



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 17 November 2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **Responsibility**

As we get nearer to the end of the Church year, the Gospel again encourages us to be ready to see God. We are given great power by God and we need to take responsibility for how we use those gifts. What is the point of having gifts that you hide away, thinking that you're keeping them safe? What use are they to anyone? God wants us to show our gifts off to everyone so that when he comes again he will recognise us by the gifts we share with others.



Lord, let us not hide our gifts away or keep them to ourselves. Give us strength to take responsibility for ourselves and the things that we do. Help us to share our talents with others. Amen.

GOVERNING BODY

There have been a number of recent changes to the Full Governing Body of Our Lady's resulting in four new governors being appointed: Mr Bernard Robinson (Co-opted) and Dr Abida Mohammed (Parent) join the Staffing and Curriculum committee; Mr Michael Crowther (Foundation) and Ms Lisa Pearl (Parent) join the Pupils, Parents and Community committee. We thank them for their commitment to our school and wish them a successful term of office.

ICT PARENT SUPPORT DROP-IN

We are pleased to be able to offer two parent ICT support drop-in sessions on Wednesday, 6 December. These will take place in the Training Centre at the front of school. Parents are welcome to come and ask questions as well as get technical advice and guidance on any aspect of setting up parental controls and firewalls on mobile phones or electronic devices. Although specifically aimed at parents of Year 7 pupils as part of the 'take a break' from mobile phones initiative, any parent is welcome and a member of our ICT support team will be on hand to help. The sessions will take place from 8.30 am – 9.30 am and 2.45 pm – 4.00 pm.

YEAR 10 - LIONHEART CHALLENGE

Year 10 pupils took part in the Lionheart Enterprise Challenge. The pupils worked in teams of ten with the direct guidance and support of the Lionheart Business coaches to develop, market and cost a service to help a local disadvantaged citizen group. Two pupils from each team then presented their team's idea to the rest of the year group. The teams were judged following very strict criteria by Mrs Smith, Mrs Murray and Mr Hankin. The winning team of Lewis Atkinson, Megha Biju, Mollie Bromley, Declan Byrne, Lacey Cahoon, Matthew Cryer, Luke Dodd, Lauren Fitzgerald, Izzy Gore, Ayanda Kalane and Cara Smith will now go on to represent OLCHS at the regional heat of the competition later this year.

YEAR 10 - PRESTON SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

The Year 10 team have ended their league campaign as Preston Champions after defeating Ashton Community Science College 3-1 on Tuesday, 14 November. The game was very close for the majority of the fixture until Cian Hayes finally broke the deadlock and scored a fine solo goal. Cian tormented the Ashton defence throughout the game and tested the goalkeeper on several occasions. Fintan McGuire eased the pressure by scoring from a low strike to make the score 2-0 and soon after Jonjo Beetham added to the score sheet to make it 3-0. Ashton pulled a goal back from the penalty spot with the last kick of the game but it was not enough to stop Our Lady's taking the title. A special mention must be given to the two centre backs of Liam Burns and Joe Kelly who worked extremely hard and didn't put a foot wrong all game, attacking headers and making important interceptions. Well done to all the team!

FOOTBALL NEWS - YEAR 7 GIRLS

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls' football team who won their second round of the U12 Lancashire Cup with a convincing 14-0 win over Blessed Trinity, Burnley. A fantastic performance from all ten girls who played. They now wait to find out who they will play in the third round.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE TEAM – JARDENS

Due to the huge number of items sold the team has a shortage of jars. They would be very grateful if any unwanted, clean jars could be sent into school to Mrs Smith.

Dates to remember

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
Thursday, 11 January – Year 10 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Thursday, 25 January - Year 8 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Friday, 9 February – School closes for half-term
Monday, 19 February – INSET day
Tuesday, 20 February – School opens
Thursday, 1 March - Year 9 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Thursday, 15 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm