



Our Lady's Catholic High School



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We prepare for the 3rd week of Lent (Luke 13:1-9)

'Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

Jesus told this parable: A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

As we journey through Lent, today's Gospel reminds us of the importance of repentance. Jesus calls us to reflect on our lives, turning away from sin and seeking God's grace. Like the fig tree, we are given a chance to bear fruit through our words and actions. The season of Lent invites us to strengthen our faith by doing good works, rooted in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Let us not waste this opportunity to renew our commitment to God.

Dear Lord, during this Lenten season, help us to repent and turn back to you. Grant us the grace to grow in faith and bear fruit in our lives. May we embrace your mercy, share your love, and seek your forgiveness.

Amen.

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 8: Penny Robinson - active and curious

Year 9: Chantelle Caton - compassionate and loving

Year 10: Isla Waddington, Libby Pearson - faith-filled and hopeful

Year 11: Harley Midgley - intentional and prophetic



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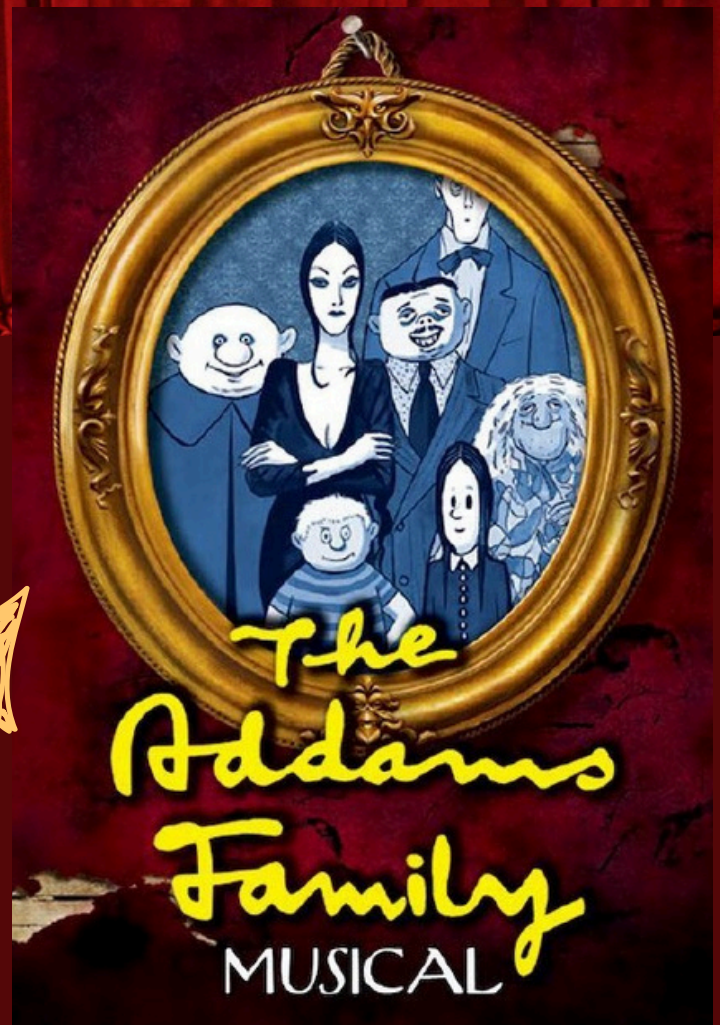
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SHOWTIME

OLCHS School Show announced !!

Please click here for
the Audition Pack



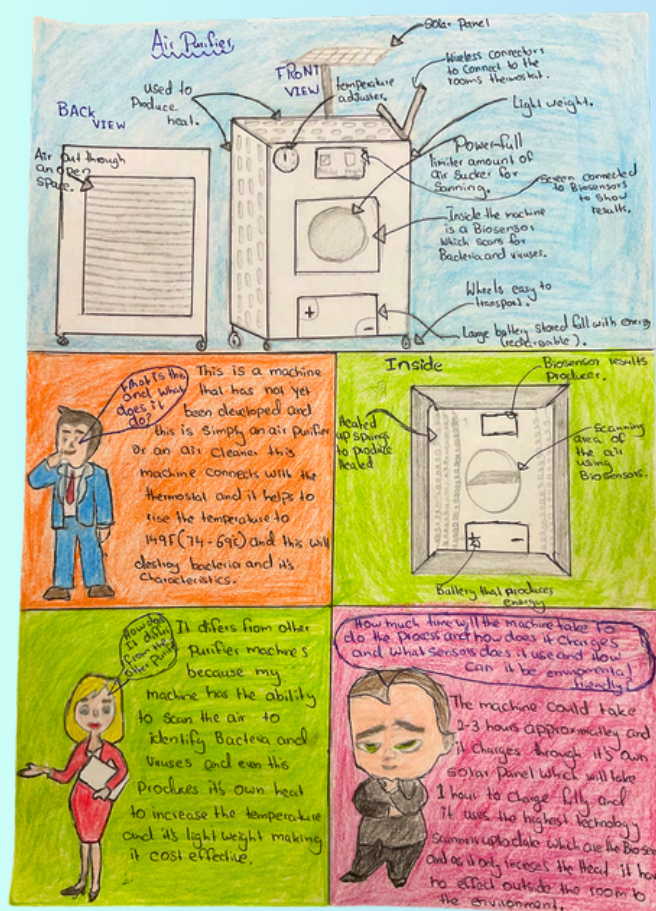
Auditions 31st March | Cast reveal 3rd April | Full cast
read through 7th & 11th April

