



Our Lady's Catholic High School



Friday, 16 September 2022

The theme for next week is Trust. (Luke 16: 10 -13)

You cannot be the slave of both God and money.

We are bombarded with false promises of happiness. We all know the impact of social media on our lives, for example. We might believe that having material things or even looking a certain way will make us happy. We all do it! When we put God first by following the example of Jesus in our own lives; by showing compassion and generosity in any way that we can; it's an absolute promise – you will find real joy.

Let us pray

Lord, teach us to value what is truly important. Teach us to love. Give us the strength and courage to place our trust in you, knowing that you will take care of our every need.

Amen.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Lord God, we give thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth,
for the faith which shaped her life and the commitment with which she served others.
May her example continue to inspire all us all
to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others.

We pray that you will be close to all who mourn today,
bringing strength and peace by the power of your Holy Spirit.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen**

DUKE OF EDINBURGH – BRONZE EXPEDITION

This weekend saw the return of our Duke of Edinburgh assessment programme after a two-year break due to COVID. Fifty students supported by 15 members of Our Lady's staff travelled to the Beacon Fell area to complete their two-day assessment. Over the course of the weekend each group of students walked over 25 kilometres carrying all the kit they would need for the weekend. Once at camp they set up tents and made themselves tea on Trangia stoves. The students were outstanding throughout, and the weekend saw them not only develop their navigational skills but also their teamwork, communication and resilience. We are really proud of our students and look forward to presenting them with their Awards once they have completed their skill, physical and volunteering sections. To find out more about the Duke of Edinburgh award please visit <https://www.dofe.org/>

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Full Governing Body. Attached with this Newsletter are details of the process and what to do if you wish to put yourself forward for election.

OPEN EVENING

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Thursday, 6 October and school will close at 12.45 pm on that day to allow for preparations. Pupils who attend on the evening must be in full school uniform and have signed parental permission, letters will be sent home in due course. The following day Friday, 7 October is an INSET day and pupils will remain at home.

ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2023

The process of applying for high school places for September 2023 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online by following the link below or via the link on the school website.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2022**.

In addition to the Lancashire application process, we ask that a Supplementary Information Form is completed if you wish to be considered on faith grounds. The online form is available for completion on the school website www.olchs.lancls.sch.uk on the admissions page. To provide a baptismal certificate or faith reference please email ptt@olchs.lancls.sch.uk. We no longer accept paper copies of the Supplementary Form.

Dates to remember

Monday, 19 September – School closed for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Friday, 23 September – Year 7 Mass of welcome

Thursday, 6 October - Open Evening – 6.00 pm until 8.30 pm

Friday, 7 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils

Friday, 21 October – school closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Saturday, 22 October - Berlin Trip

Monday, 31 October – school opens

Friday, 16 December – school closes for Christmas

Wednesday, 4 January – school opens

Thursday, 9 February - Paris Trip

Friday, 10 February – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 21 February – school opens