



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Thursday, 4 October 2018

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Our Prayer theme next week is **Commitment**

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches us of the importance of commitment. He quotes the story of Adam and Eve being joined together. It reminds us of the importance of the promises we make, that they are not just words but meaningful statements that guide our life and our actions.

**Prayer: Lord, help us to be committed in the way we live our faith and our lives. Help us to always be honest and always be truthful in everything we do.**

**Amen.**

## **FOOTBALL NEWS**

The Year 8 team had a successful previous season and were looking to get off to a good start this time around, which they surely did against Ashton Community Science College. Within minutes the team were 1-0 ahead and further goals followed, resulting in an 8-1 victory. The goals were shared around the team, however a special mention should be made to Jack Rainford who scored with his first touch on his debut for the A team! Congratulations Jack!

Unfortunately the Year 9 and 10 football teams both started their league campaigns with defeat.

Year 9 hosted Ashton Community Science College on Wednesday the 26th of September. It was a close game with not much separating the two sides. Our Lady's had quite a lot of chances throughout the game but they just couldn't find the net. Unfortunately Ashton did on one occasion, giving them the victory. It was a new season with new players in a new formation. There were definite positives taken out of the game for future development.

Year 10 played Broughton High School on Thursday, 27 September. The squad was reduced due to various injuries, which resulted in 12 players travelling to the fixture. There was apprehension prior to the game due to the strength of the Broughton team. However, Our Lady's made a positive start and took the lead through Aaron Hewitt. The first half was very even with both sides having clear chances but it was 1-1 at the break. The second half, however, was a different story. Our Lady's started to tire and struggled to keep the ball. The Broughton players grew in confidence and had more possession. A fantastic free kick went in the top corner to make it 2-1 and a third goal shortly followed. The match finished 4-1 to Broughton.

In their next match the Year 10 football team responded positively to their defeat by recording their first win of the season against Fulwood Academy on Monday, 1 October. The team started poorly and struggled to retain possession against a determined Fulwood team. However, a wonder goal from Max Botes gave Our Lady's a 1-0 lead. This lifted the team at the time but it didn't eradicate the problems in performance. Poor communication and players out of position resulted in the opposition having a range of chances. They eventually took one meaning it was 1-1 at half time. The second half saw a change in formation which had a huge difference on the overall team performance. Individual players responded positively to their half time feedback and this had a great impact on the collective performance. Joe Collins led by example at the back; Sam Moncrief was very influential in the middle of the park; Aaron Hewitt, Harvey Moulding-Lee and Harry Wignall all continued to make positive forward runs, asking questions of the Fulwood defence. In the last ten minutes of the game, Sam Moncrief finished from a very acute angle after a long, mazy run. It was 2-1 with 10 minutes to go. The goal lifted the team at just the right time. They continued to run for each other until the final whistle. It wasn't the prettiest performance but their ability to respond to feedback and work together was pivotal to the success.

The Year 11 team have begun the defence of their league championship in fine form, winning both their opening games convincingly. The first of which was against Ashton Science and Community College. Our Lady's controlled the play with fine attacking from Cian Hayes and Ted Colclough while the defence held strong to restrict Ashton from many chances. The game finished 4-0 to Our Lady's. The team's second fixture against Fulwood Academy was a little more challenging with both sets of players driving forward with clear intention of opening the scoring. A fine flowing movement ended with Jonjo Beetham slotting in a calm finish. Further goals from Ted Colclough and David Alker sealed the win.

### **NORTH LANCASHIRE EMERGING SCHOOLS RUGBY FESTIVAL**

The Year 8 team had a magnificent afternoon at the North Lancashire Rugby Festival, working well as a team together, many of them experiencing Rugby for the first time. The team played 5 games overall, winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1, finishing 4th overall. Their first opponents were Carnforth High School who were a well trained outfit, passing the ball well and outwitting us while we were still getting our bearings in the game. The game ended 10-0 to Carnforth. This loss seemed to do the team some good. They came out in the next two games with a much better game plan, driving forward with the ball, often breaking the line of defence and creating lots of scoring opportunities. Tries from Reuben Gibbs, Dominic Richmond, Malachy McGuire and Tiernán Hayes allowed Our Lady's to win the next two games against Hyndburn Academy and Millfield High School convincingly. Some outstanding tackling from Marcin Wojtowicz and Tiernán Hayes restricted all remaining opponents to scoring only one try against us. The team are already looking forward to their next game!

### **36km Disneyland challenge weekend for CAFOD update**

Challenge weekend has been and gone and what a weekend it was! Please see the article of the weekend on the schools Moodle page. If you would like to donate to CAFOD for the challenge please do so here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olchsdisneychallenge>

Mrs Armitage and Mrs Sewell

### **ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2019**

The process of applying for high school places in September 2019 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online at <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx> or via the link on the school website [www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk). Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2018**. In addition to the Lancashire application process, we ask that a Supplementary Form is completed. These forms are available on the school website or from reception.

### **VACANCIES**

We currently have a vacancy for the position of cleaner. The hours are 12 per week term time only, either mornings Monday to Thursday 6.00 am until 8.30 am and Friday 6.00 am until 8.00 am or afternoons Monday to Thursday 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm and Friday 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm. More details and an application pack are available on the website. Closing Date for all applications is Wednesday, 10 October at 12 noon.

#### **Dates to remember**

Wednesday 10 October – Open Day tour of school  
Thursday, 11 October – Open Day tour of school  
Thursday, 11 October – Year 7 Information Evening at 5.00 pm  
Friday, 19 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm  
Monday, 29 October – school opens  
Friday, 21 December – school closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm  
Monday, 7 January 2019 – school opens