



Our Lady's  
Catholic High School

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# CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

## Being One of Ours: Learned and Wise

This half-term, we have been focusing on the virtues of Learned and Wise, which are central to our identity as a Catholic school. Being learned means being curious, asking questions, and trying to understand the world around us. Being wise means using that knowledge to make good choices and to care for others. In lessons, pupils have been thinking more deeply, asking thoughtful questions, and working towards real understanding. Outside the classroom, through trips, clubs, and leadership opportunities, they have continued to grow in confidence and awareness of others. We have also taken time to reflect through prayer and liturgy, helping pupils to think carefully about their actions and decisions. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils developing these virtues, learning well and using their knowledge wisely as part of our school community.



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# LENTEN SERVICE

## Come Back To Me

Our theme for our Lenten Service this year was *'Come Back To Me'*.

Using Taize music, movement and readings we were able to reflect on how we can return to God. He is always ready to forgive our sins and accept us with open arms.

At its core, Lent carries this simple message from Book of Joel 2:12: "Come back to me with all your heart."

This theme isn't about becoming perfect. It's more about being honest with ourselves, stepping away from all the noise, distractions, or things that take us off track, and reconnecting with what actually matters. Lent was a chance to pause, refocus, and rebuild that connection with God in a way that's honest and personal.

Our pupils led a wonderful and moving Lenten Service.



## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Andrew also came to visit our school to celebrate Mass with us. It was a special time where we could pray together and think about how we can be kind and compassionate and make good choices.

Those pupils who wished to do so received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where they could say sorry and remember that God always forgives us. We would like to say thank you to Fr Andrew for coming to our school and helping us grow closer to God.

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# Religious Education

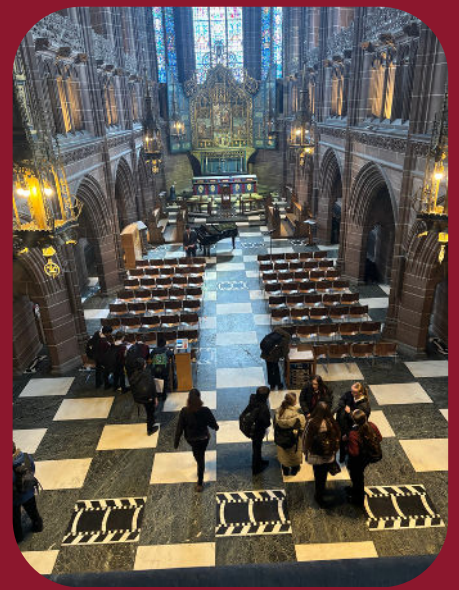
## TWO CATHEDRALS VISIT

Our Year 7 students recently enjoyed a memorable and enriching trip to both the Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals in Liverpool as part of their Religious Education studies. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the Eucharist by experiencing two different Christian traditions in meaningful and engaging settings. At each cathedral, students explored the significance of worship, the role of sacred spaces, and the ways in which the Eucharist is celebrated within Anglican and Catholic communities.



Throughout the day, students demonstrated curiosity, respect, and thoughtful reflection, making the most of this unique learning experience. The trip not only enhanced their classroom learning but also encouraged a greater appreciation of faith, tradition, and the diversity within Christianity.

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We are proud of the excellent conduct shown by Year 7 and look forward to building on this experience in future lessons.

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# MILLION MINUTES

Million Minutes came to visit our school and stayed with us for the whole day. They spent time talking to different classes and really got to know us. They listened carefully to our thoughts and opinions about important issues that matter to us, such as war, global warming, recycling, waste, and problems in our local area caused by some young people. It was a wonderful visit, and the pupils spoke with confidence and respect. Their contributions were thoughtful, mature, and meaningful, and it made us feel proud to share our ideas.



Million Minutes is a Catholic youth agency. The charity promotes an inclusive and collaborative youth ministry, where the voices of young people are centred.

We are working towards a world where young people take transformative social action, with an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching.



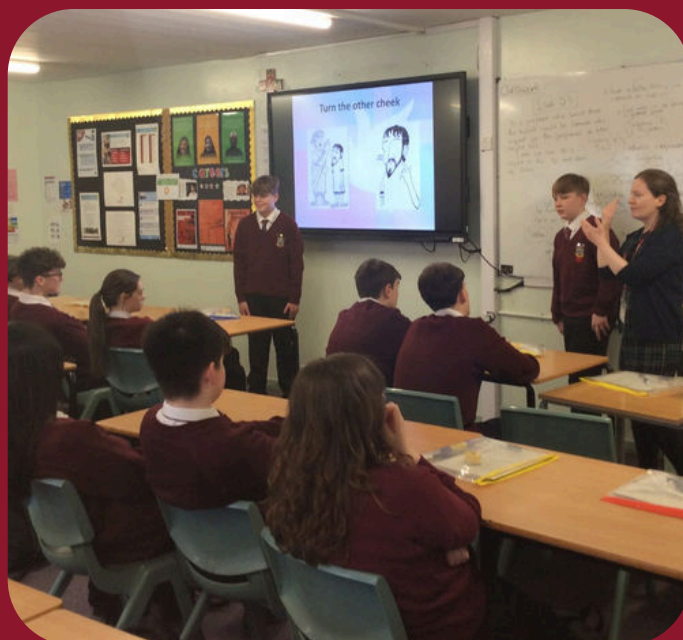
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# PAX CHRISTI VISIT



The RE Department were delighted to welcome Pax Christi into school to work with a group of Year 9 pupils. During the session, students explored the theme of peace, reflecting on its importance in today's world and considering practical ways they can promote peace in their own lives and communities.

Aisling Griffin, Schools and Youth Education Worker, also spoke to pupils about her career path. She explained the steps she took to reach her current role, including her studies, experiences, and the values that guided her choices.



This session gave students a clearer understanding of the different routes into careers focused on peace and social justice.

We were especially pleased to have Aisling share her knowledge, as her insights offered a valuable perspective on working in peace and justice, and inspired pupils to think about how their own values might shape their future pathways.

The session was engaging and thought-provoking, and we are grateful to Pax Christi for their time and contribution to our students' learning.

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## FUNDRAISING AT OUR LADY'S.

### BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD!

At the end of term, we wore bright colours and held a fantastic cake sale and two Easter Egg Raffles for CAFOD.



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**WE RAISED £737.00 FOR CAFOD!**



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# INSET AT BROCKHOLES

Our INSET at Brockholes, led by David Wells, offered a meaningful opportunity to focus on staff wellbeing and the deeper purpose of their vocation. The day began with love - a reminder of the importance of caring for one another as colleagues, fostering a culture of support, respect, and compassion.

From this flowed learning, as staff were encouraged to reflect on their own growth, sharing experiences and rediscovering a sense of purpose in their roles. It was a chance to step back, think deeply, and reconnect with why they do what they do.

Finally, growth highlighted the importance of nurturing not only professional development but also personal wellbeing. By the end of the day, staff felt valued, supported, and renewed - better equipped to sustain both themselves and the community they serve.



## THE YEAR 11 MASS OF CELEBRATION MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2026

As our Year 11 pupils stand at the beginning of their GCSE journey, we gather with friends and family in our Art's Theatre for a wonderful Mass of Celebration. This is a time filled with anticipation and challenge, and we place before God all their hopes, efforts, and concerns.

We pray that each may be granted focus, perseverance, and calm in the weeks ahead, trusting in their abilities and the support around them, remembering that they are never alone, and that God walks with them every step of the way.

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