



Our Lady's Catholic High School



Newsletter No. 1
5th September 2025



Welcome Message from Our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It gives me great joy to welcome you all to the first newsletter of the school year here at Our Lady's. Already, we have seen our new Year 7 pupils settle into our community with confidence and enthusiasm. Their energy has brought fresh life to our school, and it has been equally heartening to see our returning pupils embrace their studies with renewed focus and determination.

I would like to thank you, as always, for the vital role you play in ensuring your children returned ready for learning—smartly presented, well-equipped, and eager to begin a new year. The strong partnership between home and school is the bedrock of all that we achieve together, and I am deeply grateful for your continued support.

This September, we are delighted to welcome several new colleagues to our teaching staff:

- **Miss Chabrel** – Principal Teacher of Geography
- **Miss Oliveira** – Teacher of Art
- **Mrs Tanton** – Teacher of Maths
- **Mrs Rawshdeh** – Teacher of Maths
- **Miss McHale** – Teacher of Music

They have already begun to make a wonderful contribution to the life of our school, and we look forward to the many ways in which they will inspire our pupils in the months to come.

As Pope Leo XIII reminds us, *“The school is the chief place for the training of the young in religion and in the virtues.”* These words speak directly to our mission at Our Lady's: to help every young person grow in the virtues of *Being One of Ours*. Whether it is **gratitude** and **generosity, compassion and love**, or **wisdom** and **curiosity**, our aim is to form pupils who not only achieve academic success but also become men and women of character, ready to serve others and make a positive difference in the world.

At the beginning of this new school year, let us place our pupils, staff, and families into the loving care of God through this prayer:

*Lord of all wisdom and truth,
Bless our school as we begin this new academic year.
Grant our pupils **curiosity** to learn,
Our staff strength to guide,
And our families faith to nurture and support.
May everything we do be for Your glory,
And may our community grow ever more **grateful, generous, and united**.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

I look forward with hope and confidence to the year ahead, trusting that with God's guidance and your continued support, this will be a year of growth, joy, and success for all.

Mr R Charnock
Headteacher

Being One of Ours



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OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

**WELCOME
YEAR 7**

On Wednesday this week, it was wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 pupils for their first day at Our Lady's Catholic High School.

Pupils enjoyed a number of classes including Science, Geography, Food Technology and PE.



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**SUMMER
SCHOOL**

During the summer, our new Year 7 pupils took part in a 3-day 'Summer School' at Our Lady's, preparing them for the different subjects in secondary school and helping them to get to know one another.

There were lots of fun and engaging activities including creating giant banners which will be displayed in the Year 7 Mass of Welcome later in September.

Students all worked so hard, showing themselves to be kind, generous and loving as they made new friends, helped each other through challenges, and enjoyed being together.



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2025

GCSE Results



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News

Record-Breaking GCSE Results

Joy and celebration filled the corridors of Our Lady's Catholic High School as students collected another set of outstanding GCSE results on Thursday 21 August 2025.

This year's achievements mark one of the school's strongest ever performances, with pupils excelling across all subjects, including English and Maths. A significant proportion of grades were awarded at 7-9, placing Our Lady's students amongst the very highest achievers nationally.

Headteacher Mr Richard Charnock praised the results as a reflection of the school's values and identity:

"At Our Lady's we talk about Being One of Ours – grateful, compassionate, eloquent, learned, wise and hopeful young people. These results show what that looks like in action. We are immensely proud of each and every student, not just for their grades, but for the resilience, kindness and determination they have shown on their journey with us. Today we celebrate their success, and we look forward with great hope to all they will achieve in the future."

Amongst the many outstanding individual stories were:

- Isabelle Potts, who achieved 11 grade 9s. She will progress to Cardinal Newman College to study Maths, Chemistry, and Biology, with hopes of pursuing a career in medicine.
- Freddie Burnett-Cherry, who made remarkable progress from his starting point in Year 7, surpassing all aspirational targets and securing strong passes across every subject.

For every student, today's results represent not just academic excellence but a foundation for the next stage of life. Many will go on to leading colleges and apprenticeships, equipped with the skills, values and confidence to make a difference in the world.

"Our Lady's is about more than just results," added Mr Charnock. "It's about shaping young people of character who are ready to contribute to the common good. Today we celebrate their grades – but also who they have become."

The whole school community congratulates Year 11 on their fantastic achievements and wishes them every success in the next chapter of their education and beyond.

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Welcome to Our Lady's Catholic High School

CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE 

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Open Evening 2025



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OPEN EVENING

We look forward to welcoming you to our school Open Evening on

Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 6pm until 8pm

Come and visit our school to find out what it means to be *One of Ours*

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What's On...
PRESTON

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

Welcome

A warm welcome to you from everyone at Preston Children & Family Wellbeing Service.

Our "What's On Guide" aims to keep you as up to date on what specific groups and services are available at your nearest centre



ALL OUR GROUPS ARE FREE!

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Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Lancashire County Council

online safety information

Online Safety Newsletter
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USEFUL RESOURCES

September Online Safety Newsletter



Community Support Information



LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK
PRESTON

Supporting children, young people and families to succeed in Lancashire

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Lancashire County Council

Information

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**WE ARE
HIRING**

join our team

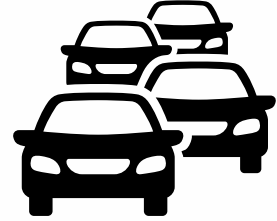
We seeking to appoint cleaners who, under the direction and instruction of the cleaning supervisor, will carry out the cleaning of designated areas within the school.

Cleaners Required

The post is paid on the Foundation Living Wage and is for 12 hours per week, term time only, plus 5 INSET days and 3 cleaning weeks. The working hours are Monday-Thursday 6.00am-8.30am and Friday 6.00am-8.00am or Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 3.00pm-5.30pm, Tuesday 2.30pm-5.00pm and Friday 3.00pm-5.00pm. The closing date is 12 Noon on Monday 22nd September 2025. Please note CVs are not accepted, to apply for this vacancy you need to complete the application form.

For an informal discussion, please contact the Assistant Business Manager, Faye Fisher on 01772 326902.

Polite Parking



We kindly ask parents and visitors to Our Lady's Catholic High School, when parking on nearby streets including St Catherine's Drive and St Anthony's Drive, please be respectful of local residents and their properties.

Thank you



2025 Diary Dates

Monday 22 September

Year 7 Pupil Photos

Monday 22 September

Author Visit for Year 7 pupils

Friday 26 September

Mass of Welcome for Year 7 pupils

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

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