



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 3 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now completed the full sequence of teaching the core subjects of Religious Education, English, Mathematics and Science to all of our Year 10 pupils. These 2 hour lessons really have gone very well indeed and the response from pupils has been magnificent. Their respect for social distancing and for the additional rules in place, for the safety of everyone in our community, has been exemplary. The final two weeks will see phase two of this teaching so that each Year 10 pupil will have received 4 hours of specialist teaching in the core subjects prior to the summer holiday.

We will be closed for the summer break. This means that Key Worker provision will NOT be in operation and teachers will NOT be setting work online for their classes. It is the government's intention that all schools open to all pupils in September. They have published a paper, which can be viewed from the government website, with the expectations that schools should follow. This presents a variety of complex challenges and we will need to work hard over the summer break to try to achieve what is being asked of us. Please be assured that we will not compromise on safety for both pupils and staff.

Message from Mrs Sewell - The Little Princess Trust

I know a lot of you will be in the same position as I am with regards to getting your hair cut and wish you had got it done before lock down? Well hopefully the time is coming up where we can get it cut! Before you do however, I wanted to share with you a charity that does amazing things! It is the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years of age, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. I myself donated my hair 3 years ago and due to lock down my hair has grown again and I plan to do the same. There are pupils within school that have also done this and raised money to allow the Little Princess Trust to create these wigs. Each wig costs £550 to make. If this is something that you can donate to help someone who has been through an awful lot, please look at <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/> for more information and how you can help.

PE department LEJOG event

With yet another unfortunate cancellation of Sports Day this year the PE department have come up with a whole school community event simulating the famous Lands' End to John O'Groats bike ride. This bike ride is usually done over 14 days and covers 874 miles between the two points. We would like all members of our school community to get involved in our at home version of this event and collectively cover the 874 miles. This could be done through walking, running, cycling or other forms of exercise over distance such as kayaking or even sailing! The event will take place between Monday, 6 July and Sunday, 12 July. If you would like to take part but have not received an email with your exercise diary then please email Mr Newsham at gne@olchs.lancs.sch.uk.

Apprenticeship Opportunity

Local company Lee Bamber Building and Groundwork Ltd are looking to take on an apprentice in brickwork. Applicants should be aged 16-18. For more information or to apply with a CV and Cover Letter please email info@leebamberbuilding.co.uk

200 Club - Reminder of Closure

As of the end of June the 200 Club will be closed. The final draws have been made and winners will be notified in the next few days. If you have not done so already, please cancel your standing order.

Year 10 – Preston's College

Preston's College are supporting our Year 10 learners transitioning into Year 11 with online taster resources in place of the cancelled taster day. The taster site goes live [from Monday 6 July](https://www.preston.ac.uk/tasters/) and pupils should have received their log on details for this once they registered here: <https://www.preston.ac.uk/tasters/> Any questions or issues should be forwarded to Mr Nelson on ane@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

With best wishes for the week ahead

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