



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 26 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to report on what really has been a wonderful week with our Year 10 pupils. I do not believe that I am prone to exaggeration and I can comfortably say that every single pupil engaged and committed completely. There have been no issues whatsoever in terms of conduct. All pupils have been completely respectful of each other, of staff and of all safety measures. They have worked very hard too.

The Gospel reading for Monday came from St Matthew and was used to provide part of the theme for the assembly each day. We are told:

So do not be afraid of them. Everything now covered up will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid. (Matthew 10:)

When we emerge from this everything will 'be uncovered' and everything will 'be made clear'. Our pupils must 'not be afraid'. We will recover from all of this and we must remain strong and ask for God's help through the Holy Spirit:

**Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen**

Next Week

Next week we will be holding our second keeping in touch and consolidation week. I have outlined below what these two involve:

Consolidation Week

Pupils are to use this week to go back over the work they have completed and ensure that their understanding is sharp. They can do this by reading back through the notes and tasks and testing themselves on different concepts. Pupils may also try to bring their work together into a mind map of a topic they have completed. This week could also be used by pupils who may have fallen behind on certain subjects as an opportunity to catch up and ensure their work is completed and submitted if appropriate.

Going Above and Beyond:

We want to reward all pupils who go above and beyond the call of duty during next week. This will apply especially to those pupils who have remained largely on track with their working at home. We are suggesting some additional challenges and these can be found at - www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/consolidation

Allow your child to select from the activities provided and let us know at the end of the week whether they have achieved an **additional 5 hours** of self-selected and meaningful work. Would you also tell us if they have completed 5 hours of either exercise; housework or providing help and support for others.

If your child completes either or both of these challenges, then we would like to know and reward them. Please click on the form on the webpage above and complete the very short form so that we can reward their effort through Being One of Our points. The form will be available from Monday, 29 June.

Keeping in touch week

The second element of the week will involve our Form Tutors making contact with our families. Please look out for either an email or phone call during the week. Please note to check your Junk or Spam folder in case the email contact goes there. We hope that this will be a good opportunity for us to support our pupils before they begin their summer break.

Apprenticeship Opportunity

Local company, Fox Contracts Ltd are looking to recruit an apprentice electrician/electrician's mate to join their team. The successful candidate will be working on residential and commercial projects throughout the North West. For further details please contact info@foxcontractors.co.uk or call 01772 754194.

With best wishes to all families

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