

Our Lady's Catholic High School

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The Theme for next week is Perseverance. (Luke 21: 5 -19)

Your endurance will win you your lives. (Luke 21:19)

In this Gospel Jesus talks about destruction and famine, earthquakes and wars.

We know only too well about these things especially with the climate change crisis, the war in Ukraine, flooding in Pakistan. Jesus also mentions those persecuted for their faith and this is still happening today. However, we are encouraged to persevere and to remain hopeful. God will give us everything we need. As people of faith, we do not pretend that suffering doesn't exist. However, God is asking us to face it and do what we can, even if it feels like we are only making a small difference. Our actions change lives and bring hope.

Dear Lord

Give us the strength to persevere in difficult circumstances.

We pray for an enduring faith and a hope in you.

Amen

BOOO VIRTUES PUPILS

Below are some of our pupils who have shown outstanding commitment to the BOOO Virtues this week and have been chosen by their Learning Manager for recognition.

Year	Name	Form	Reason
Year 7	Emilia Eastham	7U	For being thoughtful and kind to pupils and staff on a daily basis.
Year 8	Neel Chauhan	8U	For sharing his ideas eloquently in the Parliament Workshops
Year 9	Freddie Burnett-Cherry	9L	Generous in offering to help clear up after his English lesson.
Year 10	Dylan Beirne	10A	For being Curious and Active at the Year 10 residential retreat to Castlerigg
Year 11	Eva Aiton Lacie Ellis Ella Jackson Olivia Strange	11U 11D 11D 11U	All stepped in to cover additional prefect duties to assist a member of staff – Curious and Active

BERLIN TRIP

During half term, 40 Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils travelled to Berlin for a History trip with links to the GCSE topics of the Superpower Relations and Weimar and Nazi Germany. We spent three days exploring the city, taking in all of the important historical sites as well as paying our respects at the Sachsenhausen memorial, Deportation memorial and the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. All of these were very powerful, and pupils responded to them with the utmost respect. We embarked on a four-hour walking tour of the city, which included the Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie. We ended the last evening with a visit to the roof terrace of the Reichstag where we had some wonderful views of the city all lit up for the evening. Pupils behaved brilliantly throughout and engaged with the rich history of the city.

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PARLIAMENT WORKSHOPS

Last Friday, Year 8 pupils all engaged in Parliament workshops. This gave pupils the opportunity to learn more about how democracy works as well as think about the biggest issues facing the UK and the world today. Pupils were sorted into groups to form political parties and create a manifesto which they then campaigned on. There were some brilliant ideas about the energy crisis, climate change and the prison reform. All pupils stood at the front and read their policies to their peers, which was lovely to see, as they clearly believed in the ideas that they had come up with as a team. Some pupils were given tricky questions to answer about their manifesto, but they rose to the challenge and delivered eloquent responses. Many pupils seem to have a genuine interest in making a difference locally and globally, the day helped everyone to reflect on how we can each make a difference.

YEAR 8 REWARDS BREAKFAST

On Monday, 7 November, 101 Year 8 pupils were invited to a reward breakfast in the restaurant with Mrs O'Beirne and Mrs Crossley to celebrate their commitment to Being One Of Ours in the first half term. These pupils had not lost any points or did not have any missed homework - a fantastic achievement!

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION MORNING

On Friday, 18 November it will be Certificate Presentation Morning for pupils in Years 7-11. Mrs Lucy Scanlon, Headteacher at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary will be the guest speaker. Pupils who have been chosen to receive a subject award by their class teachers of last year will be presented with a certificate. School will close on this day at 12.45 pm.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

The Year 7 football team began their football experience with two first round Lancashire Cup matches against Corpus Christi and Archbishop Temple schools on Wednesday, 2 November. This was the first time pupils had played together and it was a great experience for all involved. The results may not have gone our way on this occasion, losing out to both Corpus Christi and Archbishop Temple and exiting the Lancashire Cup for this year.

