

Our Lady's Catholic High School



Newsletter No. 28
1st May 2026



'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.' (John 14: 6)

In this Sunday's Gospel of John 14:1-12, Jesus speaks with a simple but powerful command: **trust**. He reminds us that he is the way to the Father and calls us to continue His work through lives of love and faith. Even in uncertain times, his promise gives us peace and direction.

Lord Jesus,
When our hearts are troubled, lead us in your way.
Strengthen our trust in you.
Help us reflect your love each day.
Amen



BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Amira Azimah - faith-filled and hopeful

Year 8: Oliver Bennett - loving and active

Year 9: Oscar Bradley - grateful and generous

Year 10: Emil Rose Bibin - curious and active

Year 11: Evie Holland-Bass, Aleksandra Dydzian - generous and loving



Being One of Ours



Year 8 The Entrepreneur Competition

All Year 8 pupils are taking part in *The Entrepreneur* enterprise competition in their Design & Technology lessons.

Pupils will be working in groups of three and have been given a £10 loan by OLCHS (**repayable on 8th May - Forms O,U & R and 7th May - Forms L, A & D**).

They must run enterprising activities (the Easter holidays will be good for this!) which will allow them to make as much profit from their loan as possible. All profit is to be kept and equally distributed within the groups.

Each group will make a short presentation (including photographic evidence) to their class about their activities and a winning team from each class will be selected.

The following rules must be adhered to:

- Pupils are not allowed to do the lottery or play the lottery.
- Pupils must not sell goods within school time under any circumstances. This includes selling sweets on the quad or yard at break or lunch.
- Pupils should refrain from cake sales and car washes, trying to be more creative with their ideas.
- All groups will be expected to pay the £10 loan back in full.
- The work that pupils do in their groups must be divided up equally between all three members. **Profit must be shared out equally at the end of the activity.**
- Groups **MUST provide photographic evidence** of their activity.



Senior Leadership Applications

In school this week we launched the senior leadership applications for our Year 10 pupils. Mr Horn spoke to all pupils about their roles as prefects and how to apply for a senior leadership position including Head Boy and Head Girl.

The deadline to submit an application is Monday 11th May at 9am.



2026

Year 8 Parent Feedback



Very Satisfied /
Satisfied

Results of the parents' questionnaire from our recent Year 8 Parents' Evening.

Thank you to our parents and carers for the wonderful feedback and responses on how we are performing as a school.

How well do you feel that we take learning seriously?

100%

How well do you feel that we give you information regarding attendance and its impact on your child?

100%

How well do you feel that we provide a curriculum that is ambitious and well sequenced across the year?

99%

How well do you feel that we provide your child with opportunities to personally develop?

99%

How well do you feel that we explain ideas clearly and check pupils' understanding regularly?

100%

How satisfied are you that you know how to keep your child safe online?

99%

How well do you feel that we provide pupils with someone they can talk to if they have worries or concerns?

99%

How well do you feel that we provide pupils with a clear idea of progression routes when leaving school?

100%

Get involved



Join the production team



**SET DESIGN
& PROPS**



**COSTUME &
WARDROBE**



**SOUND &
MICROPHONES**



**LIGHTING &
PYROTECHNICS**

Our Lady's is really excited to be working on this year's school production of Grease, and we would love to invite members of our school community to be part of the journey.

Putting on a show of this scale takes a huge team behind the scenes, and we know we have some incredibly talented parents and carers who may be able to support us.

We are currently looking for help with:

- Set design and construction
- Prop making and sourcing
- Costume alterations or support with costumes
- Sound, lighting or AV (if you have any experience in this area)

Whether you have professional experience, a creative hobby, or simply want to get involved and support the students, we would love to hear from you.

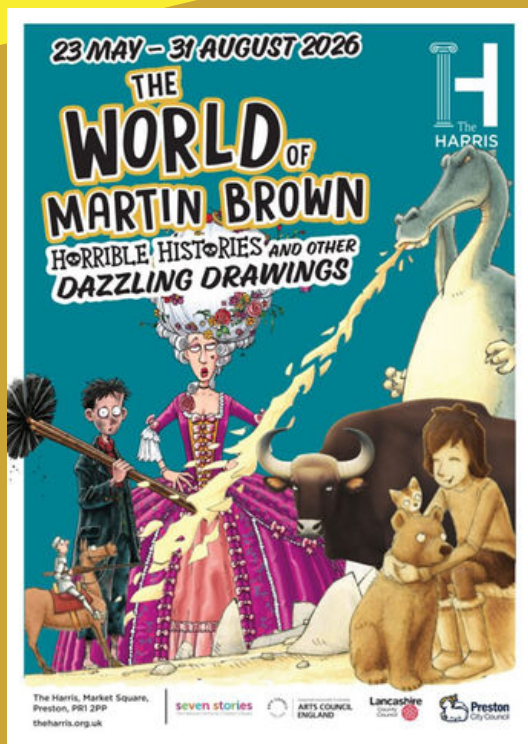
Being part of the production team is a fantastic way to support the school, meet other parents, and play a role in creating something really special for our pupils.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please get in touch with Mr Pill via the school office or **email jpi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk**

Thank you in advance for your support – we can't wait to bring Grease to life!

