



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 10 January 2020

**The Prayer Theme for next week is The Baptism of the Lord. Matthew 3: 12 -17**

## 'This is my Son, the Beloved'

The beginning of Jesus' ministry starts here, at His baptism. A new beginning for any of us is a risk. Often we start something new because we are hopeful. We are going to achieve something, or make a big change in our lives. Sometimes we end up putting it off. We need someone else to spur us on, to believe in us. Jesus too needed that reassurance. He needed his father's love and reassurance to begin his ministry. In turn, our lives are transformed.

Dear Lord

Take away any worries we have about making a change for the better. Help us to strive to be more loving and supporting of our friends and those we meet who are trying to make changes.

Amen.

## LONDON THEATRE TRIP

At 6.00am on Thursday, 19 December 2019, a coach load of pupils from Year 10 and 11 (plus a few members of staff!) set off to spend a literary and festive day in London. We arrived at the beautiful Old Vic theatre on the South Bank in plenty of time for the matinee performance of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. The adaptation was enthralling, laced with carol singing, wonderful bell ringing sequences and even falling snow. The pupils were extremely enthusiastic about their London theatre experience and were more than ready to experience the delights of a Christmassy Covent Garden where they spent an enjoyable couple of hours of eating and last-minute present buying. And so, weary but content, we were ready to head back north and although it was nearly midnight before we arrived back in Preston, we all agreed that it had been well worth it!

## CAREERS FAIR 2020

We are holding our annual Careers Fair on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. This is a very beneficial event for both the students attending and the organisations that exhibit.

We have a few spaces left for exhibitors. If you would like to find out more, please contact Charlotte Bown on [cbo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:cbo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)

## HOME

Home is the film made by adventurer Sarah Outer. Recently we were privileged to have Sarah come into school to speak to our Year 9s and present certificates to last year's Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups. We are excited to announce that we will be showing a screening of her highly acclaimed film Home which tells the story of her incredible expedition London 2 London: Via the World, travelling by bike, kayak and rowing boat across Europe and Asia, the Pacific Ocean, North America and finally the Atlantic. The date for the viewing is Wednesday, 12 February at 7.00 pm in the Arts Theatre. Tickets are priced at £3 and all proceeds will go to Crisis who support the homeless. Please note that the film is rated 12A as there are a few swear words and a brief nudity scene, and the film is quite emotional. The film is open to anyone including parents/grandparents but is mainly aimed at Years 9 and upwards. Tickets are available via SCOPAY and are on a first come first served basis.

## U14 BASKETBALL RESULT

The team played their final group game in the Lancashire Cup against Corpus Christi on Wednesday 9th January. After some tough defeats the team were geared up to make sure they won. Both teams started briskly, and it was Corpus Christi who soon took the lead. However, Our Lady's then found their stride and scored consecutive baskets to open up a lead of 7 points going into half time. Corpus Christi were inspired by a good team talk at half

time and brought the scores back to within 1 point, however some long passes from Fred Jewell to Tiarnán Hayes and Ben O'Donnell were easily converted, and we kept some distance going to the final whistle. The team were thrilled to win with a score of 26-20. Ben O'Donnell was given the coach's player of the match while Will Murray gained the MVP status for most points scored.

**Dates to remember**

Thursday, 16 January – Year 11 Parents Evening – 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm

Thursday, 23 January - Year 10 Parents Evening – 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm

Thursday, 30 January - Year 8 Parents Evening – 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm

Thursday, 13 February – Year 10 and 11 Barcelona Trip

Friday, 14 February – School closes for half term

Monday, 24 February – INSET day pupils at home

Tuesday, 25 February – school opens

Thursday, 27 February - Year 9 Parents Evening – 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm

Thursday, 19 March - Year 7 Parents Evening – 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm

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

Monday, 20 April – school opens for the Summer Term

Wednesday, 29 April – Year 7 Normandy Trip