

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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**“You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth.”
(Matthew 5:13–16)**

Jesus reminds us that our faith is meant to be lived, not hidden. Within our community, we are called to bring his light into our relationships and daily lives. Through simple acts of kindness, truth, and service, we help preserve what is good and reflect God’s love to the world.

**Dear Lord, bless our community.
Help us to be faithful witnesses of your love,
so that our lives may reflect your light
and draw others closer to you.
Amen**

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Miley Miller - grateful and generous

Year 8: Poppy Reid - compassionate and loving

Year 9: Amie Butler, Mia Simpson - compassionate and loving

Year 10: Lewis Cox - curious and active

Year 11: Hannah Bree - intentional and prophetic



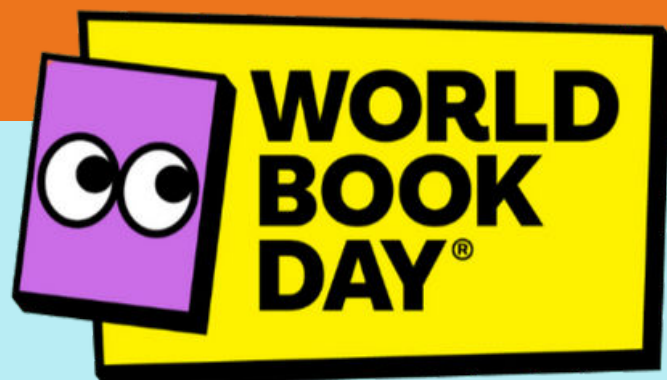
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READING LEADERS

Our second cohort of Reading Leaders have got off to an amazing start at the beginning of this half term, with our enthusiastic Year 10s already making a real impact by supporting Year 7 pupils to immerse themselves in books and develop a genuine love of reading. These sessions are not only boosting confidence and reading engagement, but also helping to build positive relationships across year groups in a supportive and inspiring environment.

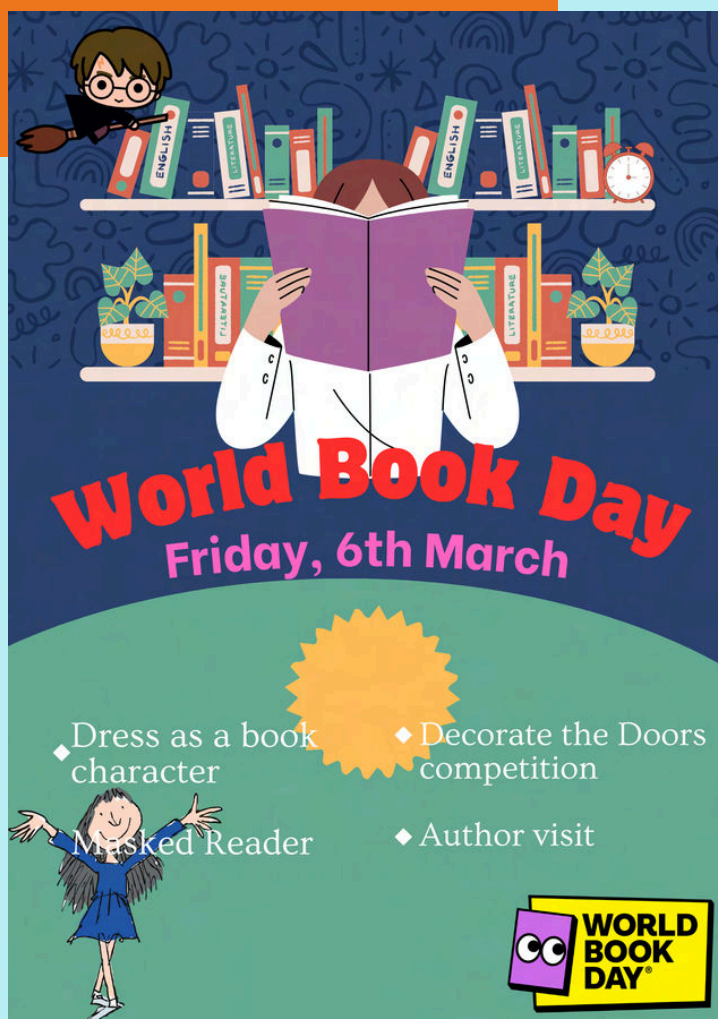


The Reading Leaders are also getting into the World Book Day spirit, enthusiastically planning their costumes and activities, and setting a brilliant example of how reading can be fun, social, and something to truly celebrate.



World Book Day at Our Lady's is just around the corner, taking place on **Friday 6th March**, and it's set to be a fantastic celebration of stories, imagination, and a love of reading! We have an exciting range of activities planned throughout the day, from book-based fun to creative challenges that bring stories to life. It's a wonderful opportunity for children to express themselves, build confidence, and share their love of books.

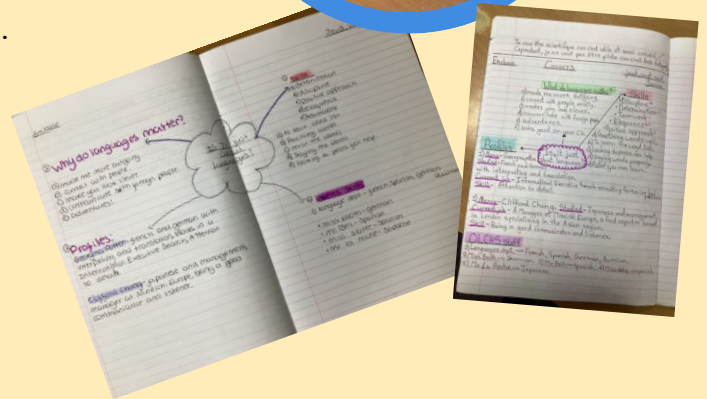
We encourage all parents to support their child to get involved by coming to school on the day dressed as a book character—now's the perfect time to start planning! Let's make this World Book Day a memorable one full of creativity, excitement, and a shared love of books.



MODERN LANGUAGES

Class 9t1 considered reasons to learn a language in conjunction with their current topic of work, jobs and future aspirations. The class had discussions about why languages matter, and the skills learned. The class came up with these skills and justifications themselves.

Finally we read some job profiles of people who use languages in their jobs and watched a video about someone who works for a school holiday company, organising overseas residentials.



Parent Feedback JANUARY 2026

Thank you to parents for completing the feedback questionnaire during our recent Year 10 and Year 11 Parents' Evening, and providing such wonderful feedback.



click here!

News & Information

KS4 Information Evening for Parents



Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our KS4 Information Evening at Our Lady's on Tuesday 3rd February 2026.

Please click [here](#) for the information provided to parents during the evening.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Staying Safe Online -
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Community Support
Information



IMPORTANT

St Anthony's Church Car Park



Due to maintenance work taking place at St Anthony's Church, please can parents and pupils avoid parking / walking through the church car park until further notice. Thank you.

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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:
Early Primary (3-7 years), General Primary (5-11 years)
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/



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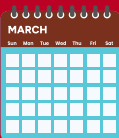
Friday 27 February at 2 pm
in The Training Centre
at Our Lady's Catholic High School

BOOK NOW

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CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk



Q&A events



2026 Diary Dates

Monday 9 February

Year 10 Work Experience Week

Friday 13 February

Half term - school closes at 3pm

Tuesday 24 February

All pupils back to school

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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NETBALL

YEAR 8 & 7

The Year 8 girls, captained by Vanessa K, hosted Christ the King in a netball fixture on Tuesday. Both teams faced very cold conditions, which resulted in a low-scoring game. Despite this, Our Lady's battled hard throughout and secured an 8-2 win. Player of the Match was awarded to Emily S, who played up a year group and delivered an excellent performance.

Christ the King did not have a Year 7 team, so our 7A and 7B teams played a friendly match against them as extra training. This also ended in a strong result for Our Lady's, with a 4-1 win. Player of the Match went to Maja N, whose speed and agility around the court at Wing Attack made a big impact.



YEAR 10

The Year 10 A and B netball teams, captained by Romy L, were in action away against Ashton on Monday. The A team played the first half and quickly established a healthy 13-goal lead through strong teamwork and accurate shooting. The B team took over in the second half and maintained the advantage, resulting in a convincing 23-8 victory.

Player of the Match was awarded to Amy R for her outstanding attacking performance. She distributed the ball effectively throughout the court and shot consistently under pressure.

FOOTBALL U13

Huge congratulations to the U13 girls football team who beat Wirral Girls Grammar 4-0 at South Drive last Friday in the English Schools' Cup competition.

Goals from Coco SV and a cracking header from Rio A. Player of the Match went to Ruby C for her versatility and resilience. On we march into the next round.



Sporting News



BASKETBALL

U14

Congratulations to the U14 basketball team who have made it through to the last 4 in Lancashire after beating Longridge 34-22. Good luck as they take on Bacup in the Semi Final.



U16

The U16 basketball team have won all 4 of their Preston Schools' basketball 'B' league games to finish top of their group. Win's over Fulwood Academy, Ashton CSC and Moor Park preceded a final group game against Christ the King Catholic High School on Thursday 29th January. The team continued their excellent form with a 47-17 victory with Most Valuable Player award going to Sam W who scored 20 points.



ATHLETICS

A group of 16 boys and girls from Year 7 Our Lady's took part in the Preston Schools' Indoor Athletics Competition held at Broughton. They competed in both track and field. The boys just missed out in placing top three. However, the girls came 3rd with a respectable 232 points behind St. Cecilia's and Broughton.



RUGBY

The Year 8 rugby team played their second round of district competition at Grasshoppers last Wednesday evening. The first game was against a very athletic Fulwood Academy and after going one try down, the OLCBS team rallied together and showed superb resilience to record a two try to one victory.

The team were then on the wrong side of a two try to nil game against Ashton. However OLCBS managed to brush themselves down in remarkable form to record a 7 try victory over Archbishop Temple to end the evening on a high.

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YEAR 11

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Preparing for College and Beyond

Recently, our Year 11 students took part in Mock Interviews to help prepare them for upcoming college interviews and future career pathways. To make the experience as realistic and impactful as possible, we invited 26 employers from a wide range of career sectors to interview our current Year 11 students.

The students were outstanding throughout the process, demonstrating maturity, confidence, and professionalism. Our visitors spoke extremely highly of the way in which students conducted themselves, praising their positive attitudes, engagement, and willingness to listen to feedback.

Students were asked a range of interview-style questions, encouraging them to reflect on their strengths, skills, and future aspirations. Although some arrived feeling nervous, they rose to the challenge and grew in confidence as the interviews progressed.

Each student received valuable, personalised feedback focusing on communication, body language, and how to structure effective answers. This guidance will support them as they prepare for their forthcoming college interviews.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students for representing themselves and the school so positively. A huge thank you to the 26 employers who generously gave their time to support this event and help our students take confident next steps towards their future.



Careers

BAE SYSTEMS



As part of Our Lady's second school trip to the **Ask Facility at BAE** for those Y11 pupils who are interested in apprenticeships, pupils had the opportunity to speak to current apprentices about the courses.

Pupils also enjoyed an employability seminar where they gained insights into the application process.

The deadline for applications is 28th February although we were advised it may close early.

If you are thinking of applying, please do so as soon as possible.



Our roles / Early Careers

Be comfortable thinking big

Starting your career with Dunelm opens a world of possibilities. Whether you're diving into an apprenticeship, stepping in as a graduate or a student considering a placement, you'll discover a warm and supportive environment that's perfect for growing your skills and setting yourself up for success.

[View all Early Careers roles](#)



Applications are now open for Dunelm's **apprenticeship** vacancies.

You could apply for apprenticeships in Supply Chain & Logistics, Merchandising, Buying, Retail, or the exciting new Made to Measure Fitting apprenticeship opportunity.

Find out more about the roles and how to apply below...

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Careers

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026



National Apprenticeship week

NWAS CAREERS

LIVECHAT

Are you thinking about a career in the ambulance service?

Are you considering alternatives to University, such as apprenticeships?

Tuesday 10th February 2026

1 pm - 2 pm

4 pm - 5 pm

For more information and advice on roles and opportunities available, join our live chat at the specified times via this link:
<https://www.nwas.nhs.uk/careers>

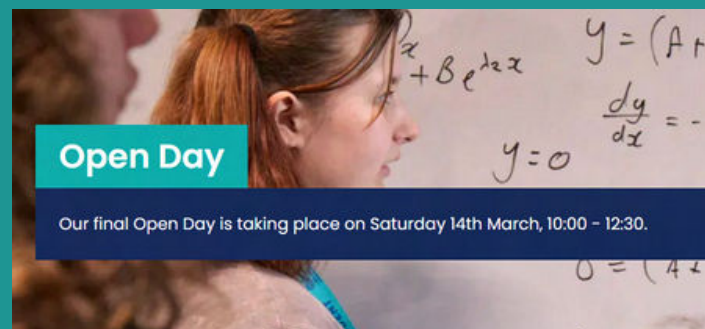
For more information, please email:
talentfor.care@nwas.nhs.uk

NHS North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust

SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT HOW TO CHAT TO US ONLINE

North West Ambulance Service would like to make students aware of a couple of live chats that are taking place on the 10 February in line with National Apprenticeship week if pupils are looking at Ambulance Careers in the future.

On the attached poster are the details of the online chat and the link to join. Also, a QR to a video that explains what live chat is and how to use it.



Hello Our Lady's Catholic High School

We would like to share with you some information about our final open day of the academic year that may be of interest to your high achieving mathematical students.

Our application form is still open (and can be accessed via our website) with open day providing late applicants with the opportunity to discover more about LUSoM from staff and current students alike. The Admissions team is also on hand to support all applicants with any queries they may have.

We also welcome Year 10 students who may be at the start of their journey and are beginning to explore their sixth form options. For further information and the booking link, please see below.

MORE INFO

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