Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School

Friday, 9 December 2016

Name ………. Form ……………………….

Our Prayer theme next week is **Recognising God's message**

CAFOD ADVENT SERVICE

Our Lady's celebrated the beginning of Advent with staff and pupils from our family of primary schools, at St Anthony's church last Wednesday. It was a lovely occasion filled with prayer, dance and music.

STAFF LIP SYNC

Our staff Lip Sync concert takes place in the Arts' Theatre during lunchtime next Friday, 16, December. Tickets are £1 and can be bought from the Finance office during lunchtimes between Monday, 12 - Thursday 15 ONLY. Tickets will not be sold before that time and will not be available any time other than lunchtime. All money raised goes to CAFOD. Please come along and watch your teachers battle it out in the Lip Sync concert and support this great charity.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE - MARBLEOUS

The Young Enterprise team will have a Marbleous Christmas Sale in room 33, at lunchtime on Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 December. Their products will be available to buy and prices range from £1 to £1.50. All pupils are very welcome to come along and have a browse.

CARDINAL NEWMAN AND PRESTON'S COLLEGE APPLICATIONS 2017

Year 11 pupils should be applying for Newman College and Preston's College now. The deadline for Cardinal Newman College is 10 Feb 2017 but pupils are advised to complete their applications ASAP. All pupils have had an assembly explaining how to apply online so please can you encourage them to get started if they have not already done so.

To apply to Newman College pupils must;

- Register and get a password
- They can apply for up to 6 courses
- They can take up to 4 A levels
- They will be asked to put in their target grades which will be checked at interview.
- Attendance – in Spring they will attend an interview where they will take a copy of their attendance and school report – Newman are looking for 95% or above attendance.
- Personal statement pupils need to write a long paragraph about themselves talking about ;
  - Badges gained, prefecting, societies they belong to and and hobbies they are interested in.
  - Why they want to study these courses?
  - Why they want to study at Newman?
- This needs to be a word document, 1 side A4, copy and paste it into the application form.
- Check carefully everything is filled out correctly.
- Once submitted, you can't change anything.
- The process for Prestons' college is very similar to the above.

There are careers drop in sessions every Wednesday lunchtime in the Year 11 common room. Pupils need to speak to their form tutors if they need help with any of the above.

CAREERS

I am Paula Wroe, the Careers Adviser, who is working with OLCHS, one day a week, usually on a Wednesday. I work through Mploy Solutions, http://www.mploysolutions.com/ .In addition to pre-booked appointments I am also available for short drop-in chats during break, lunchtime and 30 minutes after school finishes. If pupils have a quick enquiry they feel I can help with regarding careers, college, apprenticeships and areas linked to these topics, then they are welcome to call in to see me at these times. I am in the office on the ground floor of the mathematics block, next to the Year 11 common room.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS please make a note of these important dates. However it is important to stress that an early application, preferably before Christmas, is advisable. All these colleges are popular. All colleges take online applications. Most of them will begin interviewing and offering places early in the New Year.

Cardinal Newman College
Closing date: 10 February 2017 - Open Event: Thursday 2 February 2017, 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Preston's College
Closing date: end of March 2017 - Open Events: Thursday 9 February 2017, 4.00pm to 7.30pm and Tuesday 16 May 2017, 4.00pm to 7.30pm. College tours can be booked on line for those unable to make these dates.

Myerscough College
Closing Date: no later than March 2017 - Open Events: Saturday 10 December 2016, 9.45am to 12.30pm and Saturday 25 February 2017, 9.45am to 12.30pm. (Open events are held regularly throughout the year)

Runshaw College
Closing Date: 1 April 2017 - Open Event: Wednesday 8 March 2017

BAE SYSTEMS OPEN EVENINGS
BAE Systems are hosting Engineering Your Future open evenings to demonstrate the exciting and varied Engineering work they do, including designing the cockpits of the future, inventing the intelligence systems for an unmanned aircraft or how they assemble high technological solutions of the future.   They have a limited number of places, therefore please respond by Friday, 16 December 2016 to the email address in the invitation. Please note that they can only admit individuals who have registered to attend. Applications will be treated on a first come first served basis and are limited to a maximum number.

For male and female pupils who are studying STEM based subjects at GCSE or A' Level, aged 15-18

When: Thursday 2nd February 2017, at 18:30-21:00. Where: BAE Systems Academy for Skills & Knowledge, Sir Frederick Page Way, Samlesbury Enterprise Zone. Mellor Brook, Blackburn BB2 7FT. Who: Open to 15-18 year old students.

For female students who are studying STEM based subjects at GCSE or A' Level, aged 15-18.

Event 1:
When: Thursday 26th January 2017, at 18:30-21:00. Where: BAE Systems Warton, Lightning Club, Mill Lane, PR4 1AX. Who: Open to 15-18 year old female students

Event 2:
When: Wednesday 1st February 2017, at 18:30-21:00. Where: BAE Systems Academy for Skills & Knowledge, Sir Frederick Page Way, Samlesbury Enterprise Zone, Mellor Brook, Blackburn BB2 7FT. Who: Open to 15-18 year old female students

Please email your request to attend to: educationpartnershipsmai@baesystems.com

Dates to remember
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