

# Our Lady's Catholic High School

Friday, 2 December 2022

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The Theme for next week is Prepare the Way (Matthew 3: 1-12)

The Second week of Advent & The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight. (Isaiah 40:3, Matthew 3:3)

Sometimes we need to be called back to God. To stop and to reflect. Is there anything that I need to do in order to get ready for the arrival of Jesus? We can hear and see God here, in this place. We don't need to go into the wilderness. Look for the signs of love, hope, joy and peace in everyone you meet and in all situations. Prepare yourself for the one who is to come.

## The Prayer of Mary

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour  
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
Amen**

## BOOO VIRTUES PUPILS

Below are some of our pupils who have shown outstanding commitment to the BOOO Virtues this week and have been chosen by their Learning Manager for recognition.

Year	Name	Form	Reason
Year 7	Ruby McDonald	7L	For being attentive and discerning and working really hard every day and giving the best version of herself in everything she does.
Year 8	Evie Holland-Bass and Aleksandra Dydzian	8O	For all they are doing with Terry for the Salvation Army, generous and giving.
Year 9	Isabelle Stringer	9L	For being generous and grateful.
Year 10	Jacob Blackburn	10U	For his phenomenal delivery of our Collective Worship prayer in the year group's assembly.
Year 11	Cameron Turner	11O	For being prophetic and intentional

## PUNCTUALITY

Our school day begins at 09:00 and all pupils must be onsite at 08:55 and therefore we recommend that they aim to be here at 08:50 to ensure they are ready to engage with their school day. We would ask parents to make contact with the school office before 10:00, to inform us of any reason as to why a child maybe late. Should a child be late to school, they will receive a lunchtime detention. Failure to attend this will result in an afterschool detention on a Friday for 30 minutes. We will inform parents by text if this occurs. Please note that poor punctuality can affect a child's overall attendance percentage which could trigger legal interventions from Lancashire County Council. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring our children have excellent attendance and punctuality at school.

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## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday, 7 December and on this day, there will be no other food options available at lunchtime. There will be additional food available at breaktime or pupils may bring their own food if they wish.

## **STAFF PANTOMIME - THE NAIEVETY**

This year our Staff Pantomime will take on Wednesday, 14 December at lunchtime. To obtain a ticket pupils must bring in a Christmas gift which should be unwrapped. This gift must be new and unused. Once collected all gifts will be donated to a chosen charity. Gifts could include stationery, toys, Christmas treats, clothing and accessories etc

## **THE OLCHS CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW**

On Thursday, 15 December the OLCHS Christmas Variety show will take place at 7.00 pm. Pupils have auditioned to be part of this variety show and this is their own work. It is a showcase of talent at Our Lady's. We have singers, Dancers, Poets, Comedians, Musicians and many more. The evening will also include mince pies and mulled wine (non-alcoholic of course). Tickets are available on ScoPay - Adults £5 | Children £3

## **CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**

Our policy on mobile devices in school, to include the wearing of i watches, is highlighted below:

- Mobile devices must be switched off and placed out of sight in bags during the school day.
- Any mobile device that is used, switched on or in sight during the school day will be confiscated by the member of staff and sent promptly to the Finance Office.

Please would all families be reminded of our rules when considering buying expensive, electronic devices as Christmas presents.

## **BANK HOLIDAY – MONDAY, 8 MAY 2023**

There will be an additional Bank Holiday on Monday, 8 May 2023, for the Coronation of His Majesty the King. An amended holiday pattern is attached with this Newsletter.

## **UNIFORM POLICY**

Attached with this Newsletter is our Uniform Policy, an important document which parents/carers should be aware of. The policy will also be available on the website for reference.

## **BIATHLON RESULTS**

Last weekend a number of swimmers were competing in Stockport or Blackpool aiming to achieve County, Regional and National times. The swimmers competed hard, and many qualifying times were achieved. The swimmers were Emil Dawkins, Will Murray, Freya Jones, Lucy Mullholland and Lucy Beesley.

Will and Fin Murray also competed on the Sunday morning in a British Schools Modern Biathlon Qualifier. Will gained silver in his age group and Finley bronze. Both are waiting to see if they have gained qualification for the British Schools Modern Biathlon Final which will be held in March 2023.

## **FOOTBALL NEWS**

Huge congratulations to the Year 7/8 girls football team who participated in the Preston Schools' football tournament organised by PNE at Vida on Thursday, 24 November. The girls played fantastic and were very unlucky in the final to be beaten 3-2. Match scores were as follows

- Christ the King 6-0
- Ashton 3-1
- Broughton1-1

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- Archbishop 6-2
- Longridge 3-1

Semi-final result – Our Lady's V Archbishop, Our Lady's won 4-1

We knew the final against Broughton would be a tight game as we had drawn 1-1 earlier. Both teams have some fantastic players and found the net quickly within the first few minutes. It was very tight in the second half and with only seconds to go we conceded a goal. Final score 3-2 and Our Lady's finished runner up. It was an outstanding performance by all players who were Evie Mitchell, Zuzanna Rapa, Ella Gardner, Holly Wilson, Karley Roscoe, Charlotte Potts, Zofia Mohammadi and Orla Chew.

On Monday, 28 November we hosted Trinity from Carlisle in the English Schools' cup. At this stage in the cup it is very evident that each game is going to be a tough match and that we need to attack from the whistle. We played the game at Ashton as our pitch was waterlogged, Trinity arrived a little earlier so had a few mins before us warming up.

The game started even but within minutes Holly Wilson scored from an amazing free kick.

We then dominated a little more and the goals began to trickle in. Half time 3-1

The second half was a little more frantic with our defence having to work hard to stop shots on target but unfortunately 1 crept past. Final score OLCHS 5 Trinity 3.

## **U16 BASKETBALL**

The combined Year 10 and 11 basketball team played two matches against Hutton Grammar School in the Lancashire cup competition on Monday, 28 November. Both matches were close games with both sets of players in with a real chance of winning. Unfortunately, Our Lady's did not come away with a win in either game but there was some excellent basketball played by both sets of pupils. The first game against Hutton A finished 19-14 to Hutton and the second game was 16-12, also to Hutton. In both matches Our Lady's had taken an early lead with Liam McCaul and Will Murray providing accurate shooting from close range. Will was the overall highest points scorer for Our Lady's in both games, securing numerous 3-point shots from distance. Joel Craig also added to the team total with lay ups of his own. This was a really worthwhile fixture in preparation for their next game against Tarleton Academy on Monday, 5 December at home. Other members of the team included Cameron Orr, Jake Kippax, Charlie Kay, Jay Pearson, Henry Latham and Finn Hurley.

### Dates to remember

Wednesday, 7 December – Christmas lunch

Friday, 16 December – school closes for Christmas – school closes at 12.45 pm

Wednesday, 4 January – school opens

Thursday, 12 January – Year 11 Parents' Evening 2

Thursday, 26 January – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 2 February – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 9 February - Paris Trip

Thursday, 23 February – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 23 March – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday, 10 February – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 21 February – school opens