



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 1 March 2019

Our prayer theme next week: Compassion

This week marks the beginning of Lent. In the Gospel reading from Ash Wednesday, Jesus talks about the three things we're asked to do during Lent; fast; pray; give.

He asks us to do all of these things privately, because we do them to help others and ourselves, not to make ourselves look better to other people.

Prayer: Lord, as we begin Lent, help us to think about how we are going to help others through our actions. Give us the courage we need to complete our Lenten promises.

Amen.

THE ENTREPRENEUR COMPETITION – Year 8

All Year 8 pupils are taking part in The Entrepreneur enterprise competition in their Design & Technology lessons. Pupils will be working in groups of three and have been given a £10 loan by OLCCHS (repayable on 3rd May 2019). They must run enterprising activities (the Easter holidays will be good for this!) which will allow them to make as much profit from their loan as possible. All profit is to be kept and equally distributed within the groups. Each group will make a short presentation (including photographic evidence) to their class about their activities and a winning team from each class will be selected and then go on to compete in a grand final on 17th May. Good luck!

RULES

- Pupils are not allowed to do the lottery or play the lottery.
- Pupils must not sell goods within school time under any circumstances. This includes selling sweets on the quad or yard at break or lunch.
- Pupils should refrain from cake sales and car washes, trying to be more creative with their ideas.
- All groups will be expected to pay the £10 loan back in full.
- The work that pupils do in their groups must be divided up equally between all three members. Profit must be shared out equally at the end of the activity.
- Groups **MUST provide photographic evidence** of their activity.

UKMT INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the eleven pupils who were awarded certificates in the recent Intermediate Maths Challenge. The national competition lasts an hour and is about problem solving. Bridget Wood in Year 9 was awarded a silver certificate and best in school. Silver certificates were also awarded to Tom Durney and Sam Moncrief in Year 10. Bronze certificates went to Caitlin Jackson, Claudia Gornall, Nandhini Kovvuri, Jodie Trigg and Yasin Rezaei from Year 9 and Jack Ballard, Molly Macuras and Harry Billington from Year 10.

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for Year 9 will take place on Thursday, 7 March 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

LOST PROPERTY

We have a huge amount of lost property which has been kept in our cupboard for many weeks. All items are now being bagged up and will be kept until Friday, 15 March. After this date, they will be disposed of. If you have particular items you need to look for, please let us know and you can arrange to come into school.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

Next week all pupils will be taking part in form activities to increase their awareness of food allergies as a serious and growing health issue. Pupils will be interacting with resources which will help their understanding of the serious nature of anaphylaxis caused by allergic reactions.

CRICKET RESULTS

The Year 8 girls played their first indoor cricket match against Broughton before half-term. There was some excellent bowling with Freya Singleton getting 2 wickets in one of her overs. However, Broughton were very strong, managing to take more wickets and consequently winning the match. However, it was a great experience and the girls gained a lot from it. In their next game the girls competed against Ashton. Fielding was excellent with some great bowling by Freya Singleton and fantastic catches by Libby Earnshaw and Alice Moncrief. Unfortunately, the team just lost out in what was a very close game. Well done to everyone involved.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Well done to the Year 7 girls' football team who put in another good performance in the Preston Schools' league against Christ the King. They dominated the game throughout winning 8-0. Unfortunately, Broughton were much tougher. They scored two early goals and despite us dominating the second half we lost 2-0.

LUNCH CARDS

The restaurant staff are noticing an increase in the number of damaged or broken lunch cards, these can scratch the card readers on the tills. Therefore, week commencing Monday, 11 March all such lunch cards will need to be replaced. New cards will be available to purchase at half-price, £1.50, until Friday, 15 March.

DRAMA/MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Due to the Year 11 GCSE Drama examination rehearsals there will be no musical theatre club for the next two weeks. The club will resume on Thursday, 28 March and we will be working on rehearsal and audition techniques in preparation for our forthcoming School Production of We Will Rock You.

PRESTON MUSICAL COMEDY SOCIETY

Preston Musical Comedy Society are looking to recruit Year 7 and 8 boys who are interested in being part of the musical Oliver. The only cost will be a £10 membership fee and the performances will be from Thursday, 8 May until Saturday, 11 May (including a matinee performance on Thursday, 9 May) at The Charter Theatre. Anyone interested should contact Cheryl Taylor at cheryl.nicholls@cuffeandtaylor.com

NORMANDY

There will be an information meeting for all parents on Tuesday, 12 March at 4.00 pm. Details of the itinerary and other important information will be available at the meeting. Please could all pupil passports be brought to the meeting along with any outstanding balances.

Dates to remember

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

Wednesday, 1 May – Year 7 Normandy Trip

Monday, 6 May – School closed for May Day

Friday, 24 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 3 June – School opens