



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 22 September 2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **Compassion**

It is a tradition in schools to do a 'Harvest Appeal' at this time of year and we are thankful to our pupils and families for supporting us each year. However, with more and more people in need of support and food banks and charities running out of donations, maybe it is something that we need to be reminding ourselves to do more often. Sunday's Gospel highlights the generosity of the vineyard owner, but also recognises that some people aren't always charitable. The lesson is that we can be as generous as we want.

Lord, sometimes it is hard to give what we have worked hard for. Remind us of the rewards of our generosity and that we are created to be loving and caring to all. Amen.

YEAR 11 HOMEWORK AND STUDY CLUB

Homework and study club for Year 11 will begin on Monday, 25 September. It will run every Monday and Thursday in room 30. Everyone is welcome to attend. ICT facilities are available. Mrs Mc Ardle or Miss Holland will be available for support.

YEAR 7 FRESHERS FAIR

There will be the opportunity for all year 7 pupils to see which clubs and activities are available to them after school and at lunchtimes. The Freshers Fair will take place next Wednesday, 27 September in the Arts Theatre at lunchtime. Please encourage your child to come along and see what is on offer.

MFL TWITTER

Please follow the MFL languages twitter @MFLOLCHS for trip information, news, photos, competitions etc.

FOOTBALL NEWS - GIRLS

On Monday, 18 September the U16 girls' football team travelled the short distance to Corpus Christi Catholic High School to play their first English Schools' fixture of the season. Their opponents, Ormskirk School, arrived a few minutes before KO giving our girls ample time to target goals at Elodie Chesworth who is our new keeper. The first five minutes were dominated by OLCHS and it didn't take long for Caitlin Ball to find the back of the net. This was closely followed by a fantastic goal from Amelia Eastham. With Mia Brown, Caisey Shotton, Anna Smith and Jenna Salthouse in defence, Ormskirk School found it extremely difficult to penetrate the back four and at half time it was 3-0 to OLCHS. Very soon after half time, Hannah Brady found the back of the net to make it a very convincing 4-0! Unfortunately we then had a quick lapse in concentration and Ormskirk scored to make it 4-1. In the final 10 minutes Arianna Lowery scored followed closely again by Caitlin Ball! It was a fantastic performance from a newly amalgamated team who I am hoping will have a long cup run! Manager's player goes to Captain Katie McDougall who caused no end of chaos for Ormskirk's midfield.

FOOTBALL NEWS - BOYS

Unfortunately the U14 Football team lost to Corpus Christi Catholic High School on Wednesday, 20 September. It was the first game of the season and despite some moments of individual quality, we were outplayed and outclassed in most positions. The opposition were the better side on the night and were worthy winners. The team now need to focus on winning the remaining league games.

UNDER 14 RUGBY FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the U14 Rugby team who took part in a Rugby Football Union Rugby Festival at Preston Grasshoppers on 19 September. There were 6 schools that took part in total. The team played four games and won three of them which was fantastic. There were a lot of outstanding individual performances and they collectively worked well as a team. I was very proud of all of the players. Rugby training on Fridays has started well and I would like to encourage as many players as possible to attend!

LABELLING SCHOOL UNIFORM

In the short time we have been back at school we already have an extremely large amount of lost property, much of which cannot be returned to pupils as it is not named. Please ensure that all school uniform is labelled with your child's name and form group, this will ensure that lost items can be easily identified and returned directly to pupils.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Please would all parents be reminded that any pupil riding to school must:

- a. Have parental permission
- b. Have signed a cycling contract and returned this to school
- c. Wear a cycle helmet

Pupils who are seen leaving school without a helmet or have not completed a signed contract will be instructed to leave their bicycles in school; until we are in possession of the correct paper work and they have a cycle helmet. Cycling contracts are available from Mrs Bilsborrow.

THE CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE SCHOOL DIRECT PROGRAMME

Would you, or anyone you know, like to **train locally to become a primary or secondary school teacher**? If you are a graduate you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance in schools in the Preston area. Our Lady's is the lead school for the Catholic Teaching Alliance which is a partnership between 65 Catholic schools and the University of Cumbria working together to provide first class initial teacher training within the Catholic community. PGCE and QTS are awarded upon successful completion of the course. Applications open towards the end of October, see our website for more details www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org **Any questions?** Mr Gormally will be in the Training Centre at Our Lady's every Monday from 4.00 – 5.00pm to answer your queries about the Catholic Teaching Alliance and our School Direct training programme. Please email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or telephone 01772 326931 to book an appointment.

NHS CAREERS EVENT

On Friday, 29 September there will be a Careers Event at Chorley Hospital. There will be information on apprenticeships, NHS careers, university paths and much more. For more information please contact Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Please see the dates and times below for college Open Days:

Cardinal Newman College

Saturday, 7 October – 10.00 am until 2.00 pm

Monday, 23 October - 5.00 pm until 8.00 pm

Thursday 23 November - 5.00 pm until 8.00 pm

Thursday, 1 February - 5.00 pm until 8.00 pm

Myerscough College

Saturday, 7 October 2017 – 9.45 am until 12.30 pm

Saturday, 11 November 2017 – 9.45 am until 12.30 pm

Saturday, 9 December 2017 – 9.45 am until 12.30 pm

Dates to remember

Thursday, 28 September - Year 7 Welcome Mass

Friday, 29 September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thursday, 5 October – Open Evening – school closes at 12.45 pm

Friday, 6 October – INSET day, pupils at home

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