



Our Lady's Catholic High School



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For the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis.
(The 3rd Week of Eastertide).



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life and ministry of our beloved Pope Francis. May his soul find eternal rest in your loving embrace.

Grant him peace and may his legacy of compassion and faith continue to inspire the world.

Amen.

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Rowan Hawkins - curious and active

Year 8: Elliot Asafo - compassionate and loving

Year 9: Megan Iddon - compassionate and loving

Year 10: Karley Roscoe - grateful and generous

Year 11: Katie Davies - curious and active



Being One of Ours

Year 8 The Entrepreneur Competition



IMPORTANT

- Forms O, U & R need to repay their £10 loans and present their ideas on Friday 9 May.
- Forms L, A & D need to repay their £10 loans and present their ideas on Thursday 8 May.



This week, our Year 9 students have been busy preparing for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition.

They have been practicing essential outdoor skills, including putting up tents and safely using Trangia stoves, ready for their expeditions taking place after half term.

It's been fantastic to see their teamwork and enthusiasm as they get expedition-ready!

Year 7 Students Step Up for Charity



Ronald McDonald
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Twelve of our fantastic Year 7 students have shown true compassion and determination by completing a 5km sponsored walk to raise money for Ronald McDonald House at Alder Hey Hospital.

The students took on the challenge to support families of seriously ill children, raising an impressive **£137.50** through sponsorship from friends and family.

Ronald McDonald House provides free accommodation and support for families with children receiving treatment at the hospital, helping them stay close to their loved ones during difficult times.

We are incredibly proud of the students for their kindness, commitment, and community spirit. A huge well done and thank you to everyone who donated.

SCIENCE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

If you can tell your science teacher the answers to the questions you can earn a point.

Science In The News

This week's **Science In The News** looks at space tourism and whether we are alone in the universe.

Read the article about the all-female space crew who have just returned to Earth, then answer the following questions.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg8e5ggq8lj0>

Question 1: Which famous pop star was on board?

Question 2: What is the Karman line?

Read the article about the search for life on other planets and then answer the following questions:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c39jj9vkr34o>

Question 3: What is the name of the molecules that scientists think are indicators of life on K2-18b?

Question 4: What sigma level does evidence have to be for a discovery to be accepted by scientists?

Home Research

Do your own research on the James Webb telescope and then answer the following question

Question 5: Who was James Webb?

PE DEPARTMENT - NEW PE KIT LAUNCH



Our Lady's Catholic High School PE Department have teamed up with Official Kit, Part of the Total Insignia Group as our sole PE uniform supplier as of September 2025.

From the start of the next academic year, we will be bringing in a totally new PE uniform which will be more suitable to the modern day PE student, **better value for money** and exactly the same for both genders. The new kit will be Joma branded which offers superb performance quality for sporting activities at a fraction of the cost of the current PE kit.

Our new suppliers, Official Kit, are a well established sports and school kit provider based in Blackburn and have partnerships with a number of local high schools already, as well as providing kit and equipment across professional sport working with the likes of Preston North End, Burnley FC, and the Ryder Cup. Orders will be **placed online** and shipped out to your home address making purchasing and replacing items of kit quicker and more convenient for our parents.

The new kit will consist of **three compulsory items**: Burgundy (badged) crew neck t-shirt, black shorts and black socks.

These items will need to be brought to all PE lessons across the year but there will also be additional, optional, items which you may wish to purchase for outdoor lessons across the winter months. These are a burgundy (badged) 1/4 zip jumper, a badged, black waterproof jacket and plain black, Joma tracksuit bottoms.

The new PE uniform will be **compulsory for all new Year 7 pupils** joining us in September 2025 however, pupils from other years will have the **option** to purchase and wear the new kit from September if they wish. Please be aware that the new PE kit will be compulsory for **All** students from **September 2026**.

Should you need to replace a PE kit in the final term, please do NOT feel you have to commit to buying the current PE uniform which will soon be discontinued. Please encourage your son/daughter to speak with their PE teacher who will be able to source some good quality items which can be used until the end of the academic year.

More information and confirmation of the webshop going live will be sent home via Synergy and published in the school letter in the coming months.

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USEFUL RESOURCES

May Online Safety Newsletter

Community Support Information

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Lancashire Science Festival

Free Family Fun at the Lancashire Science Festival - 17th May!

Looking for a fun (and totally free!) day out with the kids? Don't miss the Lancashire Science Festival on Friday 17th May at UCLan in Preston. It's the perfect way to get hands-on with science, spark curiosity, and enjoy a brilliant day of discovery together.

There's loads to see and do - from explosive live science shows and VR experiences, to amazing animals, robot demos, and all kinds of experiments.

It's all about making science fun, exciting and accessible for everyone - and it's completely free. Just make sure you book in advance



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2025 Dates for your Diary

Monday 5 May

School closed for May Day

Tuesday 6 May

Pupils back to school

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



PRESTON SCHOOLS' FINAL

On Monday the Year 7 Girls participated in the Preston Schools' Final at Deepdale. Their opponents were Broughton. It was a wonderful occasion and a great experience for the girls to play at their local teams' ground. It was a very warm night so we had all the windows on the minibus open as we sang Justin Bieber (our pre-game match tradition that we just now have to do!) at the tops of our voices down Garstang Road. Once we arrived it was quickly into the changing rooms and on to the pitch to warm up. We then went back in the tunnel to walk out as a team. One of our feeder primary schools, Our Lady and St Edwards, were in the primary final so it was lovely for the girls to say hello to past teachers and say good luck.

