



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Thursday, 1 October 2020

The theme for next week is God's Trust in us. (Matthew 21: 33 – 43)

In this week's Gospel, Matthew uses the Parable of the Vineyard. The landowner leaves his tenants to live on the land and produce a good harvest in return. When he sends his servants to collect the harvest, they are attacked by the tenants. Finally, trusting that no harm will come, the landlord sends his own son. He is thrown out of the vineyard and killed. It is obvious that Jesus is the son in this story. God has put His trust in us. He has given us love, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. He trusts us to give the same to each other.

O my God,
 Help me to love my neighbour as myself.
 I forgive all who have offended me and ask pardon of all whom I have offended.
 Amen.

KEEPING WARM

We approach winter and have the dilemma of following the instruction to keep rooms well ventilated and the need to also remain warm. In addition, it has always been our practice for pupils to spend break and lunchtime outside in the fresh air; COVID 19 restrictions actually encourage this practice. If your child feels the cold quite quickly you may wish to provide a vest type of garment for under their school shirt or blouse. Should this be the case then the garment must be white and no part of it should be visible around the collar or sleeves.

Please ensure that your child has both coat and a drawstring bag in which to store their coat safely. Please remember that coats must be rain and wind proof; be a dark colour; be without prominent writing or images. Hoodies, sweatshirts, track tops, fleeces, leather/partial leather, denim/partial denim coats are not appropriate for school. The coat, as with all uniform items, should have your child's name clearly written inside, as so many coats are identical.

Thank you very much for your support

ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021

The process of applying for high school places for September 2021 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online at:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

or via the link on the school website. Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2020**.

In addition to the Lancashire application process we ask that a Supplementary Form is completed if you wish to be considered on faith grounds. The online form is available for completion on the school website www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk on the Admissions Page. To provide a Baptismal Certificate or Faith Reference please email pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk. Unfortunately, due to Health and Safety reasons we are unable to accept paper copies at this time.

ROAD SAFETY AND RESPECTFUL PARKING

Please would all families be reminded that the area close to school becomes very congested with traffic and the large volume of pupils at the start and end of each day. We received a report this week of a car mounting the kerb on St Anthony's Drive, almost injuring one of our pupils. Pupil safety for all drivers is paramount and safe driving is essential.

CAREERS INFORMATION

All information on careers can be found on our dedicated Careers page on the website, please follow the link <https://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/careers/students/>

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Cardinal Newman College

Saturday, 10 October 2020

Saturday, 14 November 2020

Saturday, 6 February 2021

<https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events/>

Apply <https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/apply/>

Preston's College

Wednesday 7, October 2020 (Virtual) 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 8, October 2020 (Virtual) 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Saturday 7, November 2020 10.00am - 2.00pm

Thursday 28, January 2021 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 24, March 2021 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Apply <https://www.preston.ac.uk/apply>

Myerscough College

Saturday, 10 October 9.45am - 12.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/myerscough-college-and-university-centre-course-advice-morning-preston-october-tickets-92213417815>

Apply <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/further-education/how-to-apply/>

Apprenticeships

Via Preston's College: <https://www.preston.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>

Self-Sourced: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/time-to-apply/>

Training 2000: <https://www.training2000.co.uk/our-courses/>

T-Levels

Search providers here: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/find>

andrew.heydeman@mploysolutions.co.uk -careers advisor

ane@olchs.lancs.sch.uk - Assistant Headteacher and Careers Lead

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/webchat/chat> (Free careers advice web chat 13+)

Delliot@preston.ac.uk - Preston's school link

L.corbelli@cardinalnewman.ac.uk - CNC school link

nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk - apprenticeship advice

Dates to remember

Friday, 23 October – School closes for half-term

Monday, 2 November – School opens

Friday, 18 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 4 January – School opens for the Spring Term

Friday, 12 February 2021 – School closes for half-term

Monday, 22 February INSET day school closed for all pupils

Tuesday, 23 February – school opens