



Our Lady's Catholic High School



Newsletter No. 2
12th September 2025



The Theme Next Week: The Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross (John 3:13–17)

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, ‘...For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we honour the Cross as a sign of God’s immense love and compassion. Jesus was “lifted up” not to condemn, but to save. Through his sacrifice, we are offered eternal life. Let us respond with faith, gratitude, and love.



Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, thank you for your great love shown on the Cross.

Help us to trust in you always and live with grateful hearts.

Amen.

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Ethan Best and Phoebe Greenwood - grateful and generous

Year 8: Eden Palmer - generous and loving

Year 9: Jonny Darley - intentional and prophetic

Year 10: Amy Ross - attentive and discerning | Bartosz Kozakiewicz - generous and loving

Year 11: Zofia Mohammadi - attentive and discerning



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COMPOS

University of Oxford – Department of Physics

Comprehensive Oxford Mathematics and Physics Online School (COMPOS) 2025

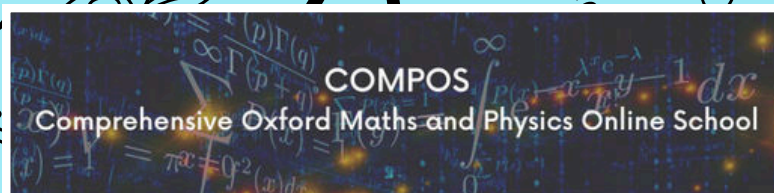
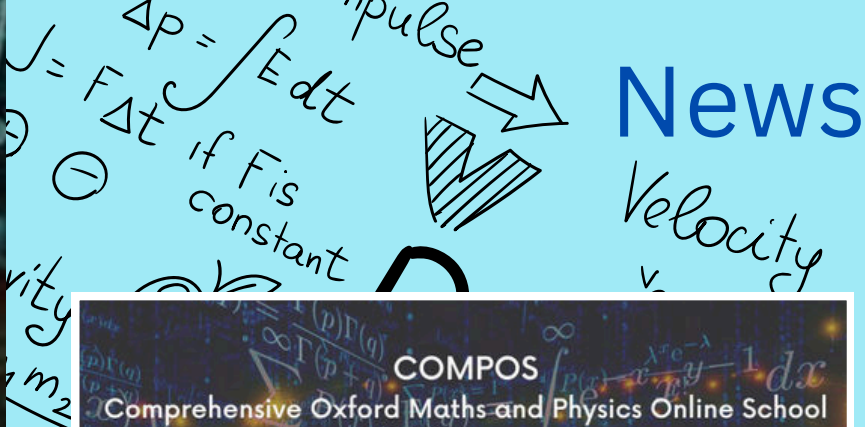
The Our Lady's science department would like to make you aware of an exciting opportunity available to Year 10 and Year 11 pupils with an interest in physics and mathematics.

Oxford University has opened applications for the COMPOS 2025 programme. There are 1000 places available for high quality extra-curricular opportunities for students with a passion for STEM and helps to prepare them for future study at university.

100% of students from 2023 and 2024 went on to study a STEM degree, with 46% attending Oxford or Cambridge, and 94% going to a Russel Group university.

COMPOS helps students to systematically learn mathematics and physics at a deep level by offering free tuition and mentoring. The programme covers school topics at a higher and deeper level, concentrating on problem-solving skills.

Students will receive assignments throughout the year which include reading material, links to online webinars and problems to solve. Students' work will be marked and returned by their tutor who will also deliver weekly online tutorials.



COMPOS is a FREE year long programme accepting anyone in Y10-Y12 who's interested in both physics and maths.

- Weekly online tutorials
- Mind-bending assignments
- Webinars

Don't miss out! This is a unique outreach project for UK state school students.

"I learn stuff before we do it in school, I am smarter. It is 🧡"



Find out more and register your interest here:
<https://compos.web.ox.ac.uk>



DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICS

If pupils wish to register for COMPOS, they must complete a two-part assignment by **23:59 Sunday 5th October 2025**.

For further information and registration, please see the link to COMPOS below.

<https://compos.web.ox.ac.uk/>

We look forward to hearing about any successful applications

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Bronze DofE Success for Our Students

Fifty-five of our Year 9 students recently completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award assessment expedition, marking the end of months of preparation and training.

The weather conditions were kind to us for much of the weekend, and the groups demonstrated excellent navigation skills throughout their routes. Members of the public even stopped staff along the way to comment on how polite and respectful our students were; a real credit to the school.

The second night proved to be the biggest challenge, with strong winds making sleep difficult. Despite tired eyes, the students showed true determination and walked brilliantly on Sunday, reaching the finish line just in time, minutes before the sky opened with torrential rain!

This achievement would not have been possible without the support of the nine members of staff who volunteered their time this weekend to supervise, encourage, and guide the students throughout the weekend. A huge thank you to them for their dedication.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their resilience, teamwork, and positive spirit. Congratulations to all who completed their Bronze DofE expedition assessment.



PHOTOS



ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

News

100% attendance Forms:

7L and 9R

Top attendance Forms in each year group:

Year 7: 7L (100%)

Year 8: 8U (98.21)

Year 9: 9L (97.92%)

Year 10: 10U (97.44%)

Year 11: 11L (99.44%)

General reminders:

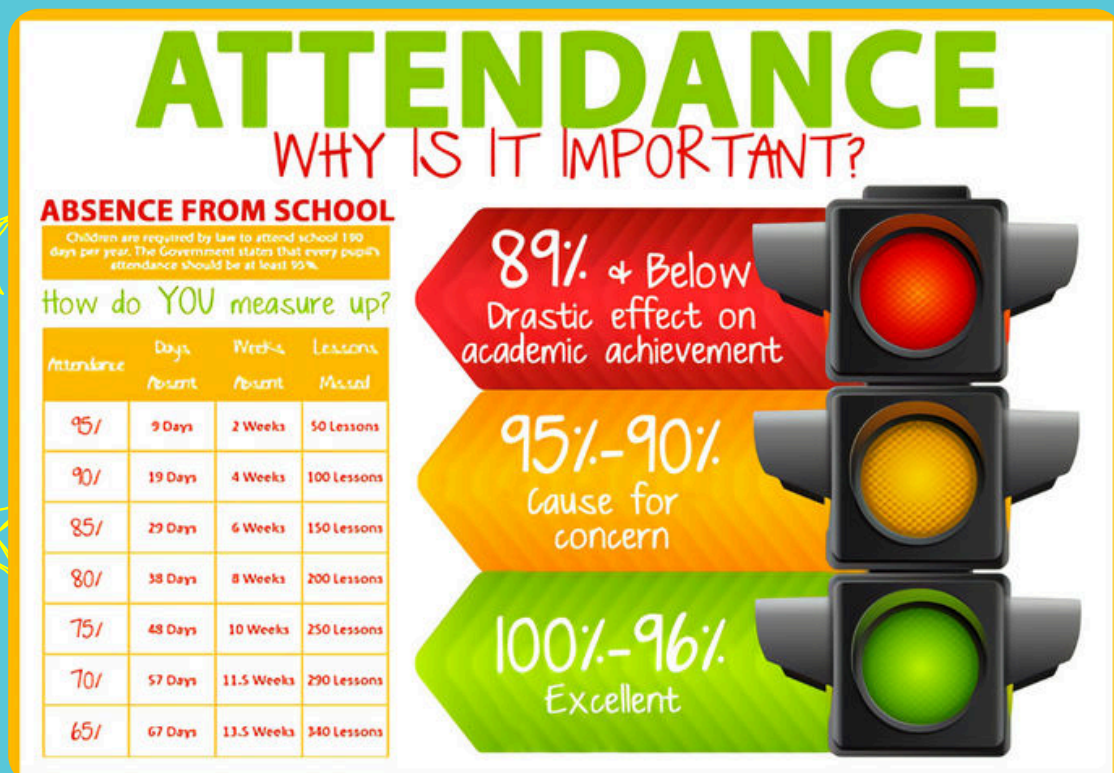
Any absences must be reported either via telephone or email before 9am on each and every day of absence.

Telephone: 01772 326 914

Email: attendance@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Medical Appointments

- Should be made **outside the school day** as much as is possible.
- **Please do not schedule appointments between 8:30–9:30am or 12:30–1:30pm.**
- If an appointment must be during school hours, we ask that the **appointment confirmation** is provided. **Any absence will not be authorised until the confirmation has been received. Any information that is shared after 5 days of the absence cannot be authorised.**
 - Email: attendance@olchs.lancs.sch.uk with a copy of an appointment confirmation.
 - Or send a copy into school with your child to hand in at reception.



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Welcome to Our Lady's Catholic High School

CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE 



Our Lady's Catholic High School

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025

6PM UNTIL 8.30PM

Headteacher Talk at 6pm | 7pm | 7.45pm

COME AND FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE
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OPEN DAY

Thursday 9 October at 9.30am

Friday 10 October at 9.30am

**To book an *Open Day* appointment
please scan the QR code**



[or click here](#)



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Information



....to read



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USEFUL RESOURCES

September Online Safety Newsletter

Community Support Information



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Information

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**WE ARE
HIRING**

join our team

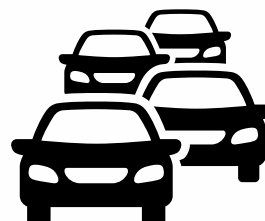
We seeking to appoint cleaners who, under the direction and instruction of the cleaning supervisor, will carry out the cleaning of designated areas within the school.

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.



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

Thursday 23 October

Year 11 Parents' Evening

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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Careers



Mrs Lin was offered the opportunity for three Our Lady's pupils to undertake an additional Work Experience placement during the final week of the last academic summer term. Three pupils used their initiative to secure a placement displaying a genuine interest in the field of Medicine. They completed the lengthy application form on time and got to Chorley hospital daily for the placement.

The feedback from hospital staff was fantastic, mentioning the pupils by name and commenting on how attentive, curious and polite they were. Well done to all three pupils, we are so proud of you.

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Mrs Lin is hoping the NHS Trust will offer this opportunity again this academic for Year 10, so please watch this space.

University of Central Lancashire
Training 2000

**Apprenticeship
open evenings**

Explore our site, discover our facilities and talk to staff and students about the courses you want to study at our Apprenticeship Event.

**Wednesday 28th January &
Thursday 29th January 2026
between 4.30 - 7.30pm**

Where: Furthergate Business Park, Harwood Street, Blackburn, BB1 3BD

University of Central Lancashire
Training 2000

**Are you an aspiring
apprentice?**

**** 14~16 year olds **
ASPIRING CLUBS**

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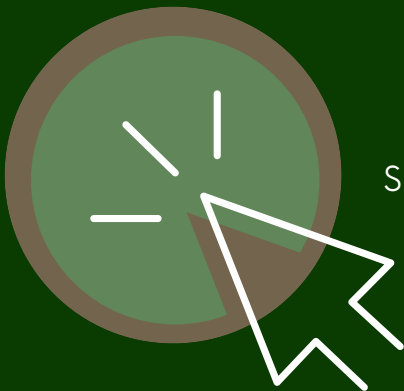
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SEPTEMBER 2025



BRITISH ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER FOR EDUCATORS & CAREERS LEADS

CLICK HERE 



ARMY BASIC TRAINING & JOB
ROLE INFORMATION DAY
SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025
Reserve Centre, Kimberley Barracks, PR1 6PR

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