



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Thursday, 5 October 2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **Harvest**

Last week's Gospel implored us to be people of action; people who don't just say they're going to do something but people who do it. This week we are told that all of our actions should be built on our faith, particularly with the foundation of prayer. Praying puts us in conversation with God who is always there listening to us and, if we are paying attention, answering us.



(From St Paul): Lord, answer our prayers when we are in need. Give us strength not to worry for we know that your peace is much greater than we can understand. Let us offer you our prayers with thanksgiving, fill our hearts and minds with everything that is true, everything that is good and everything that is pure. May peace be with us. Amen.

CONFIRMATIONS: PARISH OF ST JOHN PAUL II (SACRED HEART, ST WALBURGE'S SS PETER & PAUL)

The Bishop is coming to the parishes to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation next May. Any pupils (from any year group) who would like to be Confirmed are to get in touch with Fr Francis Olaseni at their parish or they can come to the Chaplaincy in school for more information. Any pupil (from any parish) who is interested in receiving any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation) is welcome to come and speak to Dennis at school at any time to discuss options.

YEAR 7 FRESHERS' FAIR

Our first Freshers' Fair was an opportunity for Year 7 to come along and see what clubs and activities are on offer to them. There was: Animal Care, Computing Club, Sports, History, Rap Club, Marafiki and Gardening, to name but a few. It was a great success, and Year 7 showed themselves to be keen to get involved in life at OLCHS.

PE TRIP – BOREATTON PARK

This year's trip to PGL Boreatton Park saw 61 pupils and 7 staff travel down during the weekend of 29 September to 1 October. The girls had a full weekend of Netball against schools from all around the country. There were five teams in total representing Our Lady's. Year 8, 9B and 10B had some very tough matches and played really well against some strong A teams from other schools. Unfortunately they did not make it through to the semi-finals but they fought hard throughout. The year 9A and 10A teams won most of their matches and got through to the semi-finals. Matches were end to end. However, the pressure of the occasion got to both teams as they made some unforced errors. Both teams lost narrowly but managed to finish a respectable third overall. Congratulations to everyone involved. The Year 8 and 9 boys' Football teams took part in 2 high quality Football coaching sessions which were run by excellent staff. Their focus was to develop team work when counter attacking and gain a greater range of dribbling skills. All the boys thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and seem to have built up some great team morale. Their afternoon sessions saw them have some fun on activities such as the Giant Swing, High Ropes and the Challenge Course, all of which required them to work as a team to complete the tasks. It was a fantastic weekend for both staff and pupils.

FOOTBALL – U14 GIRLS

On Thursday, 27 September the U14 girls travelled to Carnforth to play the first round of the Lancashire Cup. The weather was fantastic and the girls were very excited to get their first match played. Coach Daz made the journey up the M6 too which was ace. The first 20 minutes of possession was predominantly OLCCHS, the only thing that was missing was a goal. At half time Coach made some changes and moved Janna Ellbbany into a more central position. This helped the midfield stay strong and the goals started to flow. Final score was 4-0 to OLCCHS with goals from skipper Molly Macuras (2) and Abbi Wright (2). Huge well done to all involved.

FOOTBALL – YEAR 10 BOYS

Well done to the Year 10 Football team who comfortably beat Archbishop Temple High School. Despite being a stronger team, all the OLCHS players conducted themselves in a mature manner and the team played some fantastic football. It was hard to pick a 'man of the match' as there were so many fantastic performances, but it must go to Matthew Farrell who scored his first ever school hatrick! Well done!

NETBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the Year 11 Netball team who played in their final ever tournament for Our Lady's on Tuesday. After winning all but one of their games they finished as runners up. Congratulations on a fantastic five years as a squad and we hope you continue to play netball together!

BAE SYSTEMS APPRENTICESHIP EVENTS

BAE Systems are holding a number of Apprentice Open Evenings at their Academy for Skills and Knowledge based at Samlesbury Aerodrome. These events will take place on Thursday, 26 October, Wednesday, 1 November, Wednesday 13 December and Thursday, 15 February. To reserve a place please email MAI.ApprenticeEvent@baesystems.com. The Apprentice application window for September 2018 intake is from Wednesday, 1 November 2017 until Wednesday, 28 February 2018.

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 (JKE) Year 11 GCSE PE revision ELE M3	Year 9 and 10 Handball (Sports Hall SHE) Year 8 Netball (JKE) ELE Coursework intervention	Year 7 and 8 Football (SHE/GNE) Year 8 and 9 Netball (ELE) Year 7 Trampolining (JKE)
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 U12 Girls Football Training
Wednesday	Hockey Y10/11 8.00-8.40 (JKE)	Y7 Netball (Sports hall) ELE	Year 9 and 10 Football SHE/GNE Y10/11 GCSE Trampolining (ELE)
Thursday	Year 7 and 8 Basketball (sports hall GNE) 8.20-8.50 Year 11 boys GCSE revision 8.15 (M8)	Year 9/10 Netball (JKE/ELE)	Year 11 boys PEP sessions till PEPS complete room 4 (SHE)
Friday	Year 9,10,11 Table Tennis (gym GNE) Hockey Y9 Sports hall 8.10-8.40 (JKE)	Year 11 Basketball and Handball (Sports hall GNE and SHE)	Year 7,8 and 9 Rugby Training (RFU) Year 7 Netball (ELE)

Dates to remember

Thursday, 12 October – Year 7 Information Evening

Friday, 27 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 6 November – school opens

Thursday, 16 November – GCSE Certificate Evening

Friday, 17 November – Year 8-11 Certificate Presentation Morning, school closes at 12.45 pm

Tuesday, 5 December – CAFOD Advent Service, St Anthony's church at 7.00 pm

Thursday, 21 December – School closes for Christmas

Monday, 8 January – School opens