supporting these measures makes a great difference. With continued thanks.

COVID-19 – PHE INFORMATION

Please see the important information below and the content of the letter attached with this Newsletter for guidance.



YEAR 11 QUIET STUDY ROOM

In order for Year 11 pupils to complete classwork or extra work at school we are trialing the following facilities until half term. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Room 7 will be open from 2.00 pm to 2.25 pm and Room 10 from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Both rooms have computer access. Pupils will be expected to work independently and respectfully

POLITE REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

To keep in line with attendance reporting all parents/carers must ring school to report absences for each day your child is absent from school. You can either telephone 01772-326900 option 7 or telephone the absence line directly on 01772-326914. If you are awaiting test results for COVID symptoms you need to call initially to inform school that you have had the test and then again once you receive the results.

CAREERS INFORMATION

All information on careers can be found on our dedicated Careers page on the website, please follow the link https://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/careers/students/

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Cardinal Newman College

Saturday, 10 October 2020 Saturday, 14 November 2020 Saturday, 6 February 2021 https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events/

Apply https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/apply/

Preston's College

Wednesday 7, October 2020 (Virtual) 4.00pm - 7.00pm Thursday 8, October 2020 (Virtual) 4.00pm - 7.00pm Saturday 7, November 2020 10.00am - 2.00pm Thursday 28, January 2021 4.00pm - 7.00pm Wednesday 24, March 2021 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Apply https://www.preston.ac.uk/apply

Myerscough College

Saturday, 10 October 9.45am - 12.30pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/myerscough-college-and-university-centre-course-advice-morning-prestonoctober-tickets-92213417815

Apply https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/further-education/how-to-apply/

Apprenticeships

Via Preston's College: <u>https://www.preston.ac.uk/apprenticeships/</u> Self-Sourced: <u>https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/time-to-apply/</u> Training 2000: <u>https://www.training2000.co.uk/our-courses/</u>

T-Levels

Search providers here: <u>https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/find</u>

Dates to remember

Friday, 2 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils Friday, 23 October – School closes for half-term Monday, 2 November – School opens Friday, 18 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm Monday, 4 January – School opens for the Spring Term Friday, 12 February 2021 – School closes for half-term Monday, 22 February INSET day school closed for all pupils Tuesday, 23 February – school opens