



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 6 November 2020

The theme for next week is **Remembrance**.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. **(JOHN 15: 12-13)**

November is the month of Remembrance for all those who have gone before us. We especially remember those who have given their lives in service to others in conflicts around the world and at home. It seems only right to also remember those who have made huge sacrifices in their service to others, during this pandemic.

**Dear Lord**

**Look with love on all your people, living and departed.**

**Hold forever all who have suffered during times of conflict and crisis.**

**Let us also remember those who act with compassion, and who bravely risk their own lives for the sake of others each day. We pray that we can work together for a safe, restored, and peaceful world.**

**Amen**

## **PAST PUPIL – HUGH CARTHY**

Over the summer we were kept updated with how our ex-pupil, Hugh Carthy, was doing in his first Tour de France. He is now taking part in another of the three Grand Tours known as the Vuelta a Espana and has just secured his first stage win on stage 12 (there are 18 individual stages/days which take around 3 to 4 hours to complete). On Sunday he beat the whole field to win with a 16 second gap between him and the second place rider. He is currently in 3rd place overall and stands in a really good position to finish on the podium at the end of the event. We are extremely proud of Hugh and wish him the best of luck. If you want to keep up to date with how he is doing you can watch liver coverage and highlights on Eurosport (you can also probably find coverage online somewhere too, maybe the Eurosport youtube channel).

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

This year the British Legion is not able to provide us with paper poppies and, due to the risk of C19 contamination, we cannot accept cash donations for the appeal from Parents/Carers. Instead, we have set up a donation opportunity via Scopay, our online payment system, so that Parents/Carers can support the appeal by making a suggested donation of £1 if they wish (Please note that Scopay will show this as £1.05 due to the addition of an admin fee). To make a donation, the link is: [www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs](http://www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs) and you need to search for "Poppy Appeal 2020". Thank you for your kind support.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Next week we will be having a lost property event each day at lunchtime in the Arts' Theatre so that pupils can have a look for any lost items. All items will be on display for pupils to check.

- **Monday, 9 November - Year 7**
- **Tuesday 10, November - Year 8**
- **Wednesday, 11 November - Year 9**
- **Thursday, 12 November - Year 10**
- **Friday, 13 November - Year 11**

Pupils must only go on the date relevant to their Year Bubble. No mixing of bubbles is allowed. If items are not claimed, they will be recycled during the week commencing Monday, 16 November.

## **DATA COLLECTION SHEETS**

All pupils will be given a data collection sheet. It is important that we hold and maintain accurate details at least two emergency contacts for each pupil. Could parents/carers please check the information and amend accordingly. If the contact is not a family member, please make it clear how they are connected to the pupil. The pupil must also know who this person is. **Due to COVID- 19 we are asking you to only return the data collection sheet if you have amended/added details. If there are no changes, please do not return the form.**

## **BAE SYSTEMS APPRENTICESHIPS – UK VIRTUAL CAREER OPEN EVENTS**

To find out more about existing apprenticeship opportunities please register for one of the virtual career open events by following the link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/C7BCFR/>

### **Level 3 Business Administrator and Level 3 Supply Chain Practitioner**

16 November, 8 December, 27 January and 18 February – 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

### **Level 3 or 4 Technician and Level 3 Aircraft Maintenance**

17 November, 9 December, 28 January and 15 February - 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

You must register a place in order to attend the Career Open Events. The apprentice application window opens on 1 November 2020 until 28 February 2021. You can register your interest and apply online at:

[www.baesystems.com/apprenticeships](http://www.baesystems.com/apprenticeships)

## **WINTER PE KIT**

As we are approaching colder climates, please note the following additions have been made to the current PE kit. Pupils can wear the items listed below (following the guidelines) as of next week.

### **Girls**

- The addition of fitness leggings (currently used in dance/drama)
- These must be worn underneath the current skort
- Skins/compression tops may be worn underneath current PE tops
- These must be plain black with no large brands or logos and reach the ankle (leggings)
- Leggings without the skort will not be permitted
- Girls must continue to wear the current PE socks

### **Boys:**

- The addition of under armour/compression skins
- These must be worn underneath either the current shorts or OLCHE PE tops
- These must be plain black in colour with no large brands or logos and reach the ankle (bottom half)
- Boys must continue to wear the current PE socks

### **Mixed:**

- Black gloves allowed to be worn depending on activity (not practical for throwing/catching activities)

### **Dates to remember**

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

Friday, 26 March - School closes for Easter at 12.45 pm

Monday, 12 April - School opens for the Summer term