The Year 11 team took on a talented Broughton High School side on Friday, 4 November. The game was held at Our Lady's which gave the team a slight advantage, playing in familiar surroundings. After a couple of previous losses, the team were prepared to work hard to gain the win they deserved, and they did not disappoint. Right from the start Our Lady's controlled the possession and were soon rewarded after Toby Atherton converted a chance from a corner kick. Broughton levelled the score 5 minute later but from that point onwards the Our Lady's defence was rock solid. Leighton Hewitt converted a penalty to take the lead. This was followed by a well taken long range strike from Toby Atherton and a free kick scored by Leighton Hewitt to seal the victory with a 4-1 score line. Player of the match was awarded to George Rainford. The team look forward to a trip to Rossall School in the Lancashire Cup later this month.

NETBALL NEWS

The Year 7 netball team had their first fixture against St Cecilia's last week. They have been training hard, listening and things have started to click into place. The A team displayed wonderful play down court which almost resulted in goals each time. There was fantastic shooting by Romy and Mia. Final score 15-3 to Our Lady's.

The B team started a little slower but were really clicking in the second half. The defenders worked hard to clear it out before St Cecilia's had any shooting opportunities meaning our attacking players could bring it easily down court. Final score was 5-1 to OLCBS. Huge well done to all players.

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The Year 8A team had their second fixture of the season on Thursday night away at St Cecilia's. The team were eager for a win after suffering their first ever defeat at home to Longridge just before half term. The girls took control of the match early and St Cecilia's attempts to get the ball into their circle were quickly broken down by our defence. Evie Mitchell and Emma Finnigan kept their composure in attack to give Our Lady's a half time lead of 4-1. In the second half, we extended the lead even further thanks to Charlotte Potts and Orla Chew who worked the ball swiftly down court. The final score was 10-3 to Our Lady's. Player of the match went to Emma Finnigan.

The Year 8B team were also keen to get a league win under their belts. They showed great determination in the first half. Consequently, they had built up a convincing 5-0 lead by half time. The girls continued to dominate in the second half quickly closing down attempts made by St Cecilia's to dodge for the ball. Ella Sanderson got numerous interceptions in centre court and Libby Pearson was strong bringing the ball down to our attacking circle. Poppy Moss made her match debut and scored a fantastic goal from the edge of the circle. Macey Shay also shot consistently under pressure. The team had a few new players, but they all worked well and managed to win 9-0. Player of the match went to Macey Shay.

The Year 9 A and B teams were both in action on Monday night at home to Archbishop Temple. Due to the weather, both teams faced tough conditions. However, we managed to have most of the possession. The year 9A team brought the ball down court well, but we struggled to convert our shots in order to score goals. The game was 3-1 to Our Lady's at half time. In the second half, once again, we kept the ball in our attacking third thanks to some brilliant interceptions by Chichi and Jiji Ojumobi centre court and Isabelle Potts in defence. Unfortunately, we failed to score. However, the girls showed great determination and managed to defend tightly so Archbishop were also unable to score. Consequently, Our Lady's won by 2 goals. Player of the match went to Lexie Eastham.

The B team also had a closely contested game. Again, we had numerous opportunities to score but Archbishop took greater advantage, converting more of their shots on goal. Quite a few of our team had to play out of position as some people were absent, but they did not let this deter them. Amelia Parkinson and Ellie Billingsley played well in attack and Nicola Zamorowska was quick to bring the ball down court at centre. Unfortunately, Archbishop were just a little too strong and held on to their narrow lead, winning the game 3-1. Player of the match went to Libby Wilkinson.

The Year 11 girls have been training hard in preparation for their league fixtures and they had their first two matches this week. The first was to Broughton on Wednesday. Broughton had the home advantage, and they made the most of this taking an early lead. The score was 7-1 at half time. After a few tactical changes and a good team talk, the squad started the second half positively. However, we struggled with the final pass into the shooting circle. Broughton made a few key interceptions and were fast to break away down court. The final score was 17-1 to Broughton. Player of the match went to Mariyah Mal who worked exceptionally hard in defence.

As a result of a group of Year 11 boys attending training on a Friday lunch time, we were in the fortunate position to be able to field a mixed team for the first time in Our Lady's history. The squad made their debut on Wednesday against a mixed Broughton team. Our Lady's started strong and scored several goals in quick succession. Harry Hargreaves was strong in attack getting into a space to create shooting opportunities. Will Murray fed the ball well into the circle. Joel Craig and Ben Walker brought the ball down court making sure they were always in a good space for their team and Jay Pearson made numerous key interceptions in defence making it incredibly hard for Broughton to get the ball into the shooters. The remainder of the team was