



# Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 15 February 2019

Our prayer theme next week: Compassion

In this week's Gospel we think about how we can be compassionate. How can we be more compassionate to those around us? Not just those close to us but everyone we meet. We don't know what they have going on in the background.

**Prayer: Lord, give us compassion for everyone we meet. Give us the strength we need to show compassion in every situation. Help us to know when we need compassion too.**

**Amen.**

## **DANCE DIVA**

What a fabulous evening of entertainment by our wonderfully talented pupils! The theme of the evening was built around the story of Romeo and Juliet with the various dances depicting the feud between the Capulets and the Montagues following the story through from Romeo and Juliet first meeting and falling in love and ending ultimately with their untimely death. In the final performance everyone came together as one big family. The charter theatre was sold out and everyone commented what a fantastic show it was and how proud they were of our pupils. Thank you for your all the parental support with costumes and logistics.

## **ENRICHMENT DAY 2**

**Year 7** spent the day looking at cultural development in our recent Enrichment Day. They focused on the cultural diversity that exists within our society, being aware of negative stereotypes that people project on to certain groups or individuals and considering how to be open minded, as well as embracing of cultural diversity. They were enthusiastic in discussions and reflective in approach. Well done.

**Year 8** pupils worked in groups to create a presentation about how they will tackle an issue within the community. Pupils spent the day researching community issues, developing an idea on how to address this and creating a presentation to showcase their ideas. These were then presented to their class during Period 4 and the winner of each class went on to present to a panel of judges during Period 5 who decided upon the winning idea. Pupils gave very positive feedback:

- 'I enjoyed working with a group of people who I would not usually work with' anon
- 'We liked the day as we worked together as a team and learned to respect others and not take other people for granted' Brooke, Ben Maisie and Hamzah

**Year 9** have been focusing on moral development during this week's Enrichment Day. They have been discussing what morality is, what it means to them and others, and where we can see morality in action around the world. Session 1 was about defining morality and looking at personal decision making. Pupils played a game where a decision was made as to who received a treat, and then looked at a variety of scenarios where a choice had to be made. Sessions 2 and 3 focused on the play 'An Inspector Calls', where pupils watched the play, answered some questions, and then discussed their findings as a group. Session 4 saw the pupils investigating the idea of a 'saviour sibling', where a child is conceived in order to save their sibling by providing organs or other tissue. Pupils had to put themselves in the position of the parents and decide what they would do. Session 5 enabled pupils to reflect on the day by thinking about Holocaust Memorial Day. Pupils wrote prayers and created a picture as a form group which represented a part of the world that has experienced genocide.

**Year 11** spent the day with the company Positively Mad looking at study skills, revision techniques and personal development. Pupils learned what they can achieve via simple techniques, mind mapping for example. The study day was an excellent opportunity for them to prepare for the beginning of the revision programme which starts on Monday, 25 February.

## **200 CLUB - JANUARY 2019 DRAW**

Number	Name	Amount
128	D&A Smith	£30.00
52	Jenn & Dom Thompson	£30.00
109	Susan Singleton	£30.00

## **NHS CAREERS EVENT**

On Tuesday, 7 May there will be an NHS Careers Event at Royal Preston Hospital, Health Academy Centre 1, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood PR2 9HT. The event will run from 3.00 pm-6.00 pm and is for anyone who is interested in a career in the NHS. There will be information on apprenticeships, NHS careers, University paths and much more. There is no need to register for this event and for more information please contact [Brittany.Mollart@lhtr.nhs.uk](mailto:Brittany.Mollart@lhtr.nhs.uk)

## **YEAR 7 BASKETBALL**

The team gained their first win of the year against Moor Park High School on Monday, 11 February. It was a close game throughout the four quarters with neither team creating an extensive lead. Our Lady's were two baskets behind going into the final 2 minutes before Jay Pearson and Will Murray each scored to seal the victory. The team were ecstatic with their win and it was also a fantastic game to finish their season.

## **BAE SYSTEMS "GET INTO ENGINEERING"**

There will be an Open Evening on Tuesday, 26 February 2019 at BAE Systems Academy for Skills & Knowledge Sir Frederick Page Way, Samlesbury Enterprise Zone, Mellor Brook, Blackburn BB2 7FT for students aged between 15 – 18 years. This engaging event is comprised of a number of interactive engineering stands and students are free to make their own way through the stands and also meet some of our apprentices and graduates on our careers stands. Please note that this event will take place at the Academy for Skills and Knowledge in Samlesbury, between 18:00-20:00 hours (latest entry 19:30). All visitors must reserve a place to attend the event using the following link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/getintoengineering>. Once visitors have confirmed their place they are free to arrive at the event any time between 18:00 & 19:30, please note only one parent/guardian is permitted per young person. The application window will close at 17:00 on Tuesday, 19 February.

### Dates to remember

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

Tuesday, 26 March – Year 9 Options Evening

Friday, 5 April – School closes for Easter at 12.45 pm

Tuesday, 23 April – School opens for the Summer Term