



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 26 May 2017

Name

Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Pentecost**.

"Peace be with you." Words that come from the Gospel for Pentecost when we celebrate the birth of the Church. The words are much more than just a greeting, they are a mission for each of us. At a time of great suffering created by a lack of peace maybe it is time to start living out the mission that Christ gave us so that, filled by the Holy Spirit, we can "renew the face of the earth" (Psalm 103).

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring love. Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

And where there is sadness, joy. Amen.

(Prayer of St Francis)

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

This year Our Lady's Catholic High School has been awarded the highest accreditation level for the International School Award. The Award recognises the breadth and depth of international learning activities provided by the school. Our Lady's has worked hard over recent years to offer curricular and extra-curricular activities which engage students on international issues, develop a sense of understanding of different cultures and an appreciation of their place within the world. We want our students to develop their consciousness about the people they are connected with across the world and how local events can have global effects and vice versa. Such activities include close working links with St Peter Claver School in Tanzania. All students in Year 7-9 have a pen pal with whom they communicate throughout the year. Teachers have undertaken exchange visits and a YouTube channel has been set up for students to share their thoughts on issues and develop an understanding of each other's lives. Students also take part in regular fundraising, and inter-form competitions to raise money for a partner high school-Orkeeswa. In addition to this whole school weeks are run around themes such as Refugee Week and Holocaust Memorial week. These weeks involve multiple cross-curricular activities, exhibitions and guest speakers. Many of our departments also run trips locally, nationally and internationally for students to better understand current issues, appreciate cultures or develop empathy for others. Our LRC stocks a wide range of books and actively encourages students to read across genres deepening their knowledge from within the four walls of OLCHS. We continue to work hard to develop international opportunities for our students which we hope will inspire them and develop their appreciation and understanding of the world outside of Preston!

SENIOR PREFECT TEAM

Congratulations to our newly appointed Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputies. After a tough and thorough appointment process, involving a very strong field, the following pupils were successful:

- Head Girl – Amelia Eastham
- Deputy Head Girls – Caisey Shotton and Ciara Rowland
- Head Boy – Josh Murray
- Deputy Head Boys – Harrison Botes and Jarrar Khan

The Year 10 team will be taking up their duties from Monday, 5 June. We wish them all the best in this important and challenging role.

YEAR 9 PRESTON SCHOOLS' CRICKET COMPETITION

The Year 9 team played their first game of the year against Eden Boys' School of Preston on Thursday, 18 May. These games have been slightly shortened to 12 overs per innings and it has certainly increased the excitement of the games. This one ended very closely with Eden reaching 59 runs and beating our total of 58 with only two balls spare. The team came very close to victory but lost out in a very even game. Vice-captain Lewis Wellings batted well, reaching 23 runs and staying in for the majority of the innings. Adam Hassan took the important wicket of the captain from our opponents which seemed to give us the advantage however a decent middle order of batsmen allowed Eden to collect the runs needed. An exciting game was had by all and supported by a good crowd of parents. The team's next game is against Archbishop Temple on Wednesday, 24 May.

ADVANCED NOTICE - YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY – MONDAY, 3 JULY 2017

Our next year's Year 7 pupils will be joining us for a day in school on Monday, 3 July 2017. As is our practice, **Year 8 and Year 9** pupils are to remain home on that day. This will enable us to release teachers to work with the Year 6 pupils.

CHARITY FASHION SHOW

On Thursday, 15 June 2017 at 7pm there will be a fashion show in school supported by Captain Tortue French Fashion. Ticket Prices are £4 (£5 on the night) and half price for children which includes wine/soft drink and a small cake. There will be a raffle on the night and prizes include £20 Clothes voucher from Captain Tortue, a Body Shop gift pack, wine and chocolates. All money raised will be donated to St Catherine's Hospice

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Dates to remember

Monday, 5 June – School opens
Thursday, 15 June – Sports Day
Thursday, 29 June – Year 6 Parents' Evening – 7.00 pm
Monday, 3 July – Year 6 Transition Day
Tuesday, 18 July – Whole School Mass
Thursday, 20 July – Charity Day
Friday, 21 July – school closes for the end of term at 12.45 pm