OLCHS scored very early on. This helped to settle nerves and allow the girls to play some lovely football. At half time we were in the lead and felt comfortable with some tactical changes and substitutions.

The final score was 4-1 to Our Lady's. A huge well done to Coco for being awarded ***Player of the Match*** by the sponsor.

It didn't stop there for the Year 7 girls as on Tuesday we travelled to Ormskirk to play St Bedes in the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup. It was a very warm afternoon and it was decided by both teachers that water breaks were essential. We started the game well and scored within the first few minutes. The goals then just didn't stop and were coming literally left right and centre. The St Bedes keeper was outstanding and it could have easily been a higher scoring game. Final score was 10-2 to Our Lady's. Double hattrick from Coco, then goals from Bella F, Rio A, Fearne B and Charlotte B. The final is on the 22nd May at Darwen FC, 5pm KO.

Mrs Lin is so proud of you.



U16 GIRLS DEEPPDALE FINAL

On the same night as the Year 7 girls, the U16 team took to the pitch at Deepdale against Broughton. These two teams have a history and regularly cross paths. It is always very difficult to split them. We knew we were in for a tough game, we had a few players missing in action due to injury and we know our opponents' style of play so well.

Broughton's defence was absolutely solid. Broughton scored first with a goal that bobbed in. It was very difficult for us to create chances due to the strength of Broughton's defence.

We made some tactical changes and agreed to challenge the keeper at every opportunity. This paid off and we found the back of the net through OLCBS Captain, Heidi C.

The game finished 1-1 and once again we share the cup with Broughton. Mrs Lin would like to say a huge thank you to the Year 11 girls who have represented OLCBS since Y7 and leave for their next journey very soon. We have made the most wonderful memories including being crowned Lancashire Champions last year. It has been an absolute pleasure



PRESTON SCHOOLS' CUP

The Year 7 boys football team were one of three teams playing on the hallowed turf of Preston North End's Deepdale Stadium on Monday evening in the final of the Preston Schools' Cup.

Their opponents were a very strong St Cecelia's who were gunning for revenge after losing on penalties when the two met in the 7-a-side football final earlier in the year.

As expected, the game got off to a very quick and competitive start with both teams sharing attacks on goal but both failing to beat the goalkeeper and find the back of the net. Fifteen minutes on the clock, a strong St Cecelia's challenge resulted in a free kick on the edge of the box. There was a quick meeting of players to decide who would take the free kick with Cai D placing the ball and preparing the set piece.

The stadium fell (almost) silent as Cai approached the ball and looped the ball high in the air - high and curling, the ball was making its way on target - looping over the reach of the goalkeeper's hand and nestling into the top corner of the goal. 1-0!

The remainder of the game followed the competitive start and both teams battled knowing the next goal would be pivotal. The goalkeepers of both teams were on their finest form with saves being pulled off left right and centre. Our Lady's, though looking fairly comfortable, were ready for the final whistle at any moment so they could celebrate the victory. One kick out of the goalkeeper's hand and the game was over. Our Lady's Year 7 boys are the proud winners and custodians of the Mick Baxter Trophy for 2024-25 season and claim the domestic double!



YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL

On Tuesday evening, the Year 9 football team were playing against Ashton Community Science College for the William Dawson Cup. Both teams had been successful in their semi-final game with Our Lady's beating Archbishop Temple on penalties to advance. The final against Ashton started promisingly, with Our Lady's creating chances right from the start. Lots of pressure going forward using the pace of the wingers and excellent tackling in defence to prevent our opponents from getting many shots on target. The Our Lady's midfield was able to win back possession and on occasions would thread the ball through for our attackers to chase and create opportunities in front of goal. However, the Ashton goalkeeper was quick to pounce on any loose balls to stop us from scoring. Ashton took the lead and soon scored another to make it 2-0 at half time. Our Lady's continued to press for a goal in the second half, with free kicks, strikes from distance and multiple corners. However, the Ashton defence stood strong and we could not quite find the back of the net. With Our Lady's going all out for a goal, Ashton caught us out and scored a third to make it really hard to come back from.

The final score finishing 3-0 to Ashton CSC.

The Year 9's were disappointed not to win the trophy but enjoyed the amazing opportunity to play on Deepdale where many of their favourite players also play. They are already looking forward to having another go at winning it next year. The squad included Oliver K, Nataniel R, George D, David B, Josh B, Mikey S, Mason D, Charlie M, Harry K, Jack F, Bobby P, Kilian J, Aston S, Bobbie B, Byron C and Jacob A.



ENGLAND U16

OLCHS pupil Evie was in action again with the England U16s football team. Well done Evie, we are so proud of you. The game ended with a fantastic 1-0 win against Portugal.



INTER FORM COMPETITION

In the last week of the Spring Term, Year 7 competed in their second inter form competition. This time, it was Endball. As always, the tournament was well represented with over seventy of the year group competing. The atmosphere was electric and there were some fantastic, closely contested matches.

The final results were as follows:

7O first, 7U second, 7R and L third, 7A fourth and 7D fifth.

There will be more competitions to follow in the summer term.



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