



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 18 January 2019

Our prayer theme next week: Revelation

This week we think about Revelation. In our Gospel reading we read about the first miracle that Jesus performed, turning water into wine at a wedding. Compared to other miracles Jesus performed this one was small, but it was the one his disciples saw which made them believe in him. They had their revelation about Jesus and who He truly was and is.

Lord, thank you for the revelation Jesus gives us. Help us to know You, reveal more about Yourself to us through the people that we meet.

Help us to know when Uou have helped us in our lives.

Amen.

ROAD SAFETY

We have a report from a parent that one of our pupils behaved in a dangerous manner whilst crossing Black Bull Lane. We want to make sure our pupils arrive home safely and ask that pupils who walk home are reminded of traffic related safety issues. Thank you for your support. Thankfully the incident reported to us did not result in an injury but was a near miss.

VACANCY

Governors are seeking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant to join the Pastoral Team. The post is part-time 27.67 hours per week, term-time only. Further details and application forms are available in the vacancy section of our website www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk

MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

Our school has been selected to take part in research alongside the Department for Education and the Anna Freud Foundation (<https://www.annafreud.org/>). The purpose of the research is to find out if certain types of well-being and mental health focused lessons help young people. We are taking part in a 5-week weekly intervention led by external mental health professionals. 60 Year 9 pupils are taking part in this intervention and will hopefully learn more about to how support their own well-being and the well-being of their friends/family.

GCSE ART EXAM 2019 (Year 11)

All pupils will be given their GCSE Art exam paper next week. Pupils will be working on preparatory work on their chosen exam theme over the following weeks. Pupils should produce as much of their best quality preparatory work (this consists of drawings, research and photography) as they can in class and at home. They can also download the PixLR autodesk App (free on mobiles/tablets/PC!) to edit photos – this scores lots of marks! There are other Apps which may be pertinent to their exam theme – Photoshop Mix, Photolab, Pic Collage, Color Effects and more besides. The controlled 10-hour element will be completed during school time. The exam project contributes to 40% of the final GCSE grade and will be fully completed on the second session of the 10-hour exam. Please encourage your child to work hard at home and make use of the extra sessions offered in school: *Mon-Fri lunch. Mon, Wed, Thurs after school (week A and B) and Tues (week B) after school.* For further information/exam planning/guide to annotating work/copies of the exam paper and the OLCHS help sheet are on Moodle (GCSE Art and Design) and Google classroom code: cxejtto.

Sketchbooks/Preparation work must be handed in on the first session of their 10-hour exam – failure to comply with this exam regulation will result in withdrawal from the GCSE exam. Dates for the exam final piece are as follows:

Monday - 29/04/19 11A & 11D P1-5

Tuesday - 30/04/19 11B & 11C P1-5

Wednesday - 01/05/19 11A & 11D P1-5

Thursday - 02/05/19 11B & 11C P1-5

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large quantity of lost property at the moment, including PE kits, winter coats and shoes. These items have been left unclaimed in the lost property room for a number of weeks. On Friday, 1 February at lunchtime, lost property will be on display in the Arts Theatre for pupils to look through. Parents may wish to come and look for missing items also. We ask that they come to school between 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm. Any items not claimed after this day will be disposed of by Friday, 8 February.



TEACHER TRAINING AFTERNOON TEA 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: Friday 25 January
Time: 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

If you are interested, we would encourage you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting opportunities available for teacher 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

Thursday, 31 January - Year 8 Parent/Carers' evening
Monday, 11 – Friday, 15 February – Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday, 13 February – Dance Diva
Thursday, 14 February – KS4 Paris Trip
Friday, 15 February 2019 – school closes for half-term
Tuesday, 26 February 2018 – school opens
Thursday, 7 March - Year 9 Parent/Carers' evening
Tuesday, 12 March – Normandy Parents' meeting
Thursday, 21 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening
Friday, 5 April – School closes for Easter at 12.45 pm
Tuesday, 23 April – School opens for the Summer Term