



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 23 March 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **Passion**

As we enter into Holy Week the events of the week play out in a very dramatic fashion. The week begins with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem - the crowds are ecstatic that Jesus, the promised Saviour has come to the rescue. Yet He comes with a humility and grace and a message of peace that is not in-keeping with their agenda. So they very quickly turn against Him - just as we often do when we blame Him for the sufferings and difficulties in our lives. We are reminded of this as we hear the **Passion** narrative from the Gospel. The passion of Our Lord emerges out of the passion He has for His people. God undergoes human violence (in thoughts, words and actions) to protect and free us from our own violence. He, God, is betrayed by everyone but He willingly bears it out of love and mercy; out of passion for His people.



Lord, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life in You. May your Passion for us remind us of the love and mercy that following You will bring us. Amen.

YEAR 9 – ISLAM

On Wednesday, 28 February Year 9 pupils were involved in a workshop with Amjad Babu a volunteer at Masjid e Saalam on Watling Street Road. Amjad delivered a lesson on key Islamic beliefs; Tawhid, Shahadah and the 99 names of Allah to support the Year 9 RE programme of study on Islam. On Monday 12 and 19 March all Year 9 re classes visited the Mosque to tour the main prayer hall, wudu area and womens' prayer gallery. Pupils got to see where Muslims pray five times a day, ritually wash before prayer and smell some of the exotic oils they use in worship. Pupils enjoyed the visits and have already begun to ask questions to further/deepen their knowledge of Islamic prayer rituals and practices.

INTERNSHIPS

Calling all second year undergraduates who are studying for a science, technology, engineering or mathematics degree and have an A level in mathematics and/or physics. If you are considering teaching mathematics or physics as a possible career, we invite you to apply for our paid internship programme. Our programme offers (£300 per week) for 4 weeks commencing Monday 11th June 2018. Completion of the internship will guarantee you an interview onto an ITT programme next year. Interested? Please follow the link and complete the expression of interest form as soon as possible as places are limited. <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/paid-stem-internships.html>

Y8 CAFOD NEON PARTY

On Wednesday, 28 March, 8U are hosting a 'Neon Party' for all Year 8 pupils to raise money for CAFOD for this year's Lenten Charity Appeal. If your child has purchased a ticket, please read the information below:

- The event will finish at 5:15pm. Please ensure your child has a safe way of getting home.
- Pupils will be given the opportunity to change in to their own (brightly coloured) clothes at the end of the day before the party begins. Please make sure their clothing is appropriate for school.
- There will be sweet/cake stalls and a neon face paint stall at the event so pupils may want to bring a little extra spending money.

If your child has not yet purchased a ticket, please encourage them to do so! Tickets are £1 and will be available to buy during form time next week.

NETBALL NEWS

The Year 9B, 10A and 10B Netball teams all had league games today. The girls played brilliantly to win all of their matches. Year 9B and 10B were victorious against Broughton winning 7-0 and 5-1 respectively. Year 10A kept the pressure on against Christ the King beating them 13 goals to 2. However, they had to battle hard competing against Ashton as they were trailing by one goal at half time. Despite this, they remained focused and managed to win 7-4. Congratulations to everyone involved.

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL NEWS

The Year 9 football team eased into the second round of the Preston Schools' Cup on Monday, 19 March. They played Eden Boys at Ashton High School. The team was always in control of the game, keeping possession of the ball well and creating a lot of chances. A first half hattrick from Harvey Moulding-Lee gave Our Lady's a 3-0 lead at the break but it could have been much more. The team continued to dominate in the second half and improved their performance. The game finished 6-0 and a lot of positives can be taken into the second round. Well done boys! U12 Lancashire Football Finals Day

U12 LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL FINALS DAY

The Year 7 team represented the school at the annual finals day in the Lancashire Schools Cup competition which took place at St Bede's, Blackburn on Friday 16th March. We were in a small group of 4 teams alongside St Christopher's, Ripley St Thomas and St Wilfrid's. All 4 teams played exceptional football and scored some tremendous goals. Unfortunately Our Lady's were unable to lift the trophy as champions but came a very respectable 3rd place. The team lost 4-2 and 2-0 against St Wilfrid's and St Christopher's respectively, while we battled for a 1-1 draw with Ripley St Thomas. The team demonstrated excellent commitment and dedication and worked hard throughout the whole competition to finish 3rd out of 57 teams that originally entered the competition. They now focus on the Preston Cup semi-final which will be played in the coming weeks.

MATHS NEWS

In the recent intermediate maths challenge 9 pupils in Year 10 and 5 pupils in Year 9 received either Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. This is a nationally run competition involving problem solving. Best in school was Saffron Wadee and best in Year 9 was Charles Dobson.

VOCATIONAL COLLEGE COURSES

Pupils interested in a vocational college course or apprenticeship should be aware of the following two open events:

Preston's College, 26 April from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Myerscough College, 14 April from 9.45 am to 12.30 pm

Dates to remember

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

Friday, 20 July – School closes for the end of term