



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 25 January 2019

Our prayer theme next week: Unity

This week we think about Unity. In our Gospel reading we hear Jesus telling people about his mission in the Synagogue. We hear that Jesus came for everyone, to unite us. He came especially for those who are weak and vulnerable!

**Lord, help us to be united so that we can all work together to make our world a better place.
Help us to love everyone equally, bringing unity to our world. Amen.**

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for Year 8 will take place on Thursday, 31 January from 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm. We ask parents and carers who are attending Parents' Evening to allocate at least one full hour to get to speak with all of the teachers. Parents and carers who arrive after 5.30 pm must understand that they may well not have sufficient time to see all of the teachers on the evening. We hope that you find the discussions to be valuable and informative

Y11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday, 15 January our school hosted its very first mock interview evening for Year 11 pupils. Thirty-eight employers from across Lancashire bestowed us with their vast interviewing knowledge to ensure that the pupils were given a realistic and valuable experience. The pupils learned from current labour market information, career pathways and sector detail before deciding upon a job to be interviewed for. They also completed a CV. As the interview day drew closer, the pupils benefited from a session led by the 'Department for Work and Pensions' on how to give the best possible account of themselves in an interview situation, covering preparation, body language and tips on making the right impression. Some pupils were invited to a session led by 'Talk the Talk' focusing on how to talk positively about yourself and strategies to structure responses to interview questions. The verbal and written feedback received by the pupils is likely to help them reflect on the encounter and better prepare them for their next interview situation.

DANCE DIVA

Preparations are going well for this year's Dance Diva which takes place on Wednesday, 13 February at 7.00 pm and over three-quarters of the tickets have been sold already. Please remind your child to return their ticket letter via the school post box asap so you are not disappointed as once all the tickets are sold no more are available. We look forward to seeing you there for an excellent evening's entertainment.

YEAR 10 GCSE DRAMA

Year 10 pupils participated in a professional dance workshop, based around mental health, with the students of Runshaw College. Pupils observed an excellent performance by the Runshaw students and were then taught a section of the piece, which they developed into their own ideas and performed to an excellent standard.

MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Musical Theatre Club will resume after half-term on Thursday, 28 February at 3.40 – 4.40 pm in the Arts Theatre. All pupils are welcome.

BAE Systems Engineering Taster Weeks Warton

Following the success of previous years, Taster Weeks will run again in the summer of 2019. The Engineering Taster Weeks are aimed at developing young people's perceptions of engineering whilst providing a unique insight into the world of aerospace and aviation. There will be two Taster Weeks:

- Monday, 8 July to Friday, 12 July 2019
- Monday, 15 July to Friday, 19 July 2019

Both Taster Weeks will be held at BAE Systems' Warton Aerodrome in Lancashire, with BAE Systems providing accommodation for the week. All students who are 16-18 years old at the time of the Taster Weeks can apply and the application window will be opening on the 21 January 2019 and will close at 21:00 on 22 March. If you would like some more information regarding any aspect of the above, please do not hesitate to contact: etw.warton@baesystems.com.

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 The closing date for all applications is Monday, 28 January 2019 at 12 noon.

CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE

The closing date for applications for 2018 entry is only a few weeks away – Sunday, 10 February 2019. Pupils wishing to attend Cardinal Newman College should complete their applications immediately. For information there is an Open Event on Saturday, 2 February 2019 from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.

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