



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 15 November

2019

The Prayer Theme next week is Perseverance. Luke 21: 5 -19

Take courage and endure in faith.

Mother Teresa stood under a tree in Kolkata and told the community that in that spot there would be a hospital for people with Leprosy. She waited and waited. The doctors heard about her plan and they showed up, the nurses came, a small clinic was built on that spot. Today there is a huge hospital in centre for people with Leprosy and their families. It is a beautiful place full of love and laughter and now simple and effective ways have been developed to cure those suffering from the condition.

Dear Lord

Help us to accept that there is suffering in the world and that it is not something we can easily understand. We can only do our best to help those in need.

Give us the strength to persevere in difficult circumstances.

We pray for an enduring faith.

Amen

ENRICHMENT DAY 1

Year 7 experienced a wide range of activities based on the theme of 'Social,' including creating a form flag; building a campfire; learning about the advantages and disadvantages of social media; and orienteering. Within each of the sessions, pupils developed their social skills and the ability to utilise these in a variety of different social situations. Pupils worked incredibly well in their teams and developed their bonds even further within their form groups.

Year 8 successfully dodged the rain to reach the top of Rivington Pike. En route we looked out for examples of the flora and fauna, whilst learning about the historical importance of follies. The day was completed with a creative activity around the Countryside Code: Respect, Protect, Enjoy. A good day was had by all.

Year 9 travelled to The Crocky Trail in Chester. Pupils participated in 3 different activities. Forms O, U and R started on the Crocky Trail which involved 10 different team building activities where pupils had to help each other to cross bridges, wobbly ropes and find their way through mazes. Forms L, A and D spent an hour on the different mechanical rides. There were also team-based activities which required determination and courage. Finally, pupils helped clear the site of litter to ensure the local wildlife were kept safe. It was a day full of smiles and mud. We all had a fantastic day.

Year 10 pupils experienced a series of workshops including:

- "The Windrush Project "an appreciation of how cultural influences have shaped our own heritage.
- Drama workshop around the story of Rosa Parks and how her small gesture has had a ripple effect on society today.
- A Caribbean steel drumming session with a guest artist.
- The British democratic system and its central role in shaping our history and values in continuing to develop Britain.
- An exploration and understanding of different faiths.
- The cultural influence of digital devices.

The aim of the day was to broaden pupils' awareness of different cultures in the world and how they have impacted upon our culture over the years to make us the people we are today. Pupils participated with great enthusiasm.

Year 11 had an Enrichment Day based around the theme of volunteering. The aim was to explore the benefits and importance of volunteering through various tasks and external presentations. The students received three presentations from external providers. Speakers from the NCS, Barnardo's and Lancashire MIND came in to give an

insight into how volunteers play a crucial role in their respective causes. They also promoted the personal and career benefits of undertaking volunteering roles. This was supplemented by classroom tasks looking at the importance of volunteering when communities face natural disasters in the current climate or experience times of conflict through historical events such as World War I. It was a fantastic day. The students were very respectful and well-behaved throughout. This is supported through wonderful feedback from the NCS speakers who said:

"We got 107 expression of interest forms back which is great. I think it's the most we've ever had back from a school after the assembly. The students were a credit to the school too, asking some really good questions when going around the forms".

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

It was wonderful to hear that two of our ex-pupils represented Fleetwood Town in the EFL cup this week in a 5-2 victory over Oldham Athletic. Jack Sowerby who left 8 years ago scored while Cian Hayes who left this summer made his debut for the club at 16, coming on as a sub and nearly scoring from a free kick. Congratulations!

FOOTBALL NEWS - YEAR 7

The team secured their third win of the year on Wednesday, 13 November after a 3-0 win over Priory Technology College in the second round of the Lancashire Cup. Strong performances from all players ensured another goalless game where goalkeeper Farrell Carrig was rarely tested. Goals from Liam Taylor, Bruce Leeming and Jack Meers secured the win. The B team also attended the fixture and played two friendly games against Priory students, winning all three of their mini games also. The A team are now one game away from reaching the finals day game which takes place in early 2020. Fingers crossed they make it!

NCS SUMMER PROGRAMME

Preston North End Community Trust are providing a fantastic opportunity for all Year 11's to join the NCS summer programme. With jobs and academic courses becoming ever more competitive it is important for young people to showcase their efforts and accomplishments undertaken outside of the classroom. NCS is a great way young people can show their desire to develop and all whilst having an experience of a lifetime. They'll get to take part in two residential trips, one to an outward-bound activity centre the other to a University campus. This is then followed by a fundraiser for a local charity and a graduation celebration! For more information and to sign up to secure your place before they go please contact either sam@pne.com or laurajoyce@pne.com

YEAR 11 COLLEGE AND APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS

Year 11 pupils should have begun their application process for College places. If they have not made their final choice, there are a number of Open Events as listed below. If pupils who are interested in an apprenticeship can look at the Careers page of the School Website which contains advice and lots of information on apprenticeship opportunities.

Cardinal Newman College

Saturday, 16 November 10.00 am until 1.00 pm

Saturday, 1 February 10.00 am until 1.00 pm

Preston's College

Wednesday, 11 March 4.00 pm until 7.30 pm

Myerscough College

Saturday, 7 December 2019 and Saturday, 8 February 2020 both from 9.45 am until 12.30pm

Dates to remember

Wednesday, 4 December – CAFOD Advent service, St Anthony's Church at 6.00 pm

Thursday, 12 December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 19 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 6 January – School opens for the Spring Term

Friday, 14 February – School closes for half term

Monday, 24 February – INSET day pupils at home

Tuesday, 25 February – school opens

Friday, 3 April – School closes for the Easter holidays at 12.45 pm



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Monday, 20 April – school opens for the Summer Term