



Our Lady's Catholic High School



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Habemus Papam – We Have a Pope!

We are delighted to share the joyful news that the Church has a new Holy Father – Pope Leo XIV – who has been elected as the 267th successor of St Peter.



At Our Lady's Catholic High School, we join with the universal Church in giving thanks to God for this moment of great significance and in praying for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Shepherd of the faithful.

In his first appearance from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo XIV greeted the world with humility and hope, inviting all people to walk with him in faith and peace. This is a moment of renewal and unity for Catholics across the globe.

As a school rooted in the Catholic tradition, we mark this historic occasion with joy and prayer, reaffirming our commitment to follow Christ, guided by the leadership of the Holy Father.

We invite all members of our school community to pray for Pope Leo XIV:

Prayer for the Holy Father

Almighty and everlasting God,

have mercy upon your servant Pope Leo XIV,

whom you have chosen to be shepherd of your Church.

Grant him, we pray, wisdom, courage, and holiness,

that he may faithfully guide your people in truth and love.

Strengthen him with your grace,

and keep him ever in your care.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us remain united in faith and prayer, and may Pope Leo XIV be a sign of hope and a witness to Christ's love for all people.

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BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Annaleese Roccia - eloquent and learned

Year 8: Jay Sanderson - intentional and prophetic

Year 9: Harry Dawson - curious and active

Year 10: Joanne Whittle, Owen Dalton, Sol Evans, Bruce Moore - intentional and prophetic

Year 11: Izzy Crossley - intentional and prophetic



Mary & the Month of May

Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

The month of May has long been dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. This devotion dates back centuries and is a way for us to express our love and reverence for the Blessed Virgin. Mary stands as the model of grace, purity, and obedience to God. Many parishes and homes use this month to display statues and images of Our Lady adorned with flowers in her honour. We wanted to do the same with our own statue at the front of Our Lady's School.



Mayor of Preston Visit

A special thank you to the Mayor of Preston, Councillor Phil Crowe, who recently visited Our Lady's Catholic High School.

OLCHS pupils Birdie & Jess said "it was a great experience as we got to proudly show our school and the different projects we are involved in".

[photo album >](#)

In the photo: Mayor of Preston, two of our wonderful pupils, and Youth Worker Terry Mattinson.



The Young Leaders from Year 10 have all written this write up regarding the recent school trip to Normandy and what an amazing experience it was.

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We are very grateful for this opportunity to explore and experience Normandy once again and we hope that we made it easier for the staff.

Our school trip to Normandy was an overall exciting adventure. We had all been before 2 years ago, and this journey brought back memories of the past. The ride to the Chateau was a long yet thrilling journey, as we were all surrounded by friends. Once we arrived in France, we made a short stop in Honfleur on our way to the chateau. The town provided stunning scenes with a beautiful bay which led out to the sea. Following this, we travelled to the Chateau du Molay, an amazing accommodation that has multiple activities available with excellent food.

Our first day began by everyone eating a traditional French breakfast of croissants, giving us energy for the busy day ahead. The first stop was at the Batterie de Melville. This WW2 German base gave a historical insight into the enemies during the war. Sequentially, we made the second stop at Pegasus Bridge. We explored the museum, including going out to the bridge itself on the outside. After this, we watched a short film which explained the backstory around the bridge.

Next, we made a quiet and respectful third stop at the British Normandy Memorial. This is new for us as young leaders as it was recently set up and we have not seen it before when we went on this trip.

Our next stop was at the famous Bayeux Tapestry, well known for its history. Finally, we took a last stop at the Normandy War Graves. Pupils were given time to explore the area and pay their respects.

On the next day, having had a similar traditional French breakfast, we made our way to the Mont-Saint-Michel and walked along the beach towards this historical site with stunning weather. Within groups, pupils walked around the castle, buying souvenirs and practising their French. Our time at the Mont-Saint-Michel ended with a pleasant stroll along the beach and through the famous bouncy sand. Arriving late at the hotel, our day ended with a meal and some time to pack our bags and relax.

Our final day involved a long journey home, including pupils singing their hearts out to the songs 'Freed from Desire' and 'Sweet Caroline'.

Overall, our trip to Normandy was filled with history, new friendships, and everlasting memories that will stay with pupils forever; we very much recommend joining in on the adventure next year!

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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 a report on Global Warming for 2024 and whilst there are innumerable consequences one in particular concerns bees.

Read the article on Global Warming and then answer the following questions.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cd7575x8yq5o>

Question 1: What baseline is the 1.5 deg C rise in temperature referenced against?

Question 2: As well as air temperature, what other feature also set a new high in 2024?

Read the article about bees nesting and then answer the following questions.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckg17mwnx73o>

Question 3: How many of the UK's 25 species of bumble bee have been found to building nests in winter?

Question 4: How does the article say that there is more likelihood of tick-borne diseases being contracted?

Home Research

Do your own research to find out about Lyme disease and then answer the following question.

Question 5: Which bacteria causes Lyme disease?

News & Information



ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

How It Works

Students with perfect attendance every Monday will earn the chance to win exciting prizes.

1. Eligibility:

All students are eligible to participate in the "Never Miss a Monday" attendance competition. Students must attend school every Monday for the entire duration of the competition to be in the running for prizes.

2. Tracking Attendance:

Teachers or school staff will track student attendance every Monday.

3. Weekly Prize Draws:

At the end of each week, all students who attended school every Monday that week will be entered into a raffle to win a prize.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

May Online Safety Newsletter



Community Support Information



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2025 Dates for your Diary

Monday 12 May

Year 8 Entrepreneur Final

Wednesday 21 May

Years 7 and 8 AI Workshop

Friday 23 May

Half Term - School Closes at 3pm

Monday 2 June

Pupils return 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



Sporting News



BASKETBALL

YEAR 7 BOYS

The Year 7 boys became runners up in Lancashire after reaching the Finals night. In the semi-final vs St Augustine's they worked hard as a team defensive unit to win 18-6. This set up a final vs Bishop Rawstorne. All twelve boys played exceptionally well, but unfortunately, we lost to a better team on the night, 27-6. We are so proud of their achievements and they are still competing for the Preston league.



LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FA 2025-26 SEASON

On the back of an incredible season so far for Lancashire Schools' football, expressions of interest for the U14 and U16 Lancashire squads for the 2025/ 2026 season are now available. Please click on the following external links if you wish to express an interest in either squad:

U14 [click here](#)

U16 [click here](#)



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BAE SYSTEMS



WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

Virtual Work Experience

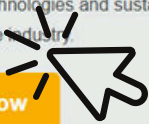
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