

Our Lady's Catholic High School



Newsletter No. 10
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The Theme Next Week: The Solemnity of Christ the King (Luke 23:35-43)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

In his final hour, with nothing left to offer but a sincere heart, the repentant thief recognizes Jesus as King; not a king of earthly power, but a king of mercy, healing, and eternal life. On the Solemnity of Christ the King, this simple plea reminds us that Christ's rule is not about domination but about compassion. His kingdom is open to all who turn toward him, even in their darkest moments. Like the thief, we are invited to trust that Jesus' kingship is one of forgiveness and hope, and to ask with humility and confidence: *Lord, remember me, too.*

Dear Jesus, our loving King, remember us in your mercy. Open our hearts to your love and compassion; transform our weakness with your grace, and lead us into the peace of your kingdom.

Amen.

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Harry Bass - faith filled and hopeful

Year 8: Stanley Ronan - compassionate and loving

Year 9: Mia Simpson - active and curious

Year 10: Kayah Jakiel - intentional and prophetic

Year 11: Maja Urbanowicz - learned and wise



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Class of 2025 Certificates Evening

On Thursday 20th November, we welcomed back Year 11 **Class of 2025** to receive their GCSE certificates. The school community came together to celebrate their wonderful academic achievements and to present special awards and trophies to pupils for their outstanding contributions to life at Our Lady's Catholic High School.

Thank you to our guest speaker and former pupil, Michelin starred chef Michael Wignall for presenting pupils with their awards and certificates and joining us for a wonderful evening.



Information

Christmas Fair

Organised by Ashton Central Scout Group

*Photos
with Santa*

Cakes

Mince pies

29 November

Snowball **2025**

11AM-3PM

Crafts

fight

**NERF
BATTLES**

RAFFLE

and many more
games and
activities

Tombola

Sacred Heart
Community Centre
Beech Grove
PR2 1DU

**TUCK
SHOP**

**ONE STOP
SHOP
Preston West**
Monthly Drop In -

No
appointment
needed

Families can access free advice & support

Community Gateway
Citizen Advice—Energy advice
Employment advice - DWP
Community Education Sexual Health
Debt Advice/Support
Free Funded Nursery Places
School Nurse team
Compass Bloom
INTACT
Lancashire Fire and Rescue
Onward Homes—Work well
SENDIAS
Primary Mental Health Team
Homestart
Northern community Bank

Second
Thursday of
the month,
2pm-4pm



Preston West Family Hub
Ashton Primary School Site, Ainsdale Drive,
Preston, PR2 1TU
Telephone: 01772 536419



USEFUL RESOURCES

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**Community Support
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**online
safety
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**November 2025
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WE ARE HIRING

join our team

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies/



For a charitable cause Mr La Roche, a member of the OLCHS staff, has been training tirelessly for a charity boxing event in aid of the Royal British Legion. Mr La Roche is asking members of the wider school community to donate a small amount to a fantastic and vital cause. Mr La Roche aims to make himself and the school proud by achieving Top 5 in the donation leaderboard (and is quite close!) and deeply appreciates any support given. Use the QR code here to leave a donation! (Anonymous contributions can be made).



2025 Diary Dates

Wednesday 26 November

Year 11 mock exams start

Monday 8 December

PSHE Day 2

Thursday 18 December

Christmas Variety Show

Friday 19 December

End of term. School closes at 12.35pm

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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HANDBALL

The Year 7 boys were undefeated in the Preston Schools' Handball Festival held at Eden Boys' School on Thursday evening.

Across all four games, the athleticism of the boys within the team proved to be too much for our opponents and we came away with four convincing victories. The lads thoroughly enjoyed their first taste of high school handball and Mr Waring was immensely proud of all the boys for their demonstration of both good sporting and school values throughout their games.



U16 BOYS BASKETBALL

The U16 team played their first game of the season in the Lancashire Schools' cup competition against Clitheroe Grammar on Thursday 13th November. The game was played at home and there was a mixture of Year 10 and Year 11 pupils represented in the team. The first quarter started quite evenly with both teams pushing to score but defending their baskets well. Clitheroe had some outstanding performers that managed to drive to the basket and they started to create a lead after the first quarter. A change of personnel for Our Lady's changed the style of play and we began to put some points on the board with scores from Sam W, Thomas W, Zack K, Oliver K and Jack F. Sadly, this scoring did not continue to build as steadily in other quarters, and we were well beaten by a strong opposition. The team look forward to other fixtures against St Augustine's and Ribblesdale schools, also from Clitheroe.

Sporting News

YEAR 8 *RUGBY*

The Year 8 rugby team played in their first round of games as part of the Preston Schools' competition on Wednesday 12th November at Preston Grasshoppers RFC. In their first game they faced Archbishop Temple and were dominant from the outset. Tries from Roman O, Dante L, Jonah M and Theo L sealed our victory with 5 tries to 0. The second game was against Ashton CSC and this game proved to be much more demanding, requiring all members of the team to tackle strongly and ruck to protect the ball when in possession. We were losing by a single try until the final minute when Louis M darted up the inside wing to score a try and tie the game 1-1. The final game was against Fulwood Academy and both teams played some excellent rugby with flowing movements and strong tackling. Nothing could separate the two sides and the game finished 0-0 which was a fair result after both teams were extremely strong in defense. The team will play a second round of games in the new year.



YEAR 7

The Year 7 rugby team performed amazingly in the first evening of the district rugby down at Hoppers on Wednesday evening. On what was an extremely cold night, the team demonstrated all the skills developed in their recent rugby lessons and despite losing to Fulwood, were victorious against both Eden Boys and Ashton.

Mr Waring was immensely proud of all the lads in the team but special mentions for stand out performances go to Zach R, Billy Q and Freddie P.



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Careers



GCSE FOOD CAREERS TALK

This week at Our Lady's, pupils from the Year 10 and 11 GCSE Food class welcomed ex-pupil, Eden, to talk to them about her career working as a chef.

Eden went to study Catering at Wigan and Leigh College when she left OLCCHS.

Following this, Eden was invited to work at the Ribble Valley Michelin-starred restaurant Northcote where she was able to develop and refine her skills. Eden is now working as a successful chef at Langs restaurant. Pupils were enthused by Eden's talk, asking her lots of insightful questions.

Thank you Eden for coming into school and sharing your career experience. We are very proud of you.



2026 apprenticeship programme is now live!

Have you got what it takes to become our next apprentice? We've launched 30 roles across our business to start in September 2026.

APPLY NOW

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