



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 20 April 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **The Good Shepherd**

The image of the Good Shepherd - the one who looks after those in his care, is a very familiar one to us that we usually associate with Jesus. In this week's Gospel the Lord shows us what this means. Firstly, it is a bond that is so strong that the Good Shepherd will die for his sheep. Secondly, the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Thirdly, the shepherd looks after all his sheep - not just those in his care but those from other communities. To think of this on a deeper level (the level Jesus wants us to think), the Good Shepherd is God, the sheep are us: His people. However, we are all called to be the same Good Shepherds for others - to put others first, to know and love God and to recognise that those from other communities and walks of life are also part of our family.



Lord, you are the Good Shepherd who knows and guides his followers. May we, in turn, put others first, know and respect those in our community and welcome those who aren't so that we will also know you and find your glory. Amen.

MATHS FEAST

On Wednesday, 18 April pupils from Year 10 competed in a national maths competition held at Lancaster University. The competition combined mathematical, communication and teamwork skills. The pupils were competing against thirteen other teams including grammar schools. The team of Tasneem Patel, Matthew Helm, Dominic Cookson and Adam Hassan did extremely well and came second in the competition. More impressively their behaviour and conduct was commented on by the staff who worked with them who wrote to say: *'I just wanted to let you know how polite and friendly they were and how fantastically well they worked. Both Teresa and I commented on it on the trip back to our school. They were a real credit to themselves, their parents but also to your school'*.

Y11 ENGLISH REVISION - EDMODO

The English Department has created a group page on the educational app 'Edmodo' so all Year 11 pupils can access revision materials on their phones, iPads and computers. We have uploaded a variety of resources to the group that will help with revision over the coming months, including PowerPoint presentations, educational advice articles, YouTube clips and cue cards. This app enables pupils to access these resources at any point during the day, whether they're on their journey to school or waiting for their favourite TV programme to come on! It has been proven that short bursts of revision are most effective and this app allows pupils to do that in an easy and positive way.

All Year 11 pupils will be informed about the app and its benefit over the coming week. To join the group all they need to do is...

1. Download **EDMODO** from the app store. (It's free!)
2. Create an account. An email address and a password is needed.
3. Search for the revision group. It's called **OLCHS Y11 English Revision**.
4. Once they find the group, they need to type in the unique access code. The group code is **ysepws**.

BLOOD BROTHERS

There are a few places left on the theatre trip to Manchester to see Blood Brothers by Willy Russell. The trip will take place on Thursday, 24 May leaving school at 5.30 pm and returning at approximately 11.00pm. The cost of the ticket and return coach travel is £25.00. Any pupil or parent who wishes to join us please see Mrs Morris in the Drama Studio or Mrs Crook in the Finance Office for a letter.

NETBALL NEWS

The year 7A Netball team remain undefeated in the Preston Schools' Netball league. They had a very close match against Longridge to draw 3-3, but then went on to beat Archbishop and Fulwood 4-2 and 5-0 respectively. Year 7B also played well and were successful against Longridge winning by 6 goals. A great effort from everyone involved.

Dates to remember

Monday, 23 April – Internal exams begin

Tuesday, 1 May – Year 7 Normandy Trip

Monday, 7 May – School closed for May Day

Monday, 14 May – GCSE exams begin

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

Monday, 4 June – School opens

Wednesday, 6 June – Year 7 Cadbury World

Thursday, 14 June – Sports Day

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