

# Our Lady's Catholic High School



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## The Theme Next Week: All Saints (Matthew 5: 1-12 The Beatitudes)

*Happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

November 1st is All Saints' Day. We honour all the saints - known & unknown. The Feast Day honours all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Let us reflect:

Holiness is not granted only to those who can break away from the ordinary tasks, to devote themselves to prayer. Rather, everyone is called to holiness in their own state of life. It is by living with love and offering Christian witness in our daily tasks that we are called to become saints...

Always and everywhere you can become a saint... (Pope Francis 2014).

### BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Kourtney Fell - curious and active

Year 8: Amad Elahi - learned and wise

Year 9: Sam Walmsley - attentive and discerning

Year 10: Emma Finnigan - faith-filled and hopeful



*Being One of Ours*



Thank you to everyone at Our Lady's for your support on 'Brighten Up Day' that took place on Friday 11 October

We raised an **AMAZING**  
**£1,422.29**

Brighten Up! For CAFOD

Our Lady's pupils Phoebe & Helena in Year 7 had a brilliant time helping out at the cake sale and working alongside other pupils on our Brighten Up! Day for CAFOD.

We raised £1,422.29! Thank you to everyone who took part and donated.

*The Chaplaincy Team.*



# SCIENCE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

If you can tell your science teacher the answers to the questions you can earn a point.

## Science In The News

This week's *Science In The News* looks at two articles about animals, one considering whether they are conscious and the other linking their appearance to diseases.

## Video

Watch the following video and then answer Questions 1 and 2.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b08nps6>

**Question 1:** What three skills does the article mention that bees have which may indicate that they may also be able to think and feel?

**Question 2:** What does the cleaner wrasse fish do that indicates a level of consciousness?

Now read about the study into how dogs' spots might link to diseases and then answer the following questions:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3ggpje8v23o>

**Question 3:** What is the scientific name for the cells producing skin pigment?

**Question 4:** What does the article suggest may be linked to a lack of skin pigment cells in dalmatians?

## Home Research

If you were interested in the first article you might like to listen to the following podcast on the same subject.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3cszv5s>

# MATHS

## VISIT

## News

On Thursday 10 October, pupils in Year 11x1E were involved in a taster session with Mr Wing from the Lancaster University School of Mathematics (LUSoM). In the session pupils were shown what LUSoM has to offer whilst also practising some advanced level Maths involving Pascal's Triangle. Pupils were given the opportunity to test their mathematical thinking against a range of problems and discuss their different approaches.

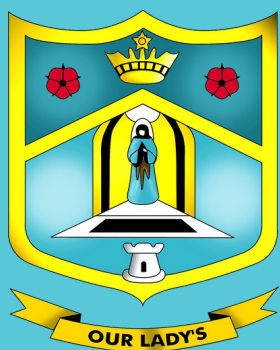
If pupils are interested to find out more they can visit the LUSoM Taster Day which takes place in their building on Saturday 9 November from 10am to 12.30pm. More information about this and other events can be found via the following link:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Don't forget to check out this week's **Careers** section for upcoming Year 10 and 11 College Open Day events.

In next week's newsletter, also learn about two fantastic Career related events that happened in school this week including our Speed Networking Event, and a visit from the BBC.



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# Information

## OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – TERM DATES 2025-2026

Friday 18 July, 2025 - School closes for summer at 12.35 pm

### AUTUMN TERM

Monday 1 September, 2025	INSET DAY – pupils at home
Tuesday 2 September, 2025	Pupil Review Day
Wednesday 3 September, 2025	<b>Year 7</b> to school
Thursday 4 September, 2025	<b>All pupils</b> return to school
Friday 3 October, 2025	INSET DAY – pupils at home
Friday 24 October, 2025	Half-term – school closes at 3.00 pm
Monday 3 November, 2025	All pupils return to school
Friday, 19 December 2025	End of term – school closes at 12.35 pm

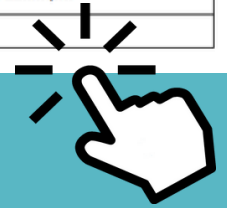
### SPRING TERM

Monday 5 January, 2026	All pupils return to school
Friday 13 February, 2026	Half-term – school closes at 3.00 pm
Monday 23 February, 2026	INSET DAY – pupils at home
Tuesday 24 February, 2026	All pupils return to school
Thursday 2 April, 2026	End of term – school closes at 12.35 pm



### SUMMER TERM

Monday 20 April, 2026	All pupils return to school
Monday 4 May, 2026	School closed for May Day
Friday 22 May, 2026	Half-term – school closes at 3.00 pm
Monday 1 June, 2026	All pupils return to school
Friday 17 July, 2026	End of term – school closes at 12.35 pm
Monday 20 July, 2026	INSET DAY – pupils at home



## A message for Parents from Safer Preston

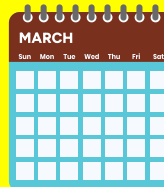


As members of the Preston Community Safety Partnership, we are reaching out to address a growing concern within Preston that requires your attention and cooperation.

Recently, it has come to our attention that several empty buildings in Preston have been attracting children and young people...

[\(click here to continue reading\)](#)

[CLICK HERE](#)



## 2024 Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 7 November**  
Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Monday 11 November**  
PSHE Day

**Monday 11 November**  
Remembrance Day

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# Firework Code



Lancashire Fire  
and Rescue Service

Always supervise young children

Light sparklers one at a time

Keep pets indoors

Keep them in a closed box

Follow all instructions carefully

Stand well back

DO's

&

Don'ts

Never return to a lit firework

Don't give sparklers to under 5's

Don't set fireworks off after 11pm

Never put them in your pocket

Never throw them

For more information visit:

[www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx](http://www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx)

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# Information

## Fireworks, The Law and You



Lancashire Fire  
and Rescue Service

Fireworks can only be purchased from registered sellers for private use between:

15th October - 10th November  
26th December - 31st December  
3 days before Diwali or Chinese New Year

It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public

If you are caught with fireworks in public you could be given an on the spot fine of £80

It is an offence to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am

It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers

If you are caught committing any of these offences you could be given an on the spot fine or be taken to court where you can be given a heavier fine or prison sentence.

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ON

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PRESTON



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Family Hubs.

Scan the QR code to  
find out what's on in  
your local area.



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NETWORK

Supporting children, young  
people and families to  
succeed in Lancashire



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## FOOTBALL

### ENGLAND WOMEN'S UNDER 16 SQUAD

Update on Our Lady's pupil Evie, who is currently away with the England Women's Under 16 football squad. Evie has been selected to be in the starting line-up for the first match against Switzerland.

We are so proud of you Evie.



## Being One of Ours

### Irish Open Wrestling Championships

Two OLCBS pupils recently competed in the Irish Open Wrestling Championships.

Kayah won gold medal against tough competition.

Filip finished in 4th position against a very difficult and advanced group of wrestlers.

Congratulations on a wonderful achievement.





## NETBALL YEAR 9 & 10

On Monday Year 9 & 10 competed against Archbishop Temple in the Preston Schools' netball league. Both year groups made a positive start gaining an early advantage over our opponents. At half time, both had a clear lead. However, we came out equally as strong in the second half and continued to dominate.

The final scores were 14-8 to Our Lady's Year 9, and 24- 8 to Our Lady's Year 10.

Player of the Match went to Amy R and Macy W respectively.

It was then the turn of Year 9B, who once again, had to compete against Archbishop's A team. However, they did themselves proud.

We kept edging into the lead, then Archbishop would quickly equalize. The game was end to end and could easily have gone either way. However, it finished 3-3.

Player of the Match was awarded to Chloe G.





## Chorley Hospital VISIT

As part of our careers provision at school, Mrs Lin took 16 Our Lady's pupils to Chorley Hospital as part of the Widening Project.

The event is organised by Karen Gore of Chorley Hospital and gives pupils the opportunity to see and experience a wide range of medical careers all in one space. Pupils learned about resuscitation, occupational health, oncology, paramedic services and much more.

Thank you to Chorley Hospital for making us feel so welcome.



## PRESTON COLLEGE Visit

Just before half-term, Mr Pill accompanied OLCBS pupils on a further visit to Preston College, where our girls on the Hair and Beauty course were undergoing their assessment. They were professional in what they were doing, and Mr Pill stayed to be part of their feedback from their tutor Kathy. All of our pupils received a distinction for their work. Kathy praised them for their expert techniques, clean and tidy workstations, and professional personal appearance. It was a pleasure to see the girls thriving and achieving such high accreditation for their hard work.

Over in the workshop, our boys were busy making a tool box which will hold their handmade tools. At one point the tutor Steve stopped the group to give some instructions, our pupils immediately stopped, tools down and were intensely listening to every word he spoke. It was clear to see they respect Steve and appreciate his wealth of knowledge.

For 'Being One of Ours' and representing themselves and Our Lady's so wonderfully, pupils were rewarded with an early break and treats in school.





**PRESTON COLLEGE**

**YEAR 10 & 11**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

# OPEN EVENT

**SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 10AM - 2PM**

For OLCBS Year 10 & 11 pupils  
Preston College next Open Event is this  
**Saturday 2nd November 10am – 2pm**

To register, students can use the  
following link:

**CLICK HERE**



# CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE

## OPEN DAY EVENTS



2024-25

University of Central Lancashire  
**Training 2000**

## Aspiring Clubs for year 10, 11 and 12

Our Aspiring Clubs are aimed at giving you a taste of life as an apprentice. Whether you are an Aspiring Engineer or interested in becoming an Optician, we have lots of options available.



*Click  
here*