



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 9 October 2020

## The theme for next week is CHOSEN (MATTHEW 22: 1 – 14)

'Invite everyone you can to the wedding'

God is a gracious host who welcomes everyone. Some are ready to go to the party in smart, clean clothes and others are not! They arrive in dirty clothes because they were busy doing other things. So how ready are we? St Paul perfectly describes the clothing that Matthew is referring to:

You are God's chosen race, His saints; He loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience... Over all these clothes ... put on love. (Col 3: 12 – 15)

**Lord, help us to open our hearts to see You in our lives.**

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

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

**Amen**

## FACE COVERINGS

Our advice is for all pupils to have two face masks with them whenever they are at school, one to wear and one spare in case the first one is lost or damaged. This will reduce any anxiety and help to solve a simple problem should it occur.

## DFE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Please follow the link below to see an information and guidance letter for parents issued by the Department for Education.

[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKDFE/2020/09/23/file\\_attachments/1553140/23rd%20September%20-%20PHE%20letter%20to%20parents%20and%20guardians.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKDFE/2020/09/23/file_attachments/1553140/23rd%20September%20-%20PHE%20letter%20to%20parents%20and%20guardians.pdf)

## WELLBEING RESOURCE KIT FOR PARENTS

As part of the Government's Wellbeing for Education Return we are encouraging parents to access the resources detailed below. Please see the link to the Every Mind Matters web based resource. This is aimed at parents, not only to help them to support their children and young people with wellbeing issues but also to help them seek guidance for themselves. It includes material on how to support children in their return to school and signs to look for in relation to their child's mental health and wellbeing, particularly in the context of Covid-19.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/>

## SHARE IT! (INGOL AND TANTERTON) FOODBANK

Our local SVP (St Vincent de Paul) group is working in partnership with Share IT! foodbank. Do you know of anyone in emergency need of food? Maybe someone recently registered for Universal Credit who is waiting for their first payment? The Share IT! foodbank is open on Tuesdays 10.00 am-11.00 am and 1.00 pm-2.00 pm, Wednesdays 2.00 pm-3.00 pm, Thursdays 10.00 am-11.00 am and Saturdays 10.00 am-11.00 am. The foodbank can be found at Holy Family Pastoral Centre, which is on the corner of Redcar Ave and Whitby Ave, PR2 3YP. Look for the green sign! For enquiries telephone 07545 277779. The foodbank operates using a referral system via Agencies, and as such OLCHS can issue vouchers to families who are in need. In cases of emergency people can self-refer to the foodbank without a voucher and will just be asked for a few details. In exceptional circumstances e.g. if a family is isolating and has no other source of help, via the SVP we can do a "knock and drop" service to deliver food and household basics. Any contact with the foodbank or the SVP will be in the strictest confidence.

## UNIFORM

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting the following uniform points:

- Girls may wear tights but only the black, opaque variety and not transparent
- As Autumn and Winter approach school coats must be suitable for the cooler weather
- Hoodies must not be worn to or from school
- Shoes should be, where possible, waterproof

## **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/>

### **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/>

Assembly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k219RRqj1gk&t=2s>

Apply

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

### **Preston's College**

Open Days

Saturday, 7 November 2020 10.00am - 2.00pm, Thursday, 28 January 2021 4.00pm - 7.00pm and Wednesday, 24

March 2021 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Gather information, see the facilities and experience taster sessions accompanied with detailed course information. <http://bit.ly/PCOpenEvent>

Apply

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

### **Myerscough College**

Open Days

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/>

### **T-Levels**

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

### **Useful Contacts**

[andrew.heydeman@mploysolutions.co.uk](mailto:andrew.heydeman@mploysolutions.co.uk) - careers advisor, [ane@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:Delliot@preston.ac.uk) - Preston's school link

[Ksmythe@cardinalnewman.ac.uk](mailto:Ksmythe@cardinalnewman.ac.uk) - CNC school link

[nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](mailto: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