



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 1 December 2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **Advent**

As we begin the adventure of Advent we automatically start looking ahead: to presents, to food, to family. The problem is that we can look so far ahead that we forget to live in the moment. The moment *is* Advent - the new start. We are in the first week of a new Church year and we are encouraged to start afresh in our relationship with Christ who comes to us as a newborn at Christmas. Maybe it is time to clear out our old thoughts and make an Advent resolution to live in the moment with Jesus.



**Lord, we wait in joyful hope for You to come and bring us a new life. May we always live in the moment and enjoy this special time of Advent. Amen.**

## **ADVENT AMNESTY**

Today we begin our Advent amnesty encouraging Year 7 pupils to 'Take a Break' from mobile devices for an hour before bedtime. This is a result of contributions from both parents and pupils to this initiative and we are hoping that it will be a great success.

## **PRESTON PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

The English department are delighted to announce that the Year 8 public speaking team won the Preston and District Rotary Public Speaking Competition held in the players' lounge at PNE on Wednesday, 15 November. The title of their speech was 'Boys will be Boys?' The team consisted of Kate Moir, Jasmine Dover and Claudia Gornall. The performance was outstanding and they beat off some very high quality competition from other local schools. They are now through to the Lancashire and Cumbria district final at Windermere School on 3 February 2018.

## **YEAR 11 ENGLISH REVISION - EDMODO**

The English Department has created a group page on the educational app 'Edmodo' so all Year 11 pupils can access revision materials on their phones, iPads and computers. We have uploaded a variety of resources to the group that will help with revision over the coming months, including PowerPoint presentations, educational advice articles, YouTube clips and cue cards. This app enables pupils to access these resources at any point during the day, whether they are on their journey to school or waiting for their favourite TV programme to come on! It has been proven that short bursts of revision are most effective and this app allows pupils to do that in an easy and positive way. All Year 11 pupils will be informed about the app and its benefit over the coming week. To join the group all they need to do is...

1. Download **EDMODO** from the app store. (It's free!)
2. Create an account. An email address and a password is needed.
3. Search for the revision group. It's called **OLCHS Y11 English Revision**.
4. Once they find the group, they need to type in the unique access code. The group code is **yz33mz**.

## **FOOTBALL NEWS – YEAR 9**

Unfortunately the Year 9 football team were knocked out of the Lancashire Cup by Fulwood Academy. The team played the best football I have ever seen them play and I was really proud of their performance but they just couldn't find the back of the net. Harry Wignall hit the bar with a great strike and it felt like it wasn't going to be our day. Fulwood scored two goals completely against the run of play. However this spurred the team on and they scored two goals in five minutes to make it 2-2 at the final whistle. A penalty shoot out was to decide the game and unfortunately one miss was all that was in it. Fulwood won and progressed to the next stage. Hard luck, but hopefully this will motivate them to succeed in the Preston Cup in the New Year.

## **TEACHER TRAINING AFTERNOON TEA INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Do you have (or are soon to be awarded) a degree? Are you interested in a career in teaching (primary or secondary)? If you answer yes to these questions then the Catholic Teaching Alliance invites you to attend a free, no obligation, information event in the Training Centre at Our Lady's Catholic High School on Friday, 8 December From 2.30pm – 4pm. If you are interested we would encourage you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting opportunities available for training in your local Catholic schools. Please contact our ITT director Mr Adrian Gormally on [CTASchooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:CTASchooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) or 01772 326931 to book your place.

## **A LEVEL CHOICES**

Please see below some useful websites to help you make choices on which A levels/BTEC subjects to study at College:

<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/a-level/subjects/choosing-your-subjects>

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/a-level-choices/315491-what-a-level-subjects-should-i-take>

<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices>

<http://russellgroup.ac.uk/for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and-college/>

### **Dates to remember**

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

Thursday, 14 December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 21 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 8 January – School opens

Thursday, 11 January – Year 10 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 25 January - Year 8 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Friday, 9 February – School closes for half-term

Monday, 19 February – INSET day

Tuesday, 20 February – School opens

Thursday, 1 March - Year 9 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 15 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm