

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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Ministry. (Matthew 9:36-10:8)

'Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.'
(Matthew 10:1)

Jesus calls his disciples to share in his mission of compassion and service. Ministry begins with seeing others as he sees them, with care, mercy, and love. Each of us is called to be a worker in the Lord's harvest, using the gifts we have received to serve others and build God's Kingdom.

Lord Jesus

Fill our hearts with your compassion.

**Help us to serve faithfully, share your love generously,
and respond with joy to your call.**

Amen



BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Amyleigh Masterson - compassionate and loving

Year 8: Trimandeeep Singh - active and faith-filled

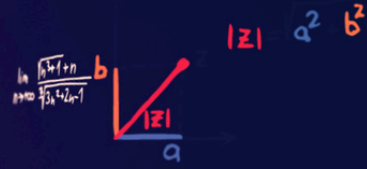
Year 9: Oliver Swinson - curious and active

Year 10: LaShawn Timpunza-Mvula, Birdie Fletcher - curious and active



Being One of Ours

$$\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$$



$$\ln \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} = \ln \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

$$0 = \frac{s_x}{s_y} + \frac{s_y}{s_x} + \frac{s_x}{s_y}$$

UKMT *Junior* Maths Challenge

GOLD

YEAR 8

- Scarlett Bailey
- Finney Griffiths
- Archie Gutteridge (**Best In School**)

SILVER

YEAR 7

- Jessie Brown
- Victor Chan
- Owais Patel
- Sofia Vinaccia
- Toby Willis (**Best In Year**)

YEAR 8

- Danté Lewis
- Aleena Mohamed
- Isabel Wilson

BRONZE

YEAR 7

- Solomon Eaves
- Lucy Gardner
- Jakub Kolodziej
- Elise Lowe
- Kristian Nacin
- Shanvi Rana

YEAR 8

- Ben Ballard
- Kayden Baxter
- Heidi Carter-Darwen
- Dominic Janeczek
- Nadia Janicka

Earlier this term, pupils in Year 7B1 and B2 and Year 8B1 and B2 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, a national problem solving competition promoting mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency of mathematical techniques.

32 of our students achieved a certificate based on their score which was a fantastic achievement. Toby W achieved “Best In Year” for Year 7 with a silver certificate and Archie G in Year 8 achieved “Best In School,” receiving a gold certificate for the challenge.



- Libby-Jo Linford
- Ollie Milsom
- Ayaan Mohamed
- Harry Nguyen
- Thomas Peacock

- Freddie Pickering
- Asher Pilkington
- Zofia Pustelnik
- Trimandeep Singh
- Kasia Slack

SCIENCE TRIP UNIVERSITY OF LANCASHIRE

Year 8 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to the University of Lancashire, where they took part in a hands-on Pollution Workshop designed to develop their scientific investigation skills and understanding of environmental science.

During the workshop, pupils worked as environmental scientists, carrying out a range of water quality tests to investigate pollution within river systems. They tested water samples for nitrate ions, chloride ions, pH levels and nitrate ion concentration, learning how these factors can be used to assess the health of aquatic environments and identify potential sources of pollution.

The practical activities allowed pupils to experience laboratory techniques used by professional scientists and gave them valuable insight into the importance of monitoring water quality to protect ecosystems and biodiversity.

In addition to the chemical analysis, pupils had the opportunity to use microscopes to examine a variety of organisms commonly found in freshwater habitats. They observed different species of pondweed, algae and protozoa, gaining a deeper understanding of the complex communities that live within river systems and how pollution can affect these delicate ecosystems.

The visit provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to apply their classroom learning in a real-world scientific setting. They demonstrated enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour throughout the day, asking thoughtful questions and engaging fully with the activities.

We would like to thank the staff and students at the University of Lancashire for delivering such an informative and inspiring workshop. The experience has encouraged many of our pupils to think more deeply about environmental issues and the important role science plays in protecting our natural world.



REWARDS BREAKFAST

On Monday, 145 pupils were invited to enjoy a slice of toast and a hot chocolate for a rewards breakfast in the OLCHS restaurant.

These pupils did not receive any 'behaviour for learning incidents' in the previous half term. This is a phenomenal achievement!

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Preston Dragons Dragonboating Team



Congratulations to OLCHS pupil Chloe who recently participated in the 7th Barcelona International Dragon Boat Festival.

The Preston Dragons team entered 5 categories of races, and Chloe drummed in every race. The team qualified for all five finals and came away with two gold medals.

The team were really pleased with Chloe's contribution, not only keeping all of the paddlers in time, but also shouting tactical and motivational calls throughout the demanding races. Well done Chloe.

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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition Success

Well done to the 80 students who completed their Bronze DofE practice expedition this weekend. They showed fantastic resilience, teamwork and leadership, while gaining valuable experience ahead of their assessed expedition.

We were especially proud to hear praise from members of the public about their politeness and enthusiasm; their campsite cooking was pretty impressive too!



OLCHS COMPETITION

All entries must be emailed or given to Mrs McNeela by 29th June 2026

Please click on the image to read in full



CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

At our school, we celebrate diversity, inclusion and respect throughout the year as part of our commitment to creating a welcoming community where everyone feels valued. Over the next two weeks, we will be placing an additional focus on these important themes through a range of curriculum and enrichment activities designed to deepen students' understanding and appreciation of different cultures, experiences and perspectives.

This year's focus links particularly to the British Values of Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs. Students have already taken part in information assemblies this week, and further activities across a range of subjects and extra-curricular opportunities will continue over the coming fortnight..

As part of these celebrations, we will also be marking Refugee Week. We are pleased to be hosting the **Escape to Safety** installation, provided by Global Link, which offers a powerful and thought-provoking insight into the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers.

Students in Key Stage 4 will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition during the school day.

Escape to Safety Installation - Open to the Public



We are delighted to invite families and members of the wider community to visit the Escape to Safety installation, which will be open to the public from 4.00pm–5.30pm on Monday 22 June and Wednesday 24 June.

No booking is required, and the exhibition takes approximately 15 minutes to walk around. The installation provides a unique opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the journeys and challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers, and we warmly encourage all who are interested to attend. Please sign in at reception.

Further information about the exhibition can be found here:

[CLICK HERE](#) 

NUT ALLERGY AWARENESS

PEANUT ALLERGY

Think. Check. Respect. 
It could save a life.



PEANUTS ARE NOT SAFE FOR EVERYONE

Peanut allergy is a serious, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. Even a tiny amount can cause a severe reaction called anaphylaxis.

DID YOU KNOW?

-  Peanut allergy affects about **1 in 50 children** and many adults.
-  It is one of the leading causes of severe allergic reactions.
-  Anaphylaxis can cause difficulty breathing, swelling, drop in blood pressure, and even death.
There is currently no cure.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

-  **CHECK**
Read labels carefully. Peanuts can be in many foods.
-  **ASK**
When in doubt, ask if a food contains peanuts.
-  **RESPECT**
Avoid bringing peanut products to school, events, and shared spaces.
-  **BE KIND**
Include everyone. A small choice can make a big difference.

SIGNS OF A SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION

-  Swelling of lips, face, or tongue
-  Trouble breathing
-  Hives or rash
-  Nausea, vomiting
-  Dizziness or fainting

If someone has these symptoms, **ACT FAST!** Use epinephrine (EpiPen) if available and **CALL 999.**

Together, we can create safe, inclusive environments for those living with **nut allergies.**

Thank you! 

AWARENESS • COMPASSION • ACTION
Because allergies are real. And awareness saves lives.



Allergy Awareness

Learning how we can help and stay safe together.

 [LEARN MORE](#)



CATHOLIC
TEACHING
ALLIANCE

Primary Teacher
Training Opportunities

[MORE DETAILS](#) 

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USEFUL RESOURCES

**Staying Safe Online -
June 2026 Bulletin**



**Community Support
Information**



WE ARE HIRING

Our Lady's
Catholic High School

Lay Chaplain

APPLY NOW



2026 Diary Dates

15- 26 June

Diversity Week

Tuesday 23 June

Year 11 Prefects' Ball

Thursday 25 June

Year 6 Parents' Information Meeting

29 June to 1 July

'Grease' - School Show

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



ROUNDERS

Year 7, 8 and 9

Preston Schools' League Rounders A Sunny Start to the Season!

The first Preston Schools' League Rounders fixtures for Years 7, 8 and 9 saw our teams travel away to Ashton, with the sun finally making an appearance after weeks of gloomy weather.

Year 7 got off to a determined start and were only 1½ rounders behind at half-time, leaving everything to play for in the second innings. Despite a fantastic effort, they eventually went down 11–6. A special mention goes to Player of the Match, Sofia V, whose outstanding and consistent catching at first base led to several Ashton batters being out.

The **Year 9** team were involved in a closely fought contest. With the scores locked at 4–4 at half-time, the game was finely balanced. Ashton just edged the second half, leaving our girls narrowly defeated 6½–5 after a spirited performance.

There was better news for **Year 8**, who put in a dominant display from the very first ball. Strong batting and excellent fielding saw them control the match throughout and secure an impressive 10½–5½ victory.

A huge thank you also goes to our fantastic **Year 10 helpers** – Ella G, Mollie O'G and Lena S – who gave up their time to support Miss Lewis by umpiring the Year 8 game. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Well done to all of our players for their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship. A promising start to the rounders season, and we look forward to the next fixtures.



ROUNDERS

Year 10

On Wednesday, the **Year 10** Rounders team travelled to Archbishop Temple School for the annual Preston Schools' Tournament, determined to make their mark. The team got off to a fantastic start, topping their group with impressive victories over Longridge (3-2) and the host school Archbishop Temple (7-2.5).

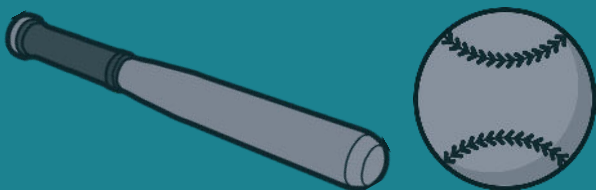
Their strong performances secured a place in the semi-finals, where they produced another excellent display to defeat Fulwood comfortably by 6.5-2. This set up an exciting final against a strong Broughton side.

The final was always going to be a tough contest. After losing the toss, the team was put into bat first and found scoring opportunities hard to come by, with Broughton restricting them to just one rounder.

However, the girls refused to give up and produced a brilliant fielding performance in response. An outstanding partnership between backstop Lena S and first base player Romy L saw seven of Broughton's nine batters dismissed, keeping the pressure on throughout the innings.

Despite their determined efforts, Broughton eventually secured a 5-1 victory, meaning our team finished as deserving runners-up.

Miss Lewis was incredibly proud of the squad, not only for their excellent performances on the field but also for the way they conducted themselves throughout the tournament. Their teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship were a credit to the school.





LANCASTER UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Girls in STEM Day

Saturday 20th June

Hello Our Lady's Catholic High School

We would like to inform OLCCHS pupils of LSoM's upcoming Girls in STEM event, taking place on Saturday 20th June 2026, 10:00 - 14:00. **The event is an opportunity for any female & non-binary students to join us here at LUSoM** and celebrate some inspiring women in STEM and take part in a carousel of activities. We will be joined by guest speaker Eugenia Cheng, who is over from Chicago for a limited time this summer.

This is an event for students to book themselves, they will receive a booking confirmation email upon submission of their booking.

We look forward to hopefully having some of your students in attendance.

Kind regards, LUSoM

The deadline for interested students to book is 09:00am, Wednesday 10th June.





Career Opportunities Include:

- Senior Practitioner
- Early Years Practitioner
- Early Years Apprentice
- Cook

We are having a Careers Open Evening

Wednesday 17th June 2026
6:15 - 7:45pm

Come and visit one of our three beautiful settings and learn about our 'Evergreen Way'.

You will have the opportunity to meet some of our dedicated team and understand what it is like to work at Evergreen Early Years.

Discover the learning and progression opportunities available at Evergreen.

Learn about our partnerships, research and development prospects.

You are welcome to email jackie@evergreenfutures.co.uk to register your interest or drop in during the evening.

Location:

**Evergreen Early Years-Ladyewell,
Ferryhalgh Ln, Preston PR2 5ST**