



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 25 November 2016

Name Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Advent**

PARENT GOVERNOR

Congratulations to Alison Dodd who will take her place on the Pupils, Parents and Community committee of the Full Governing Body, following the recent election.

ART NEWS OLCHS ARTISTS AT LOCAL GALLERY

The following pupils will be exhibiting some of their art work as part of the Harris Open Exhibition: Fiza Ayyub, Caitlin McAteer, Abi Gunson, Tyler Gunson, Ellie Stevens, Rob Stone, Emma Flynn, Sophie Bashall, Emma Smith, Adam Stewart, Rose Murray, Matt Halucha, Alex Mansford, Kelly McGinty, Jamie Liddiard, Alex Southern, Jakub Rembacz, Charlotte Kelly, Jack Lea, Megan McGuire, Hannah King, Amy-Jo Newman, Wiktoria Pruska and Hatty Seed.

The opening for the Public Preview of the exhibition is: Friday, 25 November, 6.00-7.30pm. All exhibitors, family and friends are welcome.

The exhibition is an annual celebration of local artistic talent and features work from amateur and professional artists. The exhibition continues until 7 January 2016 and admission is FREE!

Harris Museum and Gallery opening times:

Monday - Sat 10am-5pm

Sun 11am-4pm

Closed Bank Holidays.

ENRICHMENT DAY 1

In their first Enrichment Day at OLCHS the **Year 7's** focus was to develop links with St Peter Claver's school in Tanzania. The day culminated in each Year 7 pupil writing a pen letter to a pupil at St Peter Claver High School. It is hoped that this first communication will be the basis of a relationship with St Peter Claver's that will last for their five years at OLCHS. The rest of the day was used to inform our pupils of Tanzania. Therefore they experienced a variety of lessons, including the history, culture and geography of Tanzania. They made Maasai shields, textile designs, learnt dances and played African music. They even met some of the animals that you might bump into Tanzania!

Year 8 spent the day focusing on the person of Mary and why she is an important example to our school community and Catholics as a whole. Four specific themes were explored: Mary the Disciple, Mary the Mother, Mary the Witness and Mary the Friend. The day was finished off by a liturgy at St Anthony's church.

On the first Enrichment Day of this school year, **Year 9** pupils were involved in workshops relating to a 'healthy body, healthy mind'. Sessions included interactive research and discussion on drugs, listening to a presentation on cardiac risk in the young and considering screening. Sessions also included what is mental health and why is it important to look after our mental health, personal hygiene and healthy food. Year 9 pupils were enthusiastic and engaged, gaining a lot from the day.

Year 10s focused on the Refugee Crisis. Pupils explored the causes of the conflict, the impacts on the civilian population of these countries and the terrible journeys these refugees have to endure. Pupils have explored individual case studies, devised pieces of poetry and critically analysed how the media portrays refugees.

Year 11 were learning about British Values. We had several visiting speakers; the Police looking at how the law operates in our country, the Army talking about how they uphold British Values and serve our country, "Unite" looking at how working together can make a change to working people and The "Windrush" project looking at the development and education of attitudes to Black people over the last 60 years. There were team building activities in the sports hall and we finished the day with the whole year group taking part in the Great British quiz where the winning team scored 59 out of 65 on what they had learnt during the day.

BILLY ELLIOT

There are still tickets available for the trip to see Billy Elliot at The Palace Theatre, Manchester on Thursday, 1 December. Travel to the theatre is by coach which will leave school at 1.00 pm and return at approximately 6.00 pm. Tickets, including coach travel are £26.00. Pupils should collect a form from Mrs Morris and return it to school along with a completed Medical Form, Code of Conduct and full payment as soon as possible.

NETBALL NEWS

Well done to the Year 11 Netball team who competed in their final Preston Schools' Netball Tournament on Wednesday. Despite the bad weather, the girls fought hard to win four out of their seven matches to finish a respectable fourth behind St Cecilians who entered two teams and Archbishop Temple. Congratulations go to Olivia Clayton (captain), Annie Worswick, Lucy Stanworth, Fiza Ayyub, Allanya Davies, Amelia Moran and Anna Smith. The PE Department hope you continue with Netball when you leave Our Lady's.

Well done to the Year 9 and 10 Netball teams who played against St Cecilia's on Monday night. Year 9A lost in a very closely contested match. However, 9B drew 2-2 and Year 10 won 5-2. All three teams fought hard as they played in extremely bad weather conditions.

VISIT FROM GOLD MEDAL WINNER

On Monday, 20 November past pupil, Commonwealth Gold Medalist and Professional boxer, Scott Fitzgerald, came into school to share his knowledge regarding his diet and being an elite performer with our current Year 11 GCSE PE pupils. Pupils listened intently and then had the opportunity to ask questions. We wish Scott the best of luck in his next fight.

GYMNASTIC SUCCESS

Big congratulations to Erin Atkinson who became Lancashire Gymnastics Champion last weekend in Garstang. Erin achieved Gold on Vault, Gold on bars, gold on floor and silver on beam. Outstanding achievement Erin.

From Thursday, 1 December Year 11 mock exams will take place. This means the sports hall will be out of action for the entire week. All PE lessons will go ahead as normal but will be outside.

TRAMPOLINING

If there are any pupils who would like to join trampolining on a Tuesday afternoon 2.30-3.30pm please come along and see Mrs Lin. The session is run by two qualified coaches from Preston City Trampolining club and it is a brilliant opportunity to improve skills or learn new ones. All pupils welcome.

Dates to remember

Monday, 28 November – Festive Flowers at 7.00 pm

Thursday, 1 December – CAFOD Advent Service 7.00 pm St Anthony's Church

Sunday, 18 December – Carol Service, St Wilfrid's Church at 6.30 pm

Wednesday, 21 December – Christmas lunch

Thursday, 22 December – School closes for Christmas holidays at 12.45 pm

Monday, 9 January – School opens for Spring Term

Thursday, 12 January – Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm