



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 8 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Consolidation Week 11 to 15 May**

Next week we shall have a 'consolidation of work' week where we hope to make contact with every child. Pupils should still follow the school day but use this opportunity to catch up on any work outstanding and also to go back over the work that they have already completed to ensure they learn and retain the key points. If there is still time available pupils should engage with the excellent resources on BBC Bitesize or Twinkl which were outlined in the Parent Pack sent out by Mr Charnock after the Easter holiday.

During the week your child's Form Tutor will be making contact to see how they are and how they are getting on with home learning. Please do expect a call at some point over the week as they will want to speak to each child in their form class.

We hope that this week will be a chance for pupils to have a personal contact with their Form Tutor and an opportunity to consolidate their learning. If your child has been struggling with any aspect of home learning, then this is a great opportunity to help them to share their concerns and perhaps re think their routines or approach. Our aim is to be as helpful as possible in these difficult times. Do take the opportunity to share any thoughts with your child's Form Teacher too.

## **Train to Teach with the Catholic Teaching Alliance**

Despite these unprecedented times in which we are living through, recruitment to train to teach with the Catholic Teaching Alliance remains as popular as ever. We are 'Open for Business' and are recruiting graduates for September 2020.

Working in collaboration with the University of Cumbria, we offer School Direct PGCE with QTS in the following age ranges –

- Early Years
- Primary
- Secondary
- Secondary with Post 16

For further details on the course, how to apply, and the application process, please contact Adrian Gormally at: [CTAschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:CTAschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)

## **Acts of Kindness**

I share with you this lovely act of kindness which was sent to us by Deacon Chris Barwise. Do please send to us any acts of kindness which could be shared through our Newsletter:

*The current lockdown means that the majority of family get togethers and meals can't take place. But little things happen that remind us of what it was like AND give us hope for the future. Last Saturday night at about 9:45 p.m. there was a knock at my front door. I had a shrewd idea who was calling. I opened the door to the smiling face of my next door neighbour. From a safe distance she gave me a delicious curry which she had been sharing with her family to break their fast as this is Ramadan. This is not the first time she has done this but perhaps the current situation brings it home more forcefully that this gesture serves as a reminder how things can be. How we must carry all this forward when we have lockdown lifted*

Very best wishes

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Headteacher