



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 28 October 2016

Name ..... Form .....

Our Prayer theme next week is **Eternal Life**

## **CYCLING TO SCHOOL**

As parents will be aware, we have a rule that states pupils can only cycle to and from school if they are wearing a cycle helmet and are in receipt of a contract from school. Despite the obvious reasons for this many pupils would rather not cycle to school if they have to wear a helmet. This week the reasons for our insistence was brought into clear focus when a year 7 pupil, who was cycling to school, had what could have been a serious accident on his bike as he collided with a car. He fell on his head but because he was wearing a helmet he thankfully, was not seriously hurt. Please discuss this with your son and daughter. We will be bringing to everyone's attention in assemblies during the first week back after half-term. As it will be getting dark as we leave school after half-term **all pupils must have working lights on their bikes**. If they do not, their bikes will be kept in school until either: parents collect them; or, pupils bring lights to attach to them.

## **PROPOSED ADMISSIONS POLICY**

The 2018-2019 Proposed Admission policy for Our Lady's Catholic High School is available for consultation for a period of 6 weeks and can be found on the school website in the admissions section of Moodle.

## **HOLIDAY PATTERN 2017-2018**

The Term Dates for 2017-2018 have been agreed by governors and have been published on Moodle and are available in the Parents' section.

## **UNIFORM SUPPLIER**

Would all parents please note that Top One Uniforms have moved premises to 39 St John's Shopping Centre which is opposite the bus station.

## **FUTURECHEF 2017**

The Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition class took part in the school heat of the Futurechef 2017 competition. The judges, Mrs Tuson, 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 Charlie Garstang with his dish of fish, chips and minted peas and Hannah Dillon with her dish of Mediterranean chicken with potato gratin, will now go on to represent OLCBS at the local heat of the competition later this year. Good luck!

## **FESTIVE FLOWERS**

Please make a note in your diary for this year's Festive Flowers event which will take place on **Monday, 28 November at 7.00 pm**. Julie and Maurice Finn of Greenhouse Flowers, Blackpool will demonstrate how to make a variety of Christmas Decorations, there will be mulled wine and mince pies and also a number of craft stalls. If anyone would like to run a stall or just come along and help on the night, please contact Mrs Howard or Mrs Bilsborrow at school, we simply ask for a £10 donation which will be given to one of our chosen Christmas charities.

## **NETBALL NEWS**

The Year 11 Netball team put in yet another good performance to beat Longridge 20 goals to 7 on Wednesday. They dominated the game throughout thanks to some excellent defending from Lucy Southworth and consistent shooting by Allanya Davies and Olivia Clayton (captain). The final score was 20 goals to 7. The rest of the team included Fiza Ayyub, Amelia Moran, Annie Worswick and Anna Smith. Well done to the **Year 10 A** Netball team who beat Archbishop convincingly 17-2 in a league game. The squad were strong defensively thanks to some great interceptions from Mia Brown, Amelia Eastham (captain) and Martha Nicholson. Caisey Shotton and Hannah Brady were on form with their shooting thanks to some excellent feeds by Katie McDougall and Lauren Smith. Congratulations girls. **Year 9A** narrowly missed out on a win. However, the year 9B Netball team drew 7-7 in their match after a very closely contested game. The team consisted of Megha Biju, Charlotte Hennighan, Izzy Gore, Amy Culshaw, Erin Atkinson (captain), Hattie Seed and Sophie Bennet.

Well done to the **Year 9A** Netball team who had a tough game against Ashton on Monday night. The girls were losing at half time but fought hard to draw 6-6 at full time. The **Year 10** Netball team displayed an excellent level of performance and dominated the game throughout to beat Ashton 17-0.

### **FOOTBALL NEWS**

On Friday afternoon seven of the Year 8 girls' football team travelled to Vida to participate in a 6 aside tournament which was organised by PNE. Eighteen schools in total attended and the standard of competition was fantastic. The girls sailed into the quarter finals with ease winning all but one game in their group stage. We met Carr Hill in the Quarter-finals and it was a very tight game. It finished 1-1 at the final whistle and ended up going to penalties. Tessa Feeney did some excellent saves in goal and managed to secure us a place in the semi-final. We came across a very strong Broughton team in the semi-final and unfortunately we didn't manage to preserve our winning streak and finished 3rd overall. The team, Captained by Molly Macuras, thoroughly deserved their final position. Well done to all girls involved.

### **DIEGO THE DEGU**

Diego was found running wild on our school car park and, despite our best efforts, we were unable to reunite him with his owners. We are pleased to announce that we are keeping Diego and have just acquired a state-of-the-art cage for him. We would also like to congratulate the animal care pupils for their momentous efforts with their cake sale, which raised £97. This is been used to help fund Diego's up-keep and his new life of luxury! We plan to get Diego a friend, as degus are sociable creatures - who will hopefully arrive shortly after the half term break!

### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD**

OLCHS are unable to offer the Silver DoE Award but Lancashire County Council has 28 places on their Duke of Edinburgh programme and we would encourage those students who enjoyed their Bronze Award to take part. The group offers monthly drop-in sessions in Preston, which are optional, as well as support via email, phone and an online account. For the expedition section, where the participants have to work in a team, they will be offering a package of support to enable them to complete this section. The silver level enrolment fee is £24.00 and the expedition programme cost would be around £150.00, which covers loan of group equipment, camp fees, camping fuel and expedition assessor fees (final amount to be confirmed based on numbers). Lancashire CC can also help signpost participants towards individual grants if costs are an issue. (Subject to eligibility)

The dates below are when the expedition training and ventures take place, along with the dates of the pre expedition support meetings in Preston.

To guarantee yourself a place on the programme please confirm your interest by email ([Martyn.Lawrenson@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Martyn.Lawrenson@lancashire.gov.uk)) before Friday, 4 November and attend the induction meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November at County Hall with an initial payment of £24.00 (cheques payable to Lancashire County Council).

### **Confirmed sExpedition Programme Dates (participants must be available for all of these)**

- Induction Evening – County Hall Preston 7.30pm - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- Expedition Training Weekend – Walton le Dale - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Non-residential)
- Pre-expedition check meeting - County Hall Preston 7.30pm - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017
- Practice Expedition - Fri evening 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017
- Pre-expedition check meeting - County Hall Preston 7.30pm - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017
- Assessed Expedition - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Please note that OLCHS is just signposting students to the opportunity and will not have a role in running the programme.

#### **Dates to remember**

Monday, 7 November – School opens

Thursday, 18 November – Certificate Evening at 7.00 pm

Friday, 18 November – Presentation Assemblies – Years 8-11, school closes at 12.45 pm

Sunday, 18 December – Carol Service, St Wilfrid's Church at 6.30 pm

Thursday, 22 December – School closes for Christmas holidays at 12.45 pm

Monday, 9 January – School opens for Spring Term