



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 20 October 2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **God vs The World**

We live in a world where faith is increasingly attacked by those who have the power to influence others. It is increasingly difficult to be a person who readily admits their belief in God without others criticising or ridiculing them for it. The Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21) has the authorities attacking Jesus because they know he is not scared of their power. The point being that Jesus knows that their power is temporary and God's is permanent (which is why those in power attack the faith).



Lord, we pray for our community of faith, that we will always be mindful that we belong to God first and that the love of God will always triumph if we keep our faith. Amen.

JAZZ FAME

Huge congratulations to Matt Kay who played the blues harmonica and shared the stage with world famous blues artist Walter Trout, performing in front of over 2000 guests, what a fantastic achievement!

PRESENTATION EVENING/ASSEMBLIES

The Presentation Evening for the Class of 2017 takes place on Thursday, 16 November at 7.00 pm in the Sports Hall, here at school. During the evening pupils will receive their GCSE certificates and a number of awards will be presented. Our guest speaker this year is former pupil Tony Helm, who is now Consultant Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeon at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Pupils should have received their invitations by now and need to contact Mrs Boyers at school to reserve places. Contact details are abo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or telephone 01772 326906. On Friday, 17 November pupils in Years 8-11 will have Presentation Assemblies where chosen pupils will receive curriculum awards for their achievements last year. These certificates will be presented by Mrs Cross, Headteacher at one of our family of primary schools, St Mary and Andrew's in Barton. On this day, as is our practice, **school will close at 12.45 pm.**

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Next week is our first Whole School Mental Health Awareness Week. All pupils will have discussions during form time about the importance of talking about Mental Health. We will be using resources provided to schools from a variety of national campaigns including 'Schools in Mind', 'Heads Together' and 'Young Minds'.

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL - BOYS

Congratulations to the Year 9 Football team who beat Fulwood Academy 5-3 on Monday, 16 October. The team found playing into the strong winds very difficult in the first half. They went 2-0 down within the first 10 minutes and couldn't really get a grip on the game. However a great finish from Aaron Hewitt pulled Our Lady's back into the game. An equaliser, which proved pivotal, on the stroke of half time saw both teams go into the break level. After a change in formation, the second half was a massive improvement. Our Lady's had the wind behind them and they took full advantage. They had high levels of possession and created a lot of chances which eventually saw them take a 4-2 lead. There was a slight scare when Fulwood's MOTM pulled one back with three minutes to go, but it was Our Lady's who had the final say. Harry Wignall made it 5-3 with a superb finish. Well done team!

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL - BOYS

The year 8 team continued their good form with a convincing win against Fulwood Academy on Monday, 16 October. We opened the scoring through a nice finish from Yasin Rezaei who pounced on a loose ball in the penalty area. Fulwood had soon equalised before Our Lady's took the lead again going into half time. The wind was a big factor in the game but the team managed to keep the ball on the floor to create some good scoring opportunities. Goals from Billy Griffiths and Can Doguer sealed a 4-1 victory later in the second half.

HEAD-LICE

It has come to our attention that several pupils have been affected recently by cases of head-lice. Please could we ask that you check your child's hair thoroughly and treat accordingly. For advice on how to do this effectively and which treatments to use, it is worth having a look at the NHS website: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

VACANCIES

Governors are now seeking to appoint a two temporary members of staff to join the Catering Team. The posts will initially be up until Summer 2018, however, it is anticipated that following a review of our Catering Team, permanent posts will become available. Both posts are term time only plus 3 cleaning days. All details are available on the website

Post 1

- Catering Assistant - working hours - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12.50pm to 2.50pm and Tuesday 12.20pm to 2.20pm
- Closing Date – Tuesday, 24 October 2017 at 12 noon
- Interviews – Thursday, 26 October

Post 2

- Senior Assistant Cook - working hours - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8.40pm to 3.00pm (break included) and Tuesday 8.40pm to 2.20pm
- Closing Date – Monday, 6 November 2017 at 12 noon
- Interviews – Tuesday, 7 November

NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE SUPPORT

Pupils can get in touch during evening Facebook sessions. The National Careers Service offer advice to plan next steps. Contact by email at nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk or call free on 0800 100 900 to find out more.

COLLEGE EVENTS

There are two Open Evenings in October :

- Cardinal Newman College – Monday, 23 October, 5.00 to 8.00pm
- Preston's College – Wednesday, 25 October, 4.00 to 7.30pm

CAREER IN LAW

For any pupil who may have an interest in a career in Law please follow the link below:

<https://www.thelawyerportal.com/free-guides/law-apprenticeships/>

Dates to remember

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

Thursday, 23 November – Year 11 Parent/Carers' Evening 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Tuesday, 5 December – CAFOD Advent Service, St Anthony's church at 7.00 pm

Thursday, 14 December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 21 December – School closes for Christmas

Monday, 8 January – School opens