



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 9 September 2016

Name Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **New Beginnings**

KS3 PUPILS RECEIVE 3B4ME CERTIFICATES IN DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

The Design Technology department introduced a new initiative with all Year 7+8 pupils this year called '3b4Me'. The concept was to improve Teaching & Learning by identifying pupil (3b4Me) mentors who have shown an ability to:

- Complete a task quickly.
- Complete a task to a high standard.
- Work independently.
- Communicate with others' effectively.

As a result successful 3b4Me mentors received from their Design Technology teachers:

- A green stamp for each lesson.
- Reward points at the end of each project.

Pupils who had been nominated by all of their DT teachers throughout the year received an 'Advanced' 3b4Me Certificate and a prize, whilst pupils who had been nominated by at least 3 of their DT teachers received a 'Basic' 3b4Me Certificate. Mrs Smith, Principal Teacher of Design Technology awarded the certificates to pupils in. A total of 22 Yr7 and Yr8 pupils received certificates with 3 pupils gaining the 'Advanced' level. This is a prestigious achievement so well done to all who received certificates! This is something we intend to continue in 2016-17 so watch this space for further updates.



ADMISSIONS

The process of applying for high school places in September 2016 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or via the link on Moodle. Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2016**. In addition to the Lancashire application process we ask that a Supplementary Form is completed. These forms are available on the school website or from reception.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please see the information below for a reminder of some of our uniform requirements which may be helpful to parents:

- Plain, black shoes with a black sole
- Skirts must cover the knee
- Boys trousers must be standard school trousers no 'skinny' fashion trousers
- Hair must be one natural colour. No extreme styles, if in doubt check with the Learning Manager beforehand
- No fake tan, false nails or nail varnish is permitted

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



The annual Macmillan Coffee morning takes place this year on Friday, 30 September 2015. Family members are most welcome to join us in the staff room from 12 noon for cake, coffee and a chat and hopefully we will raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause. Please contact Pam Bilsborrow (326913) or Gemma Murray (326912) if you would like to come along.

ANIMAL CARE

We have an ever-growing menagerie of animals at Our Lady's, who are looked after by our own pupils. The current animal head count stands at 4 chickens, 2 rabbits, 2 guinea pigs, 1 hamster and we are in the process of acquiring a flight of doves. We are in need of more volunteers to help care for the animals at lunchtime. We ask that pupils commit at least one lunchtime per week to helping, however pupils are welcome more frequently than this! For more information, please see Miss McEnnerney-Whittle in the Science prep room.

YEAR 7-9 SCIENCE CLUB

This is an exciting opportunity for any pupils in Years 7-9 who enjoy Science lessons and wish to investigate the subject further. Science Club will give pupils the chance to carry out practicals and activities which aren't part of the National Curriculum, challenge themselves and develop new skills. Science Club will be held every Wednesday after school (15.30-16.30) in Room 18, starting Wednesday, 14 September. Some of the planned activities for this term include: forensic analysis (blood typing, fingerprint analysis etc), flame tests, dissection, making ice cream, rocket launching, making bath bombs and making hand warmers. All pupils who wish to take part in this activity must see Miss McEnnerney-Whittle in the Science prep room for a letter.

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

	<u>Before School</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>After School</u>
Monday	Year 8A V 9A Netball (<i>Yard</i>) Year 8B V 9B Netball (<i>Yard</i>) Year 8 & 9 Basketball (<i>Gym</i>)	Year 10 V 11 Netball (<i>SH</i>) Year 7 Basketball (<i>Gym</i>)	Year 9, 10, & 11 Netball (<i>Yard</i>) Year 7 Football (<i>Grass</i>) Rugby Matches
Tuesday	Year 7 & 8 Hockey (<i>SH</i>) Year 10 Basketball (<i>Gym</i>)		Trampolining (<i>Gym</i>) Y7 Girls Football
Wednesday	Year 9 & 10 Hockey (<i>SH</i>) Table Tennis (<i>Gym</i>)	Year 10 & 11 Handball (<i>SH</i>)	Girls' Football (<i>Grass</i>) Year 7, 8 & 9 Handball (<i>SH</i>) Year 11 Football (<i>Grass</i>) Year 9 Football (<i>Grass</i>)
Thursday	Year 11 GCSE Revision (<i>Girls – M5</i>) (<i>Boys – M8</i>) Table Tennis (<i>Gym</i>)	Year 8 Netball (<i>SH</i>) Year 10 Basketball (<i>Gym</i>)	Year 7 Netball (<i>SH</i>) Year 8 Football (<i>Grass</i>) Year 10 Football (<i>Grass</i>)
Friday	Year 9 & 10 Hockey (<i>SH</i>) Table Tennis (<i>Gym</i>)	Year 10 & 11 Ladies Toning (<i>Gym</i>) (Wear your own clothes) Y8/9 Basketball/Handball	Year 7, 8 & 9 Rugby Practice (<i>Grass</i>)

Dates to remember

Friday, 30 September – Macmillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday, 4 October – Year 7 Welcome Mass
Thursday, 6 October – Open Evening
Friday, 7 October – INSET day, pupils at home
Thursday, 13 October – Year 7 Information Evening
Friday, 28 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm
Monday, 7 November – school opens