



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 9 July 2021

## **Our theme next week is Mission (Mark 6: 7 – 13)**

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist. (Ephesians 6:14)

Every time we stand up for someone who is being treated unfairly, we risk being ridiculed. The disciples themselves risked being rejected when they set out to preach the Good News of Jesus. However, Jesus told them not to worry. To persevere and if rejected, to shake the dust off their sandals and move on. When standing up against injustice, our actions and words are tested, we are tested. This is mission territory. Stay strong and know that when you practice Gospel values, you have God on your side.

Renew my strength, Lord.

Fill me with Your power to overcome each obstacle in my path.

With my eyes on You, Lord, with You walking beside me, I can make it.

Thank you, Lord.

Amen

## **JJ EFFECT**

On Friday, 2 July and Wednesday, 7 July all pupils were given a presentation called 'The JJ effect'. The presentation was a powerful and at times graphic reminder of the danger of knife crime, the importance of choosing your friends wisely and the need to say no. The talk lasted nearly two hours and pupils were given the opportunity to ask questions and talk afterwards about what they had learned. Please talk to your child about the presentation and email Mrs Howard with any comments, positive or negative at [eho@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:eho@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)

The presentation forms part of a wider educational awareness raising programme which will continue next year focusing on 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'.

## **COVID INFORMATION**

On Wednesday, 21 July there will be a mobile testing site on St Anthony's car park offering residents a PCR test and encouraging them and reminding them to take regular lateral flow tests. This is particularly important as restrictions will be lifted and families will be mixing more over the summer. Testing is for those WITHOUT symptoms. The testing site will be open from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm.

## **LOCKERS**

All pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 are required to remove the locks from their existing lockers by Wednesday, 14 July at the very latest. The locks should be taken home and kept safe ready for September when new lockers will be allocated. Any locks which are not removed will be cut off and pupils will need to buy a new lock at the cost of £1.50. If current Year 7 pupils wish to hire a locker from September parents need to pay £16 on Scopay for the 4-year rental.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Again, we have accumulated a large quantity of lost property, 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 until the end of term and if they are not claimed after this time, they will be sent to local charity shops or for recycling.

### **Dates to remember**

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

Friday, 8 October – INSET day

Friday, 22 October – School closes for half-term

Thursday, 16 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm