



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



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## The Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Luke 9:11-17

### The Feeding of the 5,000.

*And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.*

Corpus Christi and the Feeding of the 5,000 highlight God's abundant provision and love. In the Eucharist, Christ offers spiritual nourishment, just as he physically fed the 5,000 with just five loaves and two fish. Both remind us that God provides abundantly, turning small offerings into blessings that sustain us, body and soul.

*Lord Jesus,*

*We thank you for the gift of the Eucharist,  
the Bread of Life that sustains us each day.*

*As you fed the 5,000,*

*nourish our souls with your presence.*

*May we always trust in you and share your blessings with others.*

*Amen*



## BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: James Picking, Kayleigh Cooper - active and generous

Year 8: Florence Prodger - intentional and prophetic

Year 9: Birdie Fletcher - intentional and prophetic

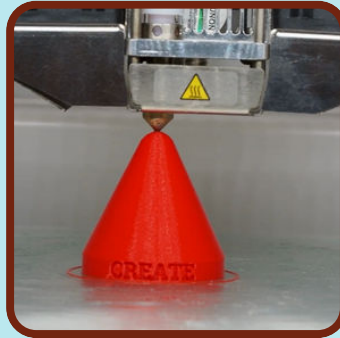
Year 10: Olivia Mia Halliday - faith-filled and hopeful



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## BAE SYSTEMS

### British Aerospace Engineering Year 8 Workshops



60 pupils from Year 8 experienced industry standard 3D printing software when representatives from BAE came into school to deliver a series of 3D printing workshops over two days. Pupils were given access to the software and taught how to generate a 3D printed rocket ship which they had an opportunity to launch on the school yard.

[view photos & videos >>](#)

### Year 7 Social Skills Trip to Red Rose Bowl - A Striking Success !!

On Wednesday 11 June, Terry Mattinson, our dedicated school youth worker, took a group of enthusiastic Year 7 pupils on an enriching trip aimed at building and developing their social skills beyond the classroom.

The group visited Red Rose Bowl, where pupils showcased fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship. While there was a healthy dose of competition, it was heart-warming to see the pupils cheering each other on throughout the game. It was a nail-biting finish, with just one point separating the top scores! From strikes and spares to the occasional gutter ball, the excitement never stopped.

After the game, the pupils were treated to lunch out. The atmosphere was buzzing with positive conversation, laughter, and new connections being made – an opportunity for relationships to grow in a relaxed, fun setting.

It was a real pleasure to witness our pupils thriving outside of the school environment. The owner of Red Rose Bowl was so impressed with their excellent behaviour and positive attitude that she even offered them a treat as a thank you. What a proud moment for our school!

Well done to all involved!



# YEAR 7 CASTLE PROJECT

## Get ready to show off your creativity and your history knowledge!

Calling all Year 7 pupils - design and build your very own model castle. Choose a type of castle we've studied this year - it could be a motte and bailey, a stone keep, or even a castle that has been improved and fortified from the original Motte and Bailey, like the Tower of London.

### ✓ What we're looking for:

- A castle with accurate historical features
- Made using materials like cardboard, plasticine, paper, lolly sticks - whatever craft supplies you have!
- The castle must fit on an A3 sheet of paper or smaller - no bigger, please!

**17** Deadline: Bring your finished castle into school on the date given by your History teacher.

### 🎯 Important!

- We expect everyone to take part.
- Your work will be judged by members of the Senior Leadership Team for:

- ✦ Presentation
- 💡 Imagination
- 🏰 Historical Accuracy

🏆 The winners from each class will be invited to join us on an exciting trip to Lancaster Castle, where you'll learn all about its gruesome and fascinating past! A FREE TRIP!!!

Let's get building, Year 7 - we can't wait to see your amazing castles!

## Learning Support News

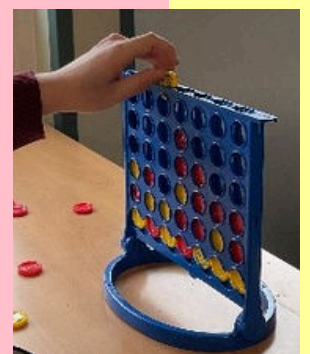
## LUNCHTIME GAMES CLUB

Games Club, run by Mrs Lloyd from Learning Support, is a bustling hub of activity during lunch breaks, offering a welcoming space for students to unwind, connect, and enjoy a variety of board and card games. Games Club provides a wonderful opportunity for students to:

- Relax and have fun: A perfect way to decompress from the school day and engage in some light-hearted competition or collaborative play.
- Explore new games: Discover different board and card games, or enjoy revisiting familiar favourites in a relaxed setting.
- Build connections: It's a great chance to chat, laugh, and build friendships with peers in a supportive and informal environment.
- Connect with Mrs Lloyd from our Learning Support team who is always on hand, offering a friendly ear for any student who might appreciate a chat or wishes to share a worry.

We are so pleased with the positive atmosphere the *Games Club* fosters and the sense of community it continues to build. It's a testament to the students who attend regularly and make it such a vibrant place.

**When:** Every lunchtime **Where:** Rooms are Mondays - Room 45, Thursdays Room 42, Friday Room 46 **Who:** All students are welcome to drop in, and we encourage any student who hasn't yet visited to come along and see what it's all about!





# SHOWTIME



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19:00  
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As the National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and positive change. Formerly delivered by National Children's Society, these guides now reside under Rights and Welfare. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

**AGE RESTRICTION 4+**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS**  
 YouTube Kids is designed to provide age-appropriate content to young viewers. However, inappropriate content has been reported on the app, including age-inappropriate content by young viewers. Our investigations found that YouTube Kids has shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, digital culture and firearms to children as young as 4. Inappropriate content has bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

**BE WARY OF ADVERTISING**  
 Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pre-recorded advertising before a video player. These adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process. It's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

**DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE**  
 YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to stop watching. YouTube Kids also uses autoplay, which means using digital services such as YouTube can lead to children watching videos for extended periods of time, even when they're not intended to.

**AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION**  
 There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading "AI-generated" videos that are recommended to children on educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

**DATA COLLECTION RISK**  
 While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still use every Google service on the platform, which means YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content preferences and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

**PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
 YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as "Preschool" or "Younger". You can also turn off the search function so that only videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

**SET TIME LIMITS**  
 The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a limit that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

**CHECK WATCH HISTORY**  
 YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the "Recommended" icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos have been viewed, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's "My Activity" page.

**WATCH TOGETHER**  
 It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of having an eye on what they're watching.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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Source: See full reference list on [youtube page at https://www.nationalcollege.com/parents-educators/youtube-kids-2025](https://www.nationalcollege.com/parents-educators/youtube-kids-2025)

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# Wellbeing Event

Moor Nook Family Hub and Youth Zone, Burholme Road, Preston, PR2 6HN

Wednesday  
18th June  
13:30-16:30

Come along to find out about help and support available in your community from:

Compass Bloom	PUKAR	Community Roots
Homestart	Lancashire	Listening Ear
PNE Education Trust	Barnardos	Primary mental Health Team
Creativity Works	INTACT	Key Charity
Lancashire Fire and Rescue	Talking Therapies	Breathing Space
		Realise College

And lots more

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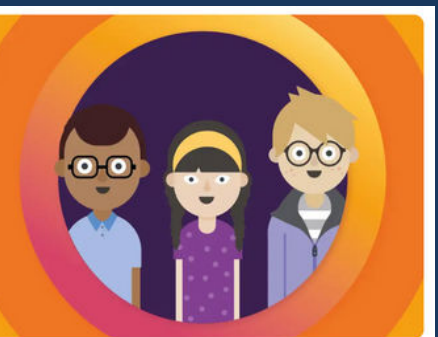
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## Upcoming Virtual SEN Conference for Parents and Carers

### Strategies To Support Behaviour & Mental Health

Join us for our free virtual conference

Register now



Date: Wednesday, 25th June 2025 Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Format: Virtual (online)



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# USEFUL RESOURCES

June Online Safety Newsletter



Community Support Information



# Information

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## JOB VACANCY

### Operations Manager

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the position of Our Lady's Catholic High School Operations Manager who will have day to day responsibility for the management of the school site.

Salary between £31,067 and £35,235 per annum (pay award pending).

For more information and how to apply please visit the [vacancies](#) page on our school website.



### 2025 Dates for your Diary

**30 June | 2-3 July**

School Show - The Addams Family

**Tuesday 1 July**

Year 10 Newman College Taster Day

**Tuesday 1 July**

Leavers' Ball

**Friday 4 July**

Sports Day

### 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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# Sporting News

## ROUNDERS SEASON

### WINNING START

Mrs Lin travelled with Year 7 and Year 10 over to Corpus Christi to open up the rounders season. Each team played x2 rounds of 20 good bowls plus fielding. The Year 7 game was very much a coaching game as both teams were a little unsure with it being their first fixture. Our batting was ace, along with lots of great fielding. Year 7 won both of their innings 3.5 rounders to 1. Eden P was voted Player of the Match by Corpus Christi.

Year 10 played some stunning rounders with fielding techniques being kept really tight and some fantastic hits. Year 10 won 9 rounders to 1.5 rounders on both innings. There is a lot to be said for consistency! Year 10 pupil Evie M was voted Player of the Match.

Fantastic opening to our rounders season.

### YEAR 7

The Year 7 rounders team, captained by Fearne B, competed in their second league game away at Fulwood. Both teams were a little tentative with their batting in the first half and we only managed to establish a half rounder lead. However, after a half time team talk, Our Lady's came out much more positively. Eden P and Coco SV both made phenomenal catches in the field to quickly get two Fulwood batters out. The whole team also fielded tightly. Batting was also a lot more consistent and we slowly managed to pull away to beat Fulwood 8-2.5.

A fantastic effort from the whole squad!



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## ROUNDERS SEASON

### YEAR 9 & YEAR 10

Year 9 had their first rounders fixture of the season away at Archbishop. The squad have been working hard and were eager to put their training into practice against our opponents, Archbishop Temple. The girls made a confident start establishing a comfortable lead by half time. However, they did not take this for granted and continued to pull away thanks to consistent batting and tactical fielding. The final score was 25-1.5 to Our Lady's.

Year 10 were also away to Archbishop in their second league game, having made a positive start beating Corpus Christi earlier in the week. We were fortunate enough to win the toss and elected to field, managing to restrict our opponents to just two rounders in the first innings. Consistent batting resulted in us building a lead of five points by half time. The half time target was to not let Archbishop score more than three rounders in the second innings and we had to double our score. We achieved both of these, with our opponents gaining a total of 4.5 rounders by the end of the game, compared to our score of 14.5.

Player of the Match went to Evie M.

### YEAR 8

On Monday the 16 June, Year 8 travelled up to Fulwood to compete in the Preston Schools' rounders league. The team played x2 innings of 20 good bowls and had more players than needed which just shows the commitment to sport our pupils have. There was some amazing batting and fielding from both teams but OLCBS finished on top 9.5 rounders to 6.

Huge well done to all players involved.





# Sporting News

## CRICKET YEAR 7

The Year 7 Cricket teams played both an indoor and pairs version of cricket games last week against Archbishop Temple, Ashton High and Corpus Christi Catholic High School. In both games Our Lady's were victorious, scoring many runs and taking lots of wickets along the way. They will continue to play some more pairs cricket matches against other schools in the coming weeks, while the A team will play in the final of the indoor competition later in the summer.



Umika set a new Year 8 girls javelin record in school recently with a throw of 20.12 metres beating the previous record of 19.63 metres.

## LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS

The Lancashire Schools' Athletics Association meeting took place at Stanley Park, Blackpool on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June and there were 9 Our Lady's pupils representing the district team from Preston in a range of events. The team performed extremely well and recorded some excellent results. Winners of events included Owen Dalton, Shay Sedge-Martins, Jemma McMaster and Isabelle Potts. Full results can be seen in the following table:

Name	Event	Position
Owen Dalton	IB 400m	1st
Jemma McMaster	JG 200m	1st
Shay Sedge-Martins	IB Triple Jump	1st
Isabelle Potts	IG Discus	1st
Pranay Modashia	IB Triple Jump	2nd
Luke Kane	IB 1500m	3rd
Dottie Alty	JG 300m	4th
Chiamaka Ezeani	JG Shot Putt	4th
Umika Patel	JG Javelin	5th

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