



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 27 October 2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **Remembrance**

During our half-term we will not be able to miss the "celebrations" of Hallowe'en and the displays in shops and the costumes. Hallowe'en has its origins in Catholicism as the day after is the feast of All Saints - traditionally known as All Hallows. The feast, beginning the month of November, is all about remembering those who have gone before us in faith. Those people who have died are remembered throughout the month in our prayers so, although it is good to celebrate Hallowe'en, maybe it is worth remembering what it is that we are celebrating.



Lord, as we come to the end of a long half-term, we thank you for the blessings you have given us and the ways our lives have changed over these last few months. May we continue to thrive and live our lives to the fullest, making the most of every opportunity to grow in faith, love and friendship with You. Amen.

ALL SAINTS' DAY – WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation (a day when all Catholics should attend Mass). Please look up the times of Mass at your local parish and encourage each other to go along to begin the month of November remembrance with the celebration of Mass.

MIND

As part of our Mental Health Awareness Week we have donated the proceeds of the Chocolate Bingo event to the Charity 'Mind' which supports Mental Health in young people and adults.

HOLIDAY PATTERN 2018-2019

The Term Dates for 2017-2018 have been agreed by governors. The dates are attached with this newsletter and are available in the Parents' section of the website.

FUTURECHEF 2018

The Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition class took part in the school heat of the Futurechef 2018 competition. The judges, Mr Fitzpatrick, Mrs Gunson and Mrs Yates commented that the exceptionally high level of skill and techniques demonstrated this year made judging especially difficult. The winning two pupils were Saffron Waddee with her Thai vegetable curry and flatbread and Ellis King with her stuffed ballotine of chicken. They will now go on to represent OLCBS at the local heat of the competition next month!

FOOTBALL NEWS – YEAR 11 BOYS

The Year 11 football team were victorious against Fulwood Academy on Monday, 23 October. The game was comfortable for Our Lady's who had a large percentage of possession throughout. Despite the final score being 3-0, Our Lady's created and missed plenty of opportunities. However, it was pleasing to see that many of the players won their individual battles against their opposite number. Henry Knott scored all three goals but there were lots of great performances throughout the team. Well done!

FOOTBALL NEWS – YEAR 10 BOYS

The Year 10 team travelled to Fulwood Academy on Monday, 23 October and played on an excellent grass surface, despite the difficult weather conditions of recent weeks. The whole team played with confidence during the first half, spreading the ball wide and linking play together to create excellent chances. David Alker had an outstanding first half, scoring two himself and setting up a simple header for Ayanda Kalane from a pin-point cross. Cian Hayes made the defender's time difficult with his excellent dribbles at pace and providing chances for others in the team. Liam Corless added his name to the score sheet with a poacher's goal after a corner was unsuccessfully cleared. Matthew Farrell had another great game and was inches from scoring himself after a powerful drive forward from defence. The final score was 5-2 which gained the team 3 valuable points and a spot in the league final which will be played after half term.

NUMERACY CHALLENGE

From Thursday, 9 November pupils in Year 7 will be taking part in a Numeracy Challenge to help improve their numeracy skills. Numeracy skills are important throughout a pupil's school life and beyond. To help your child achieve success with their numeracy I am requesting that you help your child with a revision topic each week. The first numeracy challenge will take place on Thursday, 9 November during form period starting with adding two digit numbers from 10 to 50. If they achieve at least seven marks out of ten they will receive a stamp. At the end of each half term pupils will fill in a review sheet in their planner which you can then have a look at and support your child with any areas of weakness if you choose. All pupils in Year 7 have access to the website www.mymaths.co.uk where they can find interactive lessons to help them revise their numeracy skills. The topic areas will follow this sequence:

Autumn Term

- Thursday 9 November – Addition numbers 10 to 50
- Thursday 16 November – Subtraction numbers 10 to 50
- Thursday 23 November – Multiplication Times Tables
- Thursday 30 November – Division Times Tables
- Thursday 7 December – BIDMAS
- Thursday 14 December – Area of a rectangle
- Thursday 21 December – Review

Spring Term 1

- Thursday 11 January – Addition numbers 20 to 100
- Thursday 18 January – Subtraction numbers 20 to 100
- Thursday 25 January – Multiplying multiples of 10
- Thursday 1 February – Dividing by 10, 100 etc
- Thursday 8 February – Review

Spring Term 2

- Thursday 22 February – Addition numbers 1 to 10 to one decimal place e.g 9.6
- Thursday 1 March – Subtraction numbers 1 to 10 to one decimal place e.g 9.6
- Thursday 8 March – Multiplying numbers less than 1
- Thursday 15 March – Area of a triangle
- Thursday 22 March – Rounding to the nearest whole number
- Thursday 29 March - Review

Summer Term

- Thursday, 19 April – Algebra collecting like terms
- Thursday, 26 April – Adding numbers from -10 to 10
- Thursday, 3 May – Subtracting numbers from -10 to 10
- Thursday, 10 May – Fractions of amounts
- Thursday, 17 May – Finding percentages e.g 10%, 20%, 25%, 50%, 75%
- Thursday, 23 May – Review

CAREERS INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 PUPILS

For pupils who are looking for career ideas and direction please try the following links:

- <https://kudos.cascaid.co.uk/#/>
- <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs>

Have a go and remember to consider jobs you know little about. You may just find your perfect match.

Dates to remember

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 at 12.45 pm

Monday, 8 January – School opens