Being One of Ours

Half-term activities at The Harris museum



The World of Martin Brown: Horrible Histories and Other Dazzling Drawings

Saturday, 23 May 2026 to
Monday, 31 August 2026 | Gallery One

A dazzling display of cartoons and art by best-selling children's book illustrator Martin Brown. Visitors journey through Brown's artistic world, tracing his career from his early humorous cartoons to global publishing successes.

Original art from Horrible Histories, illustrations from Lesser Spotted Animals, and exclusive content from his latest books, including Nell and the Cave Bear, bring Brown's imagination vividly to life.

What's on

May Half-Term at The Harris

Meet the Artist: Martin Brown Saturday, 23 May in The Studio £3, booking required	1pm
Horrid Harris Crafts Monday, 25 May in The Studio £2, booking required	10am & 1pm
The Harris: Sketch and Stroll Wednesday, 27 May in The Studio £3, booking required	10am, 1pm & 3pm
Baby Bounce & Rhyme Wednesday, 27 May in the Family Library Drop-in, no booking required	10.30am & 2.30pm
Recycled Plastic Crafts Thursday, 28 May in The Studio £3, booking required	1pm & 2.30pm
Cave Bear Craft Friday, 29 May in The Studio £2, booking required	10am & 1pm
Lego Club Every Saturday in The Studio Drop-in, no booking required	9.30am
Storytime Sessions Every Sunday in the Family Library Drop-in, no booking required	2.30pm



🏛️ Enjoy a fun-filled May half-term packed with exciting family-friendly activities at The Harris!

🎨 Get creative with hands-on sessions, craft miniature landscapes, join a relaxing sketch and stroll, dive into imaginative art workshops, or build big ideas at LEGO Club.

📍 Don't miss the highlight of the week... A special exhibition opening where you can meet illustrator Martin Brown in person!

📍 'The World of Martin Brown: Horrible Histories and Other Dazzling Drawings', Gallery One, 23 May - 31 August.

👉 There's something for everyone to enjoy, book your place now [click here](#)

 Our Lady's Catholic High School



Summer School 2026

MONDAY 20TH JULY -
FRIDAY 24TH JULY

YEAR
6



WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Transition opportunities
- Creativeness
- Team Building
- sports

For more information & to register interest, please contact Miss Singleton - ESI@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Places subject to availability



USEFUL RESOURCES

Staying Safe Online -
May 2026 Bulletin



Community Support
Information



Navigating Group Chats

CLICK VIDEO



Train To Teach with the Catholic Teaching Alliance



What We Offer

- School-based PGCE with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status)
- Training hubs in Preston, Blackburn, St Helens and Carlisle
- Early Primary, Primary, Secondary, Post 16
- Learn from current outstanding practitioners

CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

01772 326931

@cta_north



WE ARE HIRING



2026 Diary Dates

Monday 4 May
May Day - School closed

Tuesday 5 May
Year 11 Celebration Mass

Thursday 14 May
Year 7 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

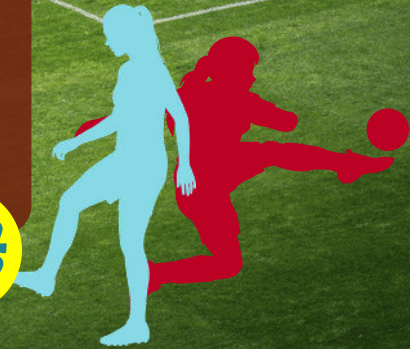
Except Tuesdays (ONLY)

Pupils finish at 2.30pm

FOOTBALL



The U13 girls football team have reached the Lancashire Cup Final after beating Cardinal Allen 5-2 in the semi-final.



Our Lady's has a number of football teams who have made the Preston Schools' Cup Finals being held in the coming days at Deepdale Stadium.

It would be fantastic for the players to see some familiar faces in the stands and hear you cheer them on, on what is a brilliant occasion for them.

Entry into the stadium is through the side of the Sir Tom Finney stand that is next to the Alan Kelly stand - £4 adult and £2 for concessions and children.

FOOTBALL

Matches

Tuesday 5th May

Year 8 OLCBS Boys Vs Broughton
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 6th May

OLCBS U14 Girls Vs ABT
4:20 pm - 5:20 pm

&

OLCBS U16 Girls Vs Fulwood
5:40 pm - 6:40 pm

**CARDINAL
NEWMAN
COLLEGE**

SPORTS ACADEMY TRIALS



If you have received an offer from Cardinal Newman College, have you also considered trying out for one of their college sporting teams.

Please see below for details of the upcoming trials, and do check your inbox for an email from Cardinal Newman on how to book on:

Have you booked your Sports Academy Trial? Don't miss out! At Cardinal Newman College, our Sports Academy Programme offers competitive opportunities. Current trial dates:

- ✓ Netball - Trial Date - 28th May 9-3pm
- ✓ Basketball - Trial Date - 26th May 10-2pm

You are invited!

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

Your Future, Your Choice

Apprenticeship, Adult Education & Careers Fair

@ our Leyland Campus, PR25 3DQ
Wednesday 6th May
4.30-6.30pm

Employment opportunities

Start an **Apprenticeship** with us

Adult Courses starting in September



runshaw.ac.uk/showcase-events

t: 01772 642040 e: yourfuture@runshaw.ac.uk w: runshaw.ac.uk

