

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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The Presentation of the Lord (Luke 2: 22-32)

Next Monday we celebrate this beautiful feast day. Simeon holds the child Jesus and proclaims, "My eyes have seen your salvation." After a lifetime of waiting, he recognises that God has been faithful in a quiet and unexpected way. Salvation does not arrive with noise or power, but as a child, bringing light and hope.

In our school community, we too are invited to recognise God at work in the ordinary moments of each day - in learning, in relationships, and in the growth of the young people at our school. Like Simeon, may we have eyes open to see hope and promise in what is entrusted to us.

Loving God,
Help us to recognise your presence among us,
and to be a light of hope and love to one another.
May our school be a place of peace, welcome, and joy.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:
Year 7: Joseph Haworth - learned and wise
Year 8: Aleena Mohamed, Mal Khadijah, Laura Suprynowicz - faith filled and active
Year 9: Harry Dickinson - curious and active
Year 10: Naomi Lam - curious and active
Year 11: Holly Kelly - curious and active

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27/1

**BRIDGING GENERATIONS:
THEME FOR 2026**
[click here](#)

Tuesday 27 January 2026 was Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD). The theme this year is 'Bridging Generations'.

'It is a call-to-action, a reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors - it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. This theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past - to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future'. (HMD)

In school assembly this week, pupils have been commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day and reflecting on peoples experiences of the holocaust.



MEMORIAL DAY FILM

**LANCASTER UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS**

A class of Year 10 OLCHS mathematics students recently took part in an engaging taster lesson delivered by the [Lancaster University School of Mathematics \(LUSoM\)](#). The session began by highlighting the importance of studying mathematics at college and the strong links between STEM subjects at A level, future career opportunities, and earning potential.

Students were encouraged to explore patterns in Pascal's Triangle before taking part in an interactive activity on choosing paint colours, helping them understand how mathematical combinations work in a practical and accessible way. The class then returned to Pascal's Triangle to identify the clear links between the activity and the mathematical theory behind it. Throughout the session, students were highly engaged, contributing to discussions and showing great enthusiasm for the subject.

Thank you to Wing Liu from LUSoM for delivering a lesson that was both inspiring and informative, giving students a valuable insight into studying mathematics beyond school.



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News & Information



CATHOLIC
TEACHING
ALLIANCE

Inspire others
Transform lives
Teach

Teacher Training courses based at OLCHS

In-person Information Event
Friday 27 February at 2.00 pm

We are now into our 12th year of providing teacher training locally.

Could teaching be the next step after your degree?

Are you considering a change of career?
Where will you be this time next year?

Teacher training (PGCE with QTS) is available:

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Secondary (11-16 years), Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years)

View all the courses available at

<https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html>

Please contact us for further information,
call 01772 326931 or email

CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk
www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/



Teacher Training Courses

In-person Information Event

Friday 27 February at 2 pm

in The Training Centre
at Our Lady's Catholic High School

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Q&A events

USEFUL RESOURCES

Staying Safe Online -
Jan' 2026 Bulletin

Community Support
Information



IMPORTANT

St Anthony's Church Car Park



From 2nd February 2026 the car park at St Anthony's Church will be **closed** for approximately 8 weeks as the church undergoes outside maintenance work.

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Information

Say YES to the prom dress

Our prom dress pop-up shop is back.

Featuring quality pre-loved dresses in a range of styles and sizes. We've got price points to suit every pocket and no appointment needed. Pop along and try on all of your favourites. Say yes to the dress and support your local hospice.

📍 The Garden Room, St Catherine's Hospice PR5 5XU

📅 Saturday 31st January
Sunday 1st February 2026
10 am to 4 pm

For further details, call our team on 01772 695299

St Catherine's Hospice

click here



2026 Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 3 February	KS4 Information Evening
Friday 6 February	PSHE Day 3
Monday 9 February	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Thursday 26 February	Year 9 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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Sporting News

NETBALL

YEAR 8

On Monday we fielded a Year 8B team against Moor Park's A team in the Preston School Netball League. Despite facing a strong opposition, our team dominated throughout the match. Georgia S delivered excellent shooting, while Willow B made several outstanding interceptions to regain possession. We continued to extend our lead in the second half, securing a convincing 10-1 victory.



Player of the Match was awarded to Rio A for her consistent shooting and several key interceptions that contributed significantly to the team's success.

TABLE TENNIS U13 & U16

Well done to Mia N, Eden P, Kasia S, Charlotte B, Umika P, Rose B, Evie M and Meera P, who remained undefeated in the Under 13 and Under 16 Preston Schools' Table Tennis League, securing convincing victories against Archbishop Temple A and Moor Park. The team will compete in their final round of matches next week.



Careers

CAREERS ENCOUNTER

in English

Our very own Mr Eddleston visited Class 8B1 to speak to Our Lady's pupils about his role as Marketing and Communications Officer here at OLCHS.

It was an interesting and informative session, giving pupils a real insight into how the skills they develop in English lessons are used in the workplace.



Mr Eddleston also shared details about his career journey to date, helping pupils to see the wide range of opportunities that strong communication skills can offer. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and valued the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions.



Thinking about an apprenticeship?

Got questions? Want insider tips? Curious to hear from real apprentices and our Learning & Development Advisor?

Join the upcoming live Q&A webinars and get the answers you need to kick start your career journey,

17 Webinar Schedule:

- Assembly Operative – 9th February at 4pm
- Automotive, Facilities & Maintenance, Fabrication & Welding – 10th February at 4pm
- Design Engineer – 11th February at 4pm
- HR, Supply Chain & IT Software Engineer – 12th February at 4pm



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Lancashire
Constabulary

*Opportunity to develop skills for
a career in the police.*

An opportunity for young people to join the South Division, Youth Independent Advisory Group (YIAG).

The group will be an open and safe environment for young persons to provide honest and constructive feedback about policing policies and matters.

Anyone aged 14 to 17 who lives, works, or studies in Preston, South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire can apply.

Information Pack

[Click here to apply](#)

CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE
Open Day

Our next open event is

Saturday 7th February 2026

10am - 1pm

Click Here

Apprenticeships

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19:30-21:00

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