



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 16 June 2017

Name

Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **The Body of Christ**.

Jesus tells us that we are all linked through the Bread of Life and we are all invited to taste this new kind of food, which gives life that lasts forever. This is a difficult concept to understand and accept - even some of Jesus' disciples stopped following him when he explained it. However, for those who do remain as followers of Christ, there are two challenges: to receive the bread of everlasting life through our regular attendance at Mass and to live out what it demands of us.

**Lord, help us to listen to all that you offer us,
for you give us strength and nourishment for our life
with you now and for eternity.
Amen.**

YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS

Just a note of congratulations to the Year 11 pupils who are currently completing their GCSE examinations. We are about two thirds of the way through and the conduct and attitude of the pupils has been exemplary. These are very stressful times and keeping a calm perspective, getting plenty of sleep and keeping energy levels high remains very important.

They are of course the first year group that is experiencing the brand new and more challenging Mathematics and English GCSE examinations where the awarded grades will be from 1 to 9, where 9 is the highest grade (well above a previous A* grade). All other subjects are still be using the traditional grades of G to A*.

Whenever such changes take place there is a significant period of settling down to go through which means that it is simply not possible to make reasoned comparisons between this year's results and previous ones. However the work rate and attendance at the countless additional lessons suggest the signs are very positive for our pupils and we both hope and pray that they will enjoy great success in August.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE TEAM - MARBLEOUS

Many congratulations to the Young Enterprise Team, Marbleous, who took part in the North West Regional Finals at UCLAN on Wednesday. The competition was extremely tough but Marbleous showcased their trade stand and gave a very strong presentation. One of the tasks of the day was a competition to see which of the nine teams could be the most successful via Social Media. Marbleous rose to the challenge and created a quirky Instagram account which resulted in them being presented with the Social Media Award for receiving the highest number of 'likes' during the afternoon at 116. Well done to Jarrar Khan, Josh Murray, Amelia Eastham, Katie McDougall, Alex Malinowski, Harrison Botes, Harley Sedgwick, Mia Brown, Amber Carr, Sophie Gornall and Casey Shotton. We are very proud of you!

SUMMER PRODUCTION – SCHOOL OF ROCK

Tickets for this year's summer production, School of Rock, will be on sale from Monday, 19 June. There are three performances on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 12-14 July each beginning at 7.00 pm. Ticket prices are £7 for adults and £4 for children and letters will be sent out to all pupils with an order form on. The order form should be completed and returned to school, along with payment, in an envelope addressed to Mrs Crook in the Finance Office. Envelopes should be posted in the post box at reception.

DISCUS SUCCESS

Many congratulations to James Lupton who took the Gold medal in the Lancashire U13 Discus competition, held at Stanley Park, Blackpool on Saturday, 10 June. James sealed the win with a throw of 28 metres. It has been a fantastic couple of weeks for James as he broke the OLCHS U13 Discus record in the previous week. Well done James!

YEAR 7 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The Year 7 team played their first games together in the group stage of the Preston Schools' Cricket Competition. The group games were played on Tuesday, 13 June at Our Lady's on a well prepared wicket. Conditions were good and the team were excited to play together. Their first game was against Fulwood Acadmey and we were put in to bat first by our opponents. We managed to hit 48 in our 8 overs and restricted Fulwood to only 33 to win the game by 15 runs. Our second game was much closer against Ashton High School. Our opponents opted to bat first and our bowling was excellent with Kieran Carpenter and Daniel Green bowling good line and length, preventing Ashton from scoring many runs, ending with 24, a particularly low score. Ashton responded with excellent bowling and made it difficult for our batsmen to score and in the end we could not reach their target and finished on 21, losing to Ashton by 3 runs. In our final game against Moor Park we both batted and bowled well, allowing us to win quite comfortably. We came second in the group overall, just behind Ashton who progress as group winners. The team were pleased with their performance and look forward to other games.

MARAFIKI NEWS

On Thursday, 8 June, pupils of the Marafiki Committee launched a new project to grow fruit and vegetables. This project has links with our partnership school where pupils of St Peter Claver in Tanzania grow their own produce to eat at meal times. We hope to share advice and techniques with our friends in Tanzania to produce high quality crops for our school community. The Marafiki Committee will also maintain a composting system, water butts and learn about sustainable farming and crop rotation. A huge thanks to Mr Bilsbrough on the site team for his expert advice in launching the project.

GUIDE DOG PUPPY NAMING COMPETITION

As a school we have raised an incredible £1655.26 for the Guide Dog Association and are now eligible to name and meet our own Guide Dog puppy! We are holding a competition to choose three potential names for the puppy (as we don't know whether our puppy will be a boy or a girl!). All pupils are welcome to enter, either in the LRC or during form time when members of the Animal Care team visit the forms. Entries only cost 20p and deadline is break time on Thursday, 22 June. The three winners will win two Being One of Ours points and a unique opportunity to meet our school Guide Dog puppy!

ULTIMA TRAINING SKILLS

Ultima Skills Training are recruiting for apprenticeships in the Preston area. More details are available at www.ultimaskillstraining.co.uk. To find out more about degree level apprenticeships, available at 18, please see <http://www.thescholarshipub.org.uk/degree-apprenticeships/guide/overview>.

NHS CAREERS EVENT

Please note there will be an NHS Careers Event at Chorley District General Hospital on Friday, 29 September, after school until 7.00pm. Pupils can go along and find out more about apprenticeships and NHS careers. Remember the NHS has many non –medical/caring careers too. For more information contact Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk

ANIMAL CARE CAKE SALE

To help fund our ever-growing animal care provision we are holding a cake sale on Thursday, 22 June. This will take place at break in Room 15 (Science) and all pupils are welcome to come and buy cakes.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 29 June – Year 6 Parents' Evening – 7.00 pm

Monday, 3 July – Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday, 19 July – Whole School Mass

Thursday, 20 July – Charity Day

Friday, 21 July – school closes for the end of term at 12.45 pm