



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 26 November 2021

The Theme for next week is Advent. (Mark 13:35)

“Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.”

Stay awake!

The start of Advent is about eagerly awaiting the Lord's return at the end of time. It's about staying awake and getting our hearts ready for Jesus. We can become sleepy as we await Jesus' return, or we can stay awake, always ready to serve. So, what are you waiting for?

Lord, wake us up!

**Help us to serve you in our sisters and brothers,
so that we are ready for your return.**

Amen

(Reflections from CAFOD 2021)

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday, 8 December and is only available by pre-booking. Details will follow via Schoolcoms on how to book and pay. A main meal and a drink is £2.80 or to include sweet £3.50.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

We have been asked to make all families aware of the Household Support Fund and make them aware that application process is now open and runs until 31 March 2022. The fund is to assist residents of the Preston who do not have enough resources to meet their immediate short-term needs and require assistance with essential items over the winter period. Full details are attached with this Newsletter.

BEBRAS COMPUTER SCIENCE CHALLENGE 2021

Well done to all of the pupils who took part in the international Bebras Computer Science Challenge. Over 300,000 students took part this year. This is a record for the UK. Well done to everyone who took part! Certificates and prizes are being organised and will be with pupils soon.

NEXT COMPUTING CHALLENGE

Students are now being given the opportunity to join in with the world's largest coding competition for students! There are 20 challenges to complete in the competition. The competition runs from 1-12 December. This competition is open to all students. Prizes and certificates available to all those who compete. Pupils should speak to Mrs Sewell to get registered. Good luck.

YEAR 7 CAKE SALE

Thank you to all families who contributed to the Year 7 cake sale either by sending in cakes or buying them. We have raised a fantastic £262 so far with donations still coming in. All money raised will go to the Salvation Army Christmas appeal.

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

On Friday, 28 January our Careers Fair will take place. In previous years we have had a wide variety of information available to our pupils and are looking to replicate this. We are particularly interested in support from any companies within Lancashire. If you think you could lend assistance or know anyone who can please contact cbo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

In addition to this, Year 11 Mock Interviews will take place on Tuesday, 1 February from 3.00 pm until 5.30 pm. We are looking for volunteers to carry out interviews with our pupils to provide them with the experience of a business interview and any potential questions they may encounter. Again, please contact cbo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk if you are able to help.

FOOTBALL NEWS

The Year 7 Football team are continuing to build on their successful start to the season after an unbeaten second round of games in the Preston Schools League competition. The A team won all three of their games, scoring 7 goals and conceding 0. The B team won two of their three games, drawing the other against a strong Ashton A team, scoring 3 goals and only conceding 1 all afternoon with Ethan Downing the player of the evening scoring all 3 of the B team goals this week. With one final week of games to be played, both A and B teams are in excellent positions to come top of their respective leagues, giving them a great chance of reaching the finals week on Wednesday 1st December where they could be crowned Preston League winners! Good luck to both teams for their final round of games.

RUGBY NEWS

The Year 9 rugby team made a fantastic return to the sport after a prolonged absence due to the COVID pandemic. They comprehensively beat both Ashton CSC and Archbishop Temple in the first round of games held at Preston Grasshoppers RUFC on Monday, 22 November. The team demonstrated excellent levels of physical fitness in both attack and defence by scoring 10 tries overall and conceding 0. Try scorers included Hector Draper, Henry Latham, Liam Swarbrick, Tommy Turner, William Russell and Bobby Messent. All those representing were excellent ambassadors for the school and we look forward to seeing them play together again in the near future.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING – AFTERNOON TEA INFORMATION EVENT

- Do you have (or are soon to be awarded) a degree?
- Are you interested in training for a career as a secondary school teacher? (Secondary PGCE with QTS, 11-16 yrs)

If you can answer yes to both of these questions then the Catholic Teaching Alliance invites you to attend a free, no obligation, information event in the Training Centre at Our Lady's Catholic High School.

Date: Tuesday 7 December

Time: 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Venue: The Training Centre at Our Lady's

If you are interested, we would encourage you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting opportunities available for teacher training in your local Catholic secondary schools. Please contact our Secondary Programme Lead, Mr Adrian Gormally on CTAschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 326931 to book your place.

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - VACANCY

St Anthony's are currently advertising for a new School Business Manager, please see the ink below. If any family know of anyone that would be interested in the position, Mrs Ballard Head Teacher of St Anthony's would be happy to chat to them. If more information is required please call 01772 726621.

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=57438

Dates to remember

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

Wednesday, 5 January – School opens for the Spring Term

Friday, 11 February – School closes for half-term

Tuesday, 22 February – School opens

Thursday, 28 April – Year 7 Normandy Trip