



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 13 July 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **Commissioning**

At the end of our day when we get home from school or our place of work we are often desperate to tell others about what type of day that we've had - the good, the bad; the joy and the difficult. It's great to share what we've done because we want people to be a part of our lives and to be enriched by our experiences. At the end of every Mass we are "sent out" to share what we have just experienced - the love and sacrifice of God - with all who we meet. That is the final part of Mass and it is a vital part of the celebration because it is about bringing other people the story of the Gospel (the Good News). Those who don't know the Gospel may be living great lives as it is but how much better those lives could be if we shared the story of salvation, of redemption, of love, of true happiness with them. That is what we do as we come to the end of our school year - we are sent out to make the world a better place.



Lord, make me aware of Your call that I need to go out to the whole world to make a difference. May I use the gifts that I already have to share your Good News, to bring peace and to make the world a better place. Amen.

FALSE CLAIMS OF ENDORSEMENT

We have been alerted to the activities of an on-line company called, **Exemplar Education**. This company tries to get parents to sign up to on-line study and revision support and have claimed that their work is, 'endorsed by Mr Ranson'. It must be clear to all parents and carers that **our school does not endorse the work of this company**. Neither do we endorse the work of any other private educational company. Any claims of endorsement are false and you must draw your own conclusions of the worth of such a company that makes such claims to try to get people to pay costly, monthly subscription fees.

ONLINE GUIDANCE

It has been brought to our attention that pupils and parents should be extremely aware of an APP called ASKIP which invites children to speak to people around the world but have no idea who these people are. There are no safeguards and once a connection is made graphic images are then sent to the children who have accessed this APP. Please do not hesitate to contact any of our pastoral staff to discuss any concerns that you may have.

CHARITY DAY

Our annual Charity day will take place on Thursday, 19 July. This year each year group has chosen their own charity to support:

- Year 7 – Blood Bikes
- Year 8 – MIND
- Year 9 – Young Epilepsy
- Year 10 – Heads Together

There will be lots of stalls selling a variety of goods and other activities taking place during the school day. Pupils are able to bring spending money on the day if they would like to take part.

CURRENT VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies for:

- Deputy Catering Manager/Cook
 - Closing date for applications – Thursday, 19 July at 12 noon
 - Interviews – Tuesday, 31 July 2018

- Cleaner – from 3 September 2018
 - Closing date for applications – Thursday, 19 July at 12 noon
 - Interviews – Tuesday, 31 July 2018

All details and applications forms are available from <http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/>

FUNMATHS ROADSHOW FOR YEARS 7 TO 9

Recently over 500 pupils from Years 7 to 9 took part in the FunMaths Roadshow held in the sports hall. The Roadshow consisted of over 80 mathematical activities. Pupils working in pairs moved around the room tackling the activities in any order. This problem-solving event was non-competitive and was both challenging and enjoyable. Here's what some of the pupils thought;

"I enjoyed the Roadshow and I liked how there were different stages of difficulty to the problems." (Alice Year 7)

"I think it was really challenging and fun. Would love to do it again." (Jakub Year 9)

"I really enjoyed the Roadshow. There was a mixture of questions and some really made you think." (Zafeera Year 7)

"The Roadshow helped us to have success with difficult worded problems." (Kacey-Jo Year 9)

"I liked how we could have help from the helpers but we tried not to, to work it out for ourselves." (Rebecca Year 7)

FOOTBALL NEWS

The Year 7 football team competed in a tournament at Ashton yesterday. They had some tough matches but finished third in their group. Consequently, they went through to the plate competition. They won their semi final against Fulwood 2 and went through to play Fulwood 1 in the final. The game was end to end but we were victorious defeating Fulwood 1 by 1 goal to nil thanks to a goal from Ellie Sumner. The team, captained by Alicia Scott consisted of Ellie Sumner, Amarah Isa, Annie Heaton, Olivia Gregson, Tayla Finley, Amelia Dixon, Imogen Grant, Kelsey Cocoran and Cerys Ratcliff.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 19 June – Charity Day

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

Tuesday, 4 September – School opens for Year 7 only

Wednesday, 5 September – School opens for all pupils

Friday, 5 October – INSET Day – pupils at home

Friday, 19 October – School closes for half-term

Monday, 29 October – School re-opens

Friday, 21 December – School closes for Christmas