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Last week the Science department was very busy with **Science Week**.

There were lots of competitions and activities going on.

A big well done to all those who took part and congratulations to the winners.



Form Quiz

Displaying a great rounded knowledge of science, the form quiz was won by Mr Taylor's form 10R who led by 3 points.

The runners up are:

- 7A Mr Davidson's form
- 8A Mr Porter's form
- 9U Ms Jordan's form
- 11R Mrs Fleming's form



POSTER COMPETITION

The poster competition had lots of excellent entries and it was hard to choose the winner.

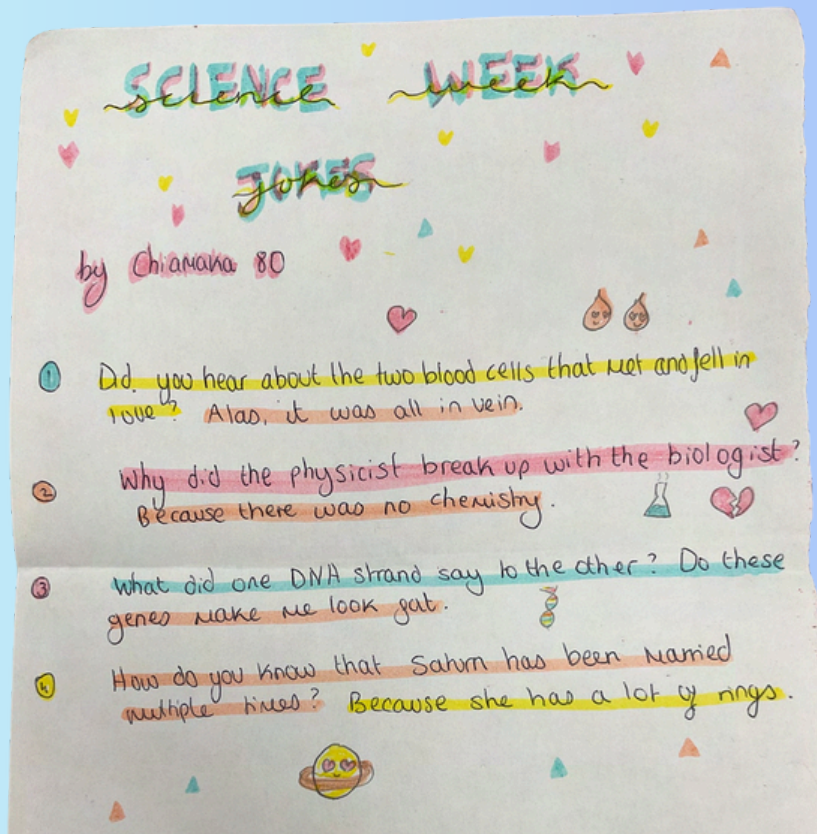
However, the prize for the best one goes to Rometh S in Year 9.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2025

Best Joke

The Science department enjoyed the numerous entries for the **Science Week Joke** and this provided much entertainment.

The best Joke goes to Chiamaka E Year 8.



Scavenger Hunt

The Scavenger Hunt was also enjoyed by pupils and staff, and we had lots of entries. So many that we have had to do a random draw. The prize winners are:

Ethan	Theo
Lewis	Hannah
Arvin	Annette
Scott	Ajit
Theo	



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Zoo Visit

We also took 132 Year 8 pupils to the zoo. OLCHS pupils had the pleasure of a talk from the zoo keepers about animal adaptations and had the opportunity to look at animal artefacts. We then spent the rest of the day looking for adaptations among the other animals. The day was enjoyed by all.



PSHE

Topics covered this week in PSHE.



This week saw the third of our drop-down days for PSHE. Pupils were engaging and mature throughout the day, experiencing different topics that form part of our wider curriculum in school.

Year 7- Relationships including showing respect, equality and diversity.

Year 8- Being Healthy, focusing on the effect's drugs can have on the body.

Year 9- Relationships looking at family dynamics.

Year 10- Online safety focusing on how to keep safe.

Year 11- Relationships including how to be safe.

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Year 8 **The Entrepreneur Competition**

All Year 8 pupils will be taking part in **The Entrepreneur** enterprise competition which will be launched in their Design & Technology lessons next week.

Pupils will be working in groups of three and will be given a £10 loan by OLCBS (repayable on 9th May - Forms O, U & R and 6th May - Forms L, A & D).

They must run enterprising activities - the Easter holidays will be good for this! - which will allow them to make as much profit from their loan as possible. All profit is to be kept and equally distributed within the groups.

Each group will make a short presentation (including photographic evidence) to their class about their activities and a winning team from each class will be selected.

The following rules must be adhered to:

- Pupils are not allowed to do the lottery or play the lottery.
- Pupils must not sell goods within school time under any circumstances. This includes selling sweets on the quad or yard at break or lunch.
- Pupils should refrain from cake sales and car washes, trying to be more creative with their ideas.
- All groups will be expected to pay the £10 loan back in full.
- The work that pupils do in their groups must be divided up equally between all three members. **Profit must be shared out equally at the end of the activity.**
- Groups **MUST** provide photographic evidence of their activity.

UNIFORM PLEA

We would be very grateful for donations of items of good quality OLCBS school uniform that you no longer need, especially Boys & Girls Trousers. Please leave clothing donations in reception.
Thank you so much.

Information



....to read



A mobile phone app to help young people access support around:

- mental health
- involvement in crime
- relationship advice

has been created following feedback from Lancashire's young people.

Click Here

USEFUL RESOURCES

What's On Guide

Community Support Information

March Online Safety Newsletter

SECONDARY YEAR 7+

GIRLS CAN PLAY RUGBY!

GARSTANG GIRLS' TOUCH RUGBY

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
THURSDAYS 7-8PM @ GARSTANG RUGBY CLUB
STARTS 3RD APRIL
FREE TO JOIN
TO REGISTER CONTACT SHARON 07936227857

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Exam Revision

Useful Revision Resources:

BBC Bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Seneca Learning

www.senecalearning.com

GCSE Pod

www.gcsepod.com

BUILD A BEE HOTEL!

11AM, SAT 22ND MARCH

Ages 5+ to Adults

Free to attend! Free biscuits!

No booking needed - just turn up



Build and decorate a Bee hotel to help the friendly solitary bees in your garden and park. Learn about the life cycle of the bee and how to help their numbers increase!

The Hub, Grange Park, Mitton Road, Ribbleson, Preston, PR2 6NE



2025 Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 26 March

Year 8 Cake Sale

Wednesday 26 March

Normandy Trip Parents' Meeting

Thursday 27 March

Year 10 Parents' Evening

**LIVE
School
Calendar**

SCHOOL TIMES

Arrive at school / Go to waiting areas	8.40- 8.45
Pupils go to Form rooms / Locker time	8.45- 8.55
Form Time	8.55-9.15
School finishes	3pm

Except Tuesdays (ONLY)

Pupils finish at 2.30pm

OLCHS SOCIAL MEDIA



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BASKETBALL

YEAR 7



The Year 7 Basketball team have reached the **Lancashire Finals Night** after a great win away at Armfield Academy in Blackpool on Friday. The boys showed tremendous skill and tactical knowledge to beat a very good team 26-14. Well done!

Sporting News

YEAR 8 & 9

The Year 8 and Year 9 basketball teams both won their Preston Schools' league matches against Archbishop Temple on Monday 17th March. The Year 8 team were victorious 21-16 with members of the team including Joshua T, Sam S, Chris G, Christian B, Byron C, Will C, Alfie W and Huey S. The game was close throughout, however Our Lady's dominated the control of the ball and moved up the court with speed. The points were shared among the team with new players playing for the first time.

The Year 9 game was much closer in score-line throughout, with Our Lady's trailing by 2 points until the final 5 minutes. Our fitness and skill then took over we began to dominate the remaining time, with Sam W and George D finding space and driving to the basket to seal the victory with a score line of 26-14 to Our Lady's. Other members of the squad included Oliver K, Zak K, Harry K, Jack F and Nataniel R.

BADMINTON



The U14 girls badminton team were back in action again on Monday in the second round of the Preston Schools' tournament. Last week saw the girls competing in singles matches. However, this week we were playing doubles against our opponents. All four teams made a positive start, demonstrating good tactical awareness in order to cover the court well, making it hard for our opponents to create attacking opportunities. We also implemented the drop shot and smash effectively into rally situations in order to put our opponents under pressure. Consequently, we accumulated numerous wins and only a small amount of losses. The final results are due to be sent out soon. Good luck to the U16 team who begin their competition next week!



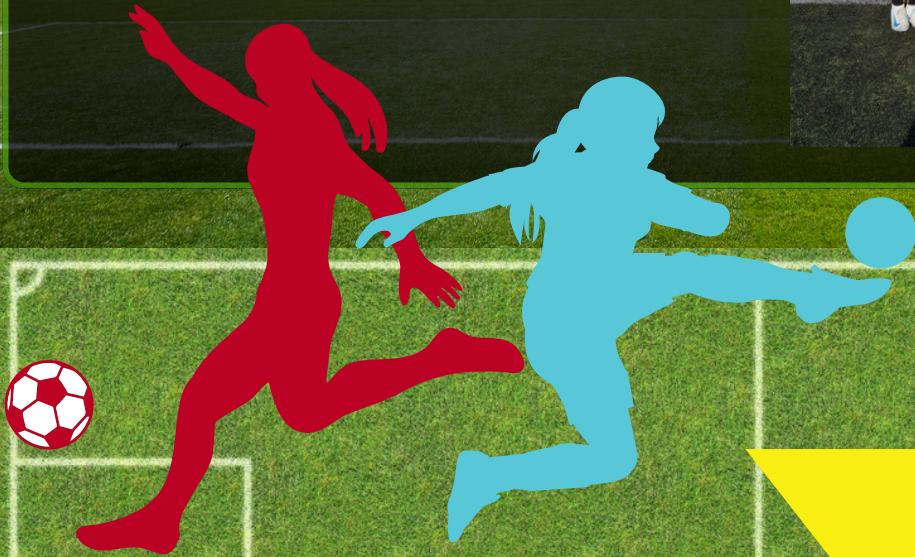
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Sporting News

Year 7 Girls Football

Lancashire Cup

Huge congratulations to the Year 7 girls football team who beat Darwen Vale 8-0 to progress into the next round of the Lancashire Cup.



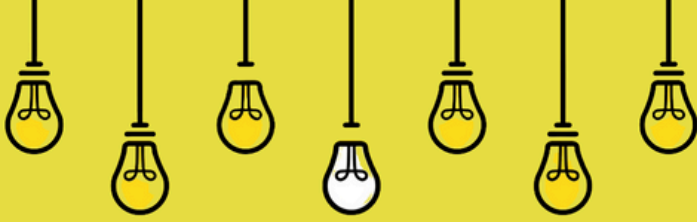
U16 Lancashire Cup

It was back to longer minibus drives, a little bit of poor singing, and lots of laughs, as the girls travelled to Colne on Thursday to play Alder Grange. We were a couple of players down due to injury but Our Lady's managed to secure a fantastic 5-0 win and progress to the next round of the Lancashire Cup. Goals from Heidi C and Karley R, and a special mention to Heidi C for her screamer of a goal from a free kick well outside the box.

On we march into the next round.



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Careers

CAREERS FAIR 2025



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This week we held our annual Careers Fair in school. It was a fantastic opportunity for OLCHS pupils from Year's 7 to 10 to engage with a variety of professionals from different colleges, organisations and businesses, and gain insights into future careers.



THANKYOU
to everyone
involved.



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You are invited to our...

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

STEM & T Level Showcase!

Wednesday **26th** March

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Tour our fantastic STEM Assured campus

Be inspired in your career by our STEM leaders

Get future ready by meeting with our STEM employers

Scan the QR code to register!

Begin your own **STEM** story with us!

Register today! runshaw.ac.uk/stem-showcase

A vibrant blue poster for a STEM & T Level Showcase event. The top features the Runshaw College logo and an invitation. A central banner displays the event title in bold red letters. Below this, the date and time are clearly marked. Three colored boxes (red, blue, and yellow) list the activities: a campus tour, inspiration from STEM leaders, and a meeting with employers. A QR code is provided for registration, with a circular callout above it. The bottom of the poster includes a registration link and a large, stylized 'CLICK HERE' button with a mouse cursor pointing at it. The background is decorated with various STEM-related icons like a lightbulb, a target, a DNA helix, and mathematical symbols.

**CLICK
HERE**