



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 30 November 2018

Our prayer theme next week: **Advent**

This week we begin Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for Christmas and the coming of Jesus. Advent is split into 4 weeks and each week has a theme. Hope, love, joy and peace. In the readings of Advent we are told various ways to prepare. Today we hear of how we can live the kind of life we want to. A life filled with love.

Lord, help us to prepare for Advent in the right way. Help us to recognise when people need us and give us courage to act. Help us to be generous and to give others hope. Amen.

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Throughout Advent we are collecting brand new childrens' toys to give to children who otherwise wouldn't receive a gift this Christmas. Donations can be brought into school please and pupils should see the list below for ideas:

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, word search, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- 13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

YOUNG ENTERPRISE TEAM – 2018-2019

The Young Enterprise Team, Personalitree, will be selling their Christmas designs from Monday, 3 December. The personalised frames are available from £5.50 and each piece can be customised. Sample pieces are available to view on the website along with order forms. If you would like to place an order please complete the order form and return it to school with payment. This should be in an envelope marked for the attention of the Young Enterprise Team with the pupil's name and form to whom the finished product should be delivered to.



CAR PARK

We have recently had problems with congestion on our car park, particularly at 4.30 pm when some clubs and revision classes end. Ideally pupils should meet parents at an agreed meeting point away from school. However, where this is not possible we ask that designated parking spaces are correctly used which have adequate space even for larger sized cars. Pavement areas are not used for parking purposes, these are for pedestrians only. Recently an incident occurred where a car was parked inappropriately, blocking the exit for a number of cars and affecting the free flow of traffic. Thank you for your support, the safety of our pupils is paramount.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Year 11 will have a mock interview in school on Tuesday 15th January. Their 15 minute appointment with an employer from 1 of over 20 sectors represented will be between 3-5pm. Appointments will be issued once pupils have stated their preference in Form before Christmas. You can support your son/daughter by helping them choose the sector for interview and visiting:

<https://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/careers/parents/labour-market-information/>

YEAR 10 - LIONHEART CHALLENGE

Year 10 pupils took part in the Lionheart Enterprise Challenge. The pupils worked in teams of ten with the direct guidance and support of the Lionheart Business coaches to develop, market and cost a service to support a local citizen group. Two pupils from each team then presented their team's idea to the rest of the year group. The teams were judged following very strict criteria by Mrs Smith, Mrs Murray and Mr Hankin. The winning team of Scarlett Atherton, Madeline Avery, Harry Billington, Anthony Bradley-Dawson, Jon Clarkson, Emma Clayton, John Dickinson, Charlie Dobson, Janna Ellbanny and Millie Foy will now go on to represent OLCBS at the national final of the competition next spring.



TEACHER TRAINING INFORMATION EVENT

Do you have (or are soon to be awarded) a degree? Are you interested in a career in teaching (primary or secondary or post 16)? If you can answer yes to both of these questions then the Catholic Teaching Alliance invites you to attend a free, no obligation, information event in the Training Centre at Our Lady's Catholic High School.

Date: Monday 10 December

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

If you are interested, we would encourage you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting opportunities available for training in your local Catholic schools. Please contact our ITT director Mr Adrian Gormally on CTAschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 326931 to book your place.

Dates to remember

Tuesday, 4 December - CAFOD Advent Service – St Anthony's Church at 6.00 pm

Thursday, 13 December – Christmas Lunch

Friday, 21 December – school closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 7 January 2019 – school opens

Thursday, 17 January – Year 10 Parent/Carers' evening

Thursday, 31 January - Year 8 Parent/Carers' evening

Friday, 15 February 2019 – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 26 February 2018 – school opens

Thursday, 7 March - Year 9 Parent/Carers' evening

Thursday, 21 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening