



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 24 September 2021

## The theme for next week is Humility (MARK 9:38-42)

'Anyone who is not against us is for us'.

Today's Gospel is a reminder that we should remain humble, and we should not make a judgement on others – especially if they are trying to do the right thing! Sometimes we can think that we are better or even more important than others. This isn't true. God puts His hope in all of us, not just a chosen few. For the most part, we are all doing the best we can! Let us join with God in recognising the goodness in others.

Dear Lord

Teach us humility.

Let us not judge others in their actions, especially when they are trying to do the right thing.

Let us remember that we are all children of God.

Amen

## ART AND FASHION SATURDAY CLUBS AT UCLAN

At the University of Central Lancashire, there are two Saturday Clubs, one in Art and Design and the other in Fashion and Business. Both run a year of exciting and engaging creative workshops exploring various art, design, fashion and textiles processes. The clubs are exclusively for teenagers aged 13 to 16. Membership is free and there are limited places available each year. If your child is studying Art or Textiles GCSE or wants to as part of their option choices, then this may be of interest to them. Lots of our past and current pupils attend and the work they produce is terrific and can be used to support their GCSE work. For more information, please follow the link <https://www.uclan.ac.uk/events/saturday-club>

## PUPIL ATTENDANCE REMINDER

School has a legal requirement to record accurate attendance information. It is vitally important therefore that when a pupil is absent from school parents/carers **contact school each day of their child's absence**. The attendance line is 01772-326914 or email [cbo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:cbo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) The only exception is for Covid and there must be evidence of a positive test provided. If no contact is received, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and this may subsequently affect pupils' opportunity to take part in rewards trips. Pupils may wake up feeling a little bit under the weather on occasion but often they feel better as the day goes on. We would encourage the pupil to attend school where we would keep an eye on them and contact parents if needed.

## ROAD SAFETY

On Wednesday, 15 September Year 7 pupils took part in a live and interactive Road Safety Awareness Workshop, provided by Performance in Education and Lancashire County Council. Pupils watched an exciting drama about 3 high school pupils and were then tasked with spotting the near misses and involved in a discussion around road safety. Pupil feedback was extremely positive, and pupils felt that they very much needed a refresher on how to stay safe when walking or cycling to or from school. It was a great event, and we hope that pupils take away some very important road safety messages and feel much more alert when travelling to and from school.

## FOTBALL NEWS

### Year 10

The Year 10 team played their first competitive inter-school football match since February 2020 against Archbishop Temple on Monday, 20 September. The team of 15 players were eager to get their new school season underway with a win and got off to a great start when Toby Atherton scored from a neat finish on the edge of the penalty area after being assisted by Harry Hargreaves. However, the opposition rallied and led by their talented captain,

scored their own well taken goal after outwitting our defence with a quick turn and strike from the edge of the area. The second half saw Our Lady's push forwards with attack after attack, but the opposition goalkeeper was not stretched enough as he found the strikes from the Our Lady's midfield either off target or straight towards his safe hands. Finally, Toby Atherton latched onto a diagonal pass from midfield that deceived the off-side trap and neatly took control to then hit the bottom corner of the goal to give Our Lady's a 2-1 lead. However, the lead slipped away in the final 5 minutes when a mishit shot from a corner bounced in off the post to give Archbishop Temple a very fortunate 2-2 draw. The team seemed a little disappointed not to get the result they came for, but they all enjoyed the camaraderie of playing together and representing Our Lady's once again after such a long wait.

### **Year 11**

What a feeling it was to return to competitive sport. The Year 11 football team travelled to Archbishop Temple School on Monday 20th September. To no surprise, both teams were disorganised and couldn't settle on the ball. It was crying out for a moment of quality and composure to break the deadlock. After fifteen minutes, Tiarnán Hayes chested down a through ball and slotted the ball in the corner. 1-0 Our Lady's. This was shortly added to, in similar fashion, by Ethan Fox with another controlled finish from the left. A third was then added by Jack Dickinson following the brilliant vision of Isaac Chew. Ubaid Hansrod made it 4-0 just before the break, capitalising on a mistake made by the opposition goalkeeper. The second half continued in the same vein. More direct football was required due to the conditions of the pitch. The team responded to feedback and were more efficient with the ball. More chances were created, some missed, some converted but their efforts never faltered and their desire to keep a clean sheet was admirable. Ethan Dalton intelligently read the game throughout; goalkeeper Malachy McGuire thoroughly commanded his box and made a couple of fantastic saves. The game finished 8-0 to Our Lady's. Well done to all involved.

### **SCIENCE IN THE NEWS**

This week there has been a lot in the news about carbon dioxide but instead of it being about its contribution to global warming we are worried about shortages of food grade carbon dioxide needed. Find out more about the problem and what it is used for below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-58626935>

Find out about Nasa's plan to send a robotic rover to look for water-ice near a crater at the Moon's South Pole.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58608295>

### **SCIENCE PODCASTS**

This week's podcast is with the inventor of microsatellites Prof Martin Sweeting. Find out about his career and the impact of his invention on us today.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000v7pb>

### **EXPERIMENTS FROM HOME**

Test the Archimedes Principle by making a cardboard boat. Can you make the weight of the water displaced by the boat balance the weight of the boat so that it floats?

### **CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY**

We are celebrating CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day on **Friday, 1 October** by joining CAFOD's **GO GREEN** campaign to help build a brighter world. World leaders are meeting in Glasgow this November for a crucial meeting about the climate crisis and the future of our planet and its people. We are fundraising to support communities around the world who are protecting the planet. We want to show our **love** and **generosity** by supporting people around the world working to protect God's creation, and to help the poorest people adapt to climate change. Here are a few things which we can do at Our Lady's:

- Pupils and staff make a **donation** of at least £1 to wear **one item of green clothing** on Friday, 1 October as a sign of our compassion for all people in the world
- **Pray** for our brothers and sisters around the world



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- Donate to CAFOD (using scopay on our school website). For example, £8 gives a family five tree saplings to grow fruit to eat and sell
- Add your voice to [CAFOD's petition](#) calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis

## How our fundraising will help

Our fundraising will support people like Luana who lives in the Brazilian Amazon. When fires destroyed the crops and trees that Luana's community rely on to survive, CAFOD's local experts helped them to replant using sustainable methods so that they would have food to eat and to sell.

We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money for Go Green, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world, inspiring our pupils to become active global citizens and living out our school mission. We really appreciate your generous support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.



### Dates to remember

Thursday, 7 October – Open Evening, school closes for pupils at 12.45 pm

Friday, 8 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils

Friday, 22 October – School closes for half-term

Monday, 1 November – School opens

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

Wednesday, 5 January – School opens for the Spring Term