Our Lady's Catholic High School



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The Theme Next Week: THE GOOD SHEPHERD The 4th Week of Easter (John 10: 11 – 18).

The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The Good Shepherd is a metaphor used to describe Jesus Christ's nature and his role in the lives of his followers. Jesus offers unconditional love and support to us as our shepherd. He also wants us to return the gift to him by offering the same love and commitment to each other. The shepherd's tender care and compassion, his concern for his sheep, reflects Christ's love for us.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul and guides my path in righteousness For His name's sake. Surely goodness and kindness Shall follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever and ever and ever.

Amen

(Taken from Psalm 23)

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Year 7: Chris George - prophetic and intentional	attentive ⊇ ⊖ curious
Year 8: Alessia De Molfetta Page - attentive and curious	faith-filled E generous
Year 9: Muhammad Patel - attentive and discerning	eloquent = discerning intentional compassionate = active
Year 10: Isabelle Stringer, Emily Boyle - curious and active	nthfu
Year 11: Cody Love - intentional and prophetic	Ę



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Science Week Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Our Lady's in the National British Science Week Competition with their posters on the theme of TIME. You will receive your certificates next week and we will keep our fingers crossed to hear back from the national competition. The pictures of the entries are attached.

- Jessica F
- Amy R
- Hanna B
- Harshini S
- Jilene P, Olivia S and Ezrine P

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as runners up across Years 7 and 8. It was a very tough decision selecting from all the entries but the following students will receive their runner's up certificate:

- Amie B
- Jessica M
- John C, Max M, Brody C
- Anderson B
- Caitlin L
- Phillip S
- Belle C
- Dottie-Grace A
- Poppy B
- Eliana R



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Also a big congratulations to the two winners of the Scientist Flag hunt competition:

- Tommy B
- Ajit S

These students corrected matched the most scientists to their national flag and included an impressive description of each of their discoveries!

Well done to all our winners. Certificates and prizes will be given out in due course.



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Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Year 10 Geographers faced all weathers this week, from hail to sunshine!, in undertaking their Physical Geography fieldwork at the River Wyre in the beautiful Forest of Bowland.

The pupils worked very hard at collecting data to find out how the river changes from upstream to downstream in velocity, depth, width, gradient and bedload size and shape.

They learnt how to use the equipment quickly and worked brilliantly as a team, particularly those groups who faced the adverse weather conditions. Pupils will write up their fieldwork in class to investigate if the River Wyre does fit the Bradshaw Model, and use this information in their Unit 3 Exam next summer.



Well done to all involved!

Geograph



Information



Exciting Opportunity – Train to Teach in Local Schools

Recruiting now for September 2024 start

The Catholic Teaching Alliance is based at Our Lady's Catholic High School.

Minimum requirements for our teacher training courses are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

Teacher training (PGCE with QTS) is available in all phases:

- Early Primary (3-7 years)
- General Primary (5-11 years)
- Secondary (11-16 years)
- Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years)
- Train locally, schools in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

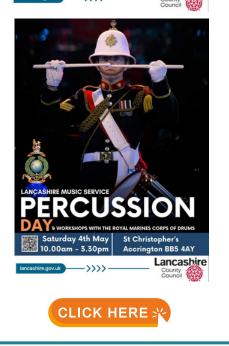
Please contact us for further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions,.

Call 01772 326931 Email <u>CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk</u> Website <u>https://www.catholic-teaching-</u> <u>alliance.org/pgce-courses.html</u>

Music Workshops







Information



2024 Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1 May - Normandy School Trip Monday 6 May - School Closed for May Day Tuesday 7 May - All pupils return to school Friday 24 May - Half Term. School closes at 3pm Monday 3 June - All pupils return to school

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Sporting News

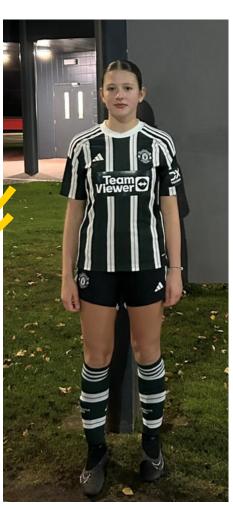
Congratulations to two current OLCHS pupils who are reaping the rewards of talent and hard work.



Evie recently went to Ireland and played in the English Schools' Football Association U15s, with England being crowned Bob Doherty Tournament champions against Ireland, N.Ireland and Scotland. England played 3, won 3, with Evie saving 5 penalties in two penalty shoot outs and winning 'Player of the Match' in her first competitive England match.

Last week Evie also secured her under 16s contract with Manchester United,





Also under contract with Manchester United, OLCHS pupil Holly recently played five games with Manchester United and won all five with only one goal conceded. Holly scored three goals and provided many assists.

Manchester United were crowned the Leicester Tournament winners

Sporting News

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A much anticipated match between the Year 11 Netball Team and OLCHS staff members.

It was a closely contested match in the first half with the score tied at 1-1 on the half-time whistle. However, the experience of the staff prevailed once again and they won 5-1.



Shortly before the Easter holiday, 43 pupils from across Key Stage 3 went along to the Toughsheet Community Stadium, the home of Bolton Wanderers, to watch England U21s in their European Championship qualifier against Luxembourg U21s. With over 11,000 fans in attendance, the atmosphere was fantastic. For many of the pupils, it was their first experience of watching international football in person and all took great pride in singing the national anthem together before the game. There were plenty of goals to celebrate with England claiming a 7-0 victory on the blow of the final whistle. Here are some photos from the night.



Careers

Year 10 Futures

On Tuesday we had a visitor into school who is conducting research for the government on Careers, Future Aims and Work Experience with Year 10 pupils. A number of our pupils spoke to the researcher and spoke eloquently about their own experiences whilst on work placement, what they intend to do when they leave school and what their aims are in regards to future career choices.

Pupils also discussed what they had got out of Work Experience, and whether that meant that they would, or would not, follow that career path, and how it had helped to shape their future aspirations.

All of Year 10 were exceedingly clear about their future pathways, where they intend to be in ten years and had strong ideas about how to get there.

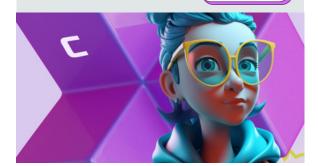


The visitor was bowled over by their passion for the careers they want and impressed at how well they could articulate the support that they had received from school and their families to aim for these future roles.

Pictured are two of these students, Charlotte and Liam, who want to study child psychology and accountancy in the future.

Cyber Security BAE Systems Sponsored Course for pupils aged 13-17.

Lessons are run by InnovateHer and are free. CLICK HERE





A huge thank you to Dave from Preston College for speaking to Year 10 about the upcoming Preston College Taster Day.

Dave outlined the day's events and the various different opportunities to engage with. There was a wonderful uptake from Year 10 pupils and we look forward to hearing how pupils get on during the day.

