



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 30 April 2021

The theme for next week is Be like Christ. (John 15: 1 – 8)

I am the vine; you are the branches. John 15: 5

“Jesus is the vine, and through Him – like the sap in the tree – the very love of God, the Holy Spirit passes to the branches. We are the branches, and through this parable, Jesus wants to make us understand the importance of remaining close to Him. The branches are not self-sufficient, but depend totally on the vine, in which is found the source of life. So, it is with us”.

(Pope Francis)

Dear Lord

By grace we have been given Your Spirit so that we can receive Your love. From the vine that is Christ to us, the branches. A vine that can produce the loveliest of fruit.

Help us to stay close to You, that we may reflect that love and be the best version of ourselves.

Amen.

NSPCC NEW HELPLINE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR ABUSE IN EDUCATION

The NSPCC has launched a dedicated helpline for children and young people who have experienced sexual harassment or abuse at school, and for worried adults and professionals that need support and guidance. The helpline, Report Abuse in Education, launched on 1 April is run in conjunction with the Department for Education (DfE), who have commissioned this initiative. The bespoke helpline will provide appropriate support and advice to victims of abuse and harassment, and concerned adults, including onward action such as contacting the police if they wish to. Young people and adults can contact the NSPCC helpline, Report Abuse in Education on 0800 136 663 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

Further information can be found by visiting: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2021/sexual-abuse-victims-schools-helpline/>

CORRECT FOOTWEAR

We have noticed an increase in girls wearing unsuitable footwear in the warmer weather. An example is in the image below. As you can see this sandal type shoe gives no protection against the wet weather and little stability/protection when walking. We do not classify these as shoes as they do not have a completed sole, surrounding the foot. As a result, this type of footwear is not acceptable. We recognise that parents will need time to resolve such issues. Therefore, we have set a deadline of Monday, 10 May to correct such footwear. Thank you for your support.



MESSAGE FROM LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ON WATER SAFETY

As lockdown eases and the weather improves, we may be tempted to visit open water sites. However, Lancashire has some of the highest figures nationally for water casualties and we know that young people are particularly at risk. [click here](#) for information, including how to book on the Water Safety Sessions. The themes below are nationally recognised as key ones by the [National Fire Chiefs Council](#) through its #BeWaterAware campaign and the main Water Safety organisations.

- The risks that exist when in and around open water.
- The consequences of entering open water, particularly in relation to 'cold water shock'.
- What to do if someone needs help.
- How open water can be enjoyed more safely.

OLCHS DRAMA CLUBS SCHEDULE		
DAY	LUNCH 1.40-2.00	AFTER SCHOOL 3.30-4.30
MONDAY	YEAR 10- FAME (SELECT SCENES- SEE SCHEDULE)	YEAR 7- OLIVER- FULL CAST
TUESDAY	NO REHEARSALS/CLUBS	
WEDNESDAY	YEAR 9- WIZARD OF OZ- FULL CAST	YEAR 10- FAME (SELECT SCENES- SEE SCHEDULE)
THURSDAY	YEAR 10- FAME (SELECT SCENES- SEE SCHEDULE)	YEAR 8- SCHOOL OF ROCK- FULL CAST
FRIDAY	YEAR 10- FAME (SELECT SCENES- SEE SCHEDULE)	NO REHEARSALS/CLUBS

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large quantity of lost property at the moment, including PE kits, winter coats and shoes. These items have been left unclaimed in the lost property room for a number of weeks. Parents may wish to come and look for missing items, we ask that you telephone reception beforehand and make an appointment. Items will be stored for a month and if they are not claimed after that time, they will be sent to local charity shops or for recycling

MICHAEL COLLINS

We have heard about the passing of Michael Collins, one of the astronauts from the Apollo moon landing mission. Miss Holmes admires him greatly as the one member of the mission who did not set foot on the moon. He saw the mission and his contribution to exploration as the most important thing, coming far above recognition and fame. Click the link to find out more about him <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-56921562>

NEWTONIAN FLUIDS

This week's practical from home is investigating non-Newtonian fluids. These are fluids that don't follow the rules that we expect. Try making one and see what happens, what are the properties of a Newtonian fluid.

SCHOOL LEAVER OPPORTUNITY – AZETS ACCOUNTANCY, PRESTON

Azets Accountancy company currently has a vacancy for an Apprentice at their Preston Office. The role will involve assisting with the preparation of annual statutory accounts, maintaining record keeping for clients and also assisting colleagues with obtaining information for the completion of tax and VAT returns. In addition to providing support to clients from an accounting perspective, the Apprentice will also communicate with HMRC and really gain a full insight into the world of accounts. In terms of qualifications, the Apprentice will be enrolled on the AAT course (Association of Accounting Technicians), which will provide the key building blocks for their future. Full study support will be provided including paid study leave, mentorship and coaching on the journey onto ACA/ACCA and to becoming a qualified accountant in the future. Interested pupils should send a CV to julie.flintoff@azets.co.uk

Dates to remember

Monday, 3 May – May Day school closed
Friday, 28 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm
Monday, 7 June – School opens
Friday, 16 July – School closes for summer at 12.45 pm
Thursday, 2 September – Year 7 and 11 pupils return to school
Friday, 3 September – all pupils return to school