



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 17 January 2020

The Prayer Theme for next week is Chosen (John 1: 29 – 34)

You are my chosen generation. (1 Peter 2:9)

Jesus is baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit; it is at this point that His ministry begins. He later tells His disciples that when they receive the Holy Spirit 'you too will be my witnesses.' We are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by our actions. Where do you see Christ? Open your eyes and your hearts – then you will recognise him in everyone you meet.

Pour on us, O lord, the spirit of your love and kindness.

May we pass on that love and kindness to all we meet today.

Amen

BRITISH SCHOOLS BIATHLON

Congratulations to four Our Lady's pupils who took part in the British Schools Biathlon qualifier event at Edge Hill University over the weekend. The results from the competition are below:

Year 7

Lucy Mulholland - 7U - 1st in the U13 girls

Lucy Beesley 7O - 3rd in the U12 girls

Year 8

Emil Dawkins - 8L - 2nd in the U13 boys

William Murray - 8U - 5th in the U14 boys

All pupils will receive an invitation from GB Pentathlon to compete in the National British Schools Competition, which takes place at Bath University in March 2020. They will be competing under the school name within the competition.

DRIVING ON ST ANTHONY'S DRIVE

This week we have had reports of two cars driving on the pavement, near St Anthony's Primary School, on St Anthony's Drive. Please may we remind all parents about the importance of road safety, particularly in this area where there are a large number of both primary and secondary school pupils at the beginning and end of the school day. The safety of all our pupils is paramount.

PUPIL ABSENCE

Please would all parents be reminded of the process of reporting pupil absence. When your child is absent please call 01772 326914 or email cbo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk by 9.00 am at the latest. Any reported absences should always be supplied by parents/carers. We do not accept messages relayed by siblings in school. Many thanks for your support.

ONLINE GROOMING AND YOUR CHILD

During this term's Parents' Evenings for Years 10, 9 and 8, parental information sessions on the topic of online grooming will be held. These sessions will be delivered by Mr Ranson and Sam Tyrer from Lancashire Care and Change Talks. Pupils will make appointments for their parents to attend one of the sessions during Parents' Evening.

YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for Year 10 will take place on Thursday, 23 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.

YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday, 14 January our school hosted its second annual mock interview evening for Year 11 pupils. Thirty-two employers from across Lancashire bestowed us with their vast interviewing knowledge to ensure that our pupils were given a realistic and valuable experience. Our pupils prepared by reviewing current labour market information, career pathways and job specifications before deciding upon a job to be interviewed for. They also completed a personal CV that was given to their interviewer ahead of the interview. As the interview day drew closer, 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 essential tips on making the right impression.

SUPPLY CHAIN PRACTITIONER APPRENTICESHIP

BAE Systems Air Sector have launched a new Level 3 Supply Chain Practitioner Apprenticeship programme for the 2020 intake. Find out more by registering for the Career Open events at:

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BAESystemsOpenEvening

Or apply at:

www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships/schemes/advanced-apprenticeships

Dates to remember

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

Friday, 8 May – School closed for VE day celebrations