

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?”
– **Acts of the Apostles 1:11**

Next week we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. Jesus returns to the Father in glory, but most importantly, he remains with us always. He calls us to live as his disciples by sharing love, kindness, and faith with others. We are reminded that our true hope is in heaven, while we continue Christ’s work here on earth.

Lord Jesus,
Help us to follow you faithfully
and bring your love to others each day.
May our hearts always look toward heaven.
Amen



BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Oliver Jacques - intentional and prophetic

Year 8: Noah Smithyman - loving and active

Year 9: Jasmine Dayaji - attentive and discerning

Year 10: Matthew Burrow - compassionate and loving

Year 11: All of Year 11 - faith filled and hopeful



Being One of Ours

YEAR 11 CELEBRATION MASS

A Celebration Mass
in thanksgiving for our time at
Our Lady's Catholic High School.

5th May 2026

"Love one another as I have loved you"
John 13:34

On Tuesday 5th May, we had our Year 11
Celebration Mass in thanksgiving for our Year 11's
time at Our Lady's Catholic High School.

**"Love one another as I have loved you" - John
13:34**

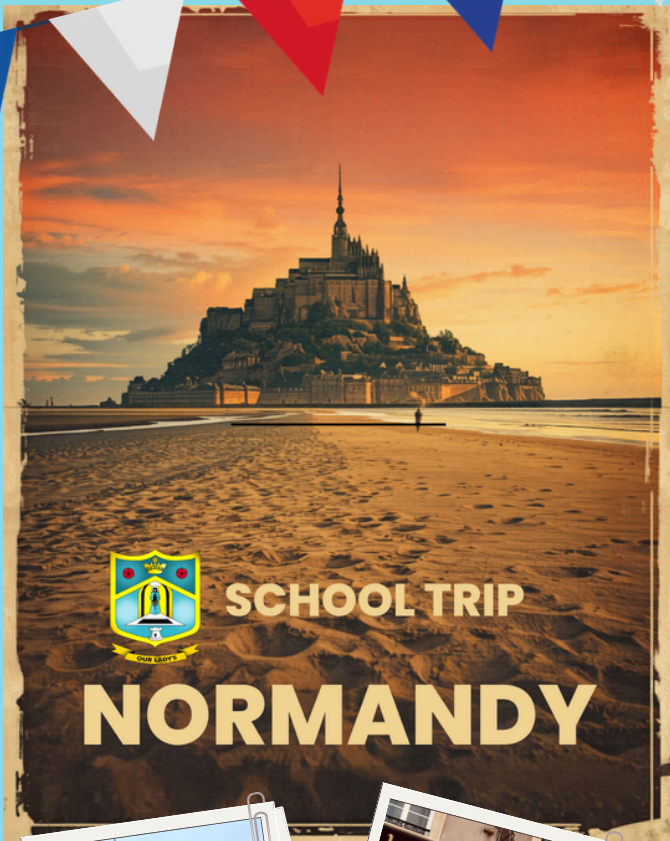
Photos & Hymns

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, Year 11 celebrated their time at Our Lady's with a special celebration assembly. Each form group took time to reminisce about their journey through school, reflecting on memorable trips, charity events, sporting achievements and extracurricular activities.

Pupils and staff also shared heartfelt video messages, before the assembly concluded with a brilliant photo slideshow, taking everyone on a wonderful trip down memory lane.





Memories from Normandy

WRITTEN BY ONE OF OUR YEAR 10
YOUNG LEADERS

“ Our visit to France began with a journey on the Eurotunnel, which was a really interesting experience and a great start to the trip.

When we arrived in France, we visited Honfleur, a beautiful town full of character, before travelling on to our accommodation at the Château du Molay.

On the second day, we visited Mont Saint-Michel, where we even experienced walking in quicksand and learned how to safely get ourselves out.

Day three was filled with historical adventures. We visited Batterie de Merville and Pegasus Bridge, where we learned about the D-Day landings, the realities of the Second World War and the bravery of those involved. We also visited The British War Memorial to pay our respects to those who lost their lives. Later, we watched real historical footage in a 360-degree cinema experience, which brought the events of the war to life. We then visited Bayeux Cathedral where a wedding was taking place and we bought ice-creams and souvenirs before ending the day at 'The British Cemetery' to reflect and pay our respects once more.

The evenings were filled with fun and games in the grounds of the Chateau, including crepe making, Karaoke and a campfire. So many lovely memories made!

I really enjoyed the Normandy trip when I was in Year 8, which is why I wanted to return this year as a Young Leader. What a fantastic experience it has been!

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OLCHS pupil, Pearl Dsouza



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

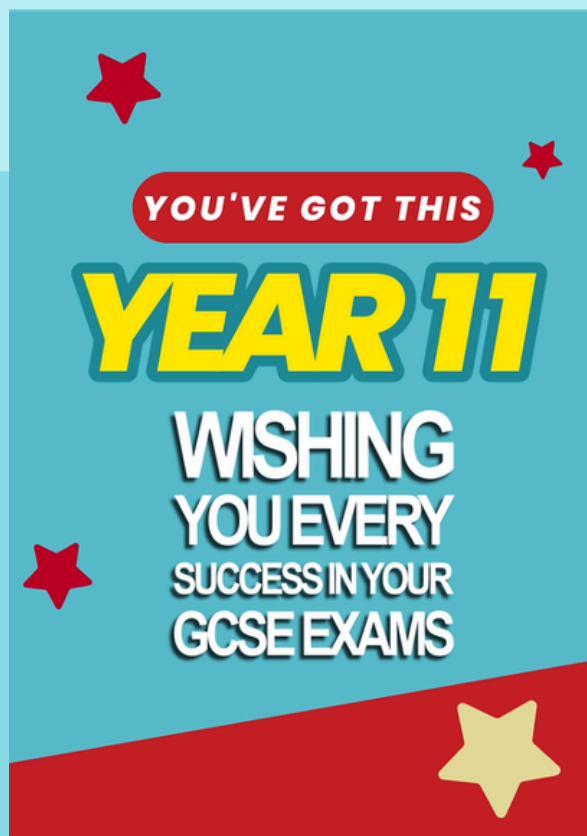
Choco-Tastic Challenge!

Congratulations to all Year 7 pupils who took part in the Design and Technology Chocotastic Challenge.

Each team was asked to develop and promote a healthy chocolate bar product and present their ideas.

Eight winning teams were selected from a very high standard of presentations in classes.





As Our Lady's Year 11 pupils begin their GCSE exams, we wish them every success.

Year 11, you've put in the hard work, dedication and preparation, so stay calm, stay focused, and do your best. We are with you every step of the way.



SCHOOL OF THE WEEK



Our Lady's Catholic High School

Celebrating National Recognition: ★School of the Week★

We are delighted to share that Our Lady's has been named School of the Week by the Catholic Union of Great Britain in their national weekly newsletter.

This recognition highlights the strength of our Catholic ethos, the richness of opportunities we provide for OLCBS pupils, and the dedication of our whole school community. It is a wonderful affirmation of the hard work of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children, and the ongoing support of our families and governors.

We are proud to see our school celebrated in this way and to be part of a wider Catholic community across the country. **Read the article >**

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!

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USEFUL RESOURCES

Staying Safe Online -
May 2026 Bulletin



Community Support
Information



Navigating Group Chats

CLICK VIDEO



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 - ES1@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Places subject to availability



WE ARE HIRING



2026 Diary Dates

Thursday 14 May
Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday 22 May
Half Term - School closes at 3pm

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



BASKETBALL

Lancs County Cup: Semi-Final Report

Our Lady's 22 – 14 Armfield

In the semi-final, Our Lady's delivered a defensive masterclass. The strategy was clear: press the opposition at every opportunity. Armfield struggled to cope with the relentless pressure, finding it nearly impossible to mount sustained attacks.

Connor F-L was awarded the MVP for a performance defined by pure work ethic. His dominance on the boards was a deciding factor, securing vital rebounds after every shot. The highlight of the game, and perhaps the season, was Connor nailing a spectacular buzzer-beater three-pointer that sent the bench into raptures.

Lancs County Cup: The Final

Our Lady's 23 – 39 Haslingden

Facing the final immediately after their semi-final victory, the squad showed incredible grit. Our Lady's came out firing, leading after the first quarter, but as the game progressed, the physical toll of back-to-back matches became evident. Despite the fatigue, the team struggled but never stopped fighting to contain Haslingden's two standout players.

Even as the lead slipped away, the boys continued to play high-quality basketball, executing several excellent offensive moves. Connor F-L was again named MVP for his tireless scoring efforts in the face of a very tough defense.



Mr Broderick's Season Wrap-Up

"I am incredibly proud of every single player who represented Our Lady's throughout this campaign. They have been a joy to coach and have now seen first-hand the level required to become county champions. We have set a high bar as the second-best team in Lancashire, and the hard work for next season starts immediately with morning training resuming next week. Well done to everyone."

Sporting News



FOOTBALL FINALS

Tuesday 5th May

Year 8 OLCHS Boys Vs Broughton

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 6th May

OLCHS U14 Girls Vs ABT

4:20 pm - 5:20 pm

&

OLCHS U16 Girls Vs Fulwood

5:40 pm - 6:40 pm

OLCHS 1 - 1 Broughton

OLCHS 3 - 1 ABT

OLCHS 3 - 1 Fulwood



It has been a great week for Our Lady's football teams playing in the Preston Schools' finals hosted at Preston North End.

Well done Our Lady's.

Full match report in next week's newsletter.



Our Lady's pupil Evie is currently in Ireland with England Football, competing in the U17 Women's Euro's.

England beat Ireland 2-0. England then went on to play an outstanding Germany side, with Germany winning 1-0. Evie played the full game and saved an amazing shot that was mentioned by the commentators.

This Sunday, 10th May, England play Norway for a place in the semi-final. To watch the game please click on the link below. Come on England !

UEFA TV LIVE

CLICK HERE



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Careers

**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

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BRITISH ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter shares helpful updates, resources, and opportunities from the British Army to support young people as they explore career options and build skills.
- British Army Supporting Education




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