



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 2 February 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **Service**

We all have it in us to give to others. We are often overwhelmed by our charity appeals in school because we are a people of service and we are happy to do good for others. The question we have to ask ourselves is: why do we do it? What is the reason that we feel we need to serve others? The reason that Jesus gives is because it is what we are here to do. It is what God created us for and what we should do because others need our service. If we can remember this the next time we give to others then we will receive a deeper and more fulfilling reward for our service.



**Lord, let me be in service to others through my good works and deeds. May I understand that in serving those who need it I am also serving you. Amen.**

## **CAR PARKING – ST ANTHONY'S**

Please may we remind all parents that St Anthony's church car park is not a public car park and as such is not available for the dropping off and collecting of pupils from our school. The Governors and Headteacher at St Anthony's have requested that we ask our parents not to use their car park, especially as the fence has cut down on parking spaces. Many thanks for your continued support.

## **YEAR 10 FOOTBALL**

The Year 10 Football team was knocked out of the Lancashire Schools' Cup competition on Friday, 26 January by Ripley St Thomas' of Lancaster. The score finished 2-0 to our opponents but we were mightily unlucky not to progress into the next round. Our defenders found themselves up against two strong centre forwards who used their size and strength to create chances for their team early on in the game, however goalkeeper Ben Pomfret pulled off some good saves to keep the game at 0-0 for the majority of the fixture. Only half way through the second half did Ripley manage to break the deadlock after a through ball reached their right wing and he was quick enough to get behind our defensive line and slot the ball into the back of the net. Knowing we had to score we began to push forwards with centre halves Joe Kelly and Liam Burns stepping up into midfield wherever possible. Kelly hit the crossbar with a thunderous strike with only 15 minutes left, leaving the keeper stranded, but it was not accurate enough to get us level. David Alker also had many chances to keep us in the game however our opposition's goalkeeper made some tremendous saves to deny him on many occasions. The game was settled when a backpass became quickly intercepted and slotted home by the same player who scored the first; his speed was too much for us to handle. Ripley deservedly won the game but not without a battle from Our Lady's. The team now look forward to beginning the Preston Schools' Cup campaign (road to Deepdale), which should commence in early March.

## **YEAR 10 NETBALL NEWS**

The Year 10 Netball team played their first fixture this season against Archbishop Temple on Monday. Although it was just a friendly in preparation for the league commencing after half term, the match was really competitive. The girls were three goals down with just a few minutes to go but managed to persevere and pull the score back to 15 all on the final whistle. Player of the match went to Elodie Chesworth. The rest of the squad included Abbie Maguire, Erin Atkinson, Amy Culshaw, Ariana Lowry, Charlotte Heneghan and Hattie Seed.

## **YEAR 9 CHOOSING OPTION SUBJECTS**

Last week Year 9 were introduced to KUDOS, an online careers education support programme. This allows pupils to discover which careers specific subjects can lead to. All students have a log in and password and KUDOS can be accessed both at home and school. The KUDOS home page has a video and user guide explaining how it can be used. Additionally Paula Wroe, Careers Adviser, is available to Year 9 pupils in her drop in sessions on Wednesdays during break, lunchtime and 30 minutes after school for anyone who would like to talk through and discuss possibilities further.

### **VACANCY**

We are currently looking for Casual Catering Assistants within our Catering Team to cover for occasional absence. For further details please contact Gail Healy, Catering Manager on 01772 326936 or [ghy@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ghy@olchs.lancs.sch.uk).

### **LUNCH CARDS**

The restaurant staff are noticing an increase in the number of damaged or broken lunch cards, these can scratch the card readers on the tills. Therefore from Tuesday, 20 February all such lunch cards will need to be replaced. New cards will be available to purchase at half-price, £1.50, until Friday, 2 March.

#### **Dates to remember**

Monday, 5 February – Year 10 Work Experience week

Thursday, 8 February – KS4 Barcelona Trip

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

Thursday, 29 March – School closes for Easter holidays – 12.45 pm

Monday, 16 April – School opens

Tuesday, 1 May – Year 7 Normandy Trip

Monday, 7 May – School closed for May Day

Friday, 25 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 4 June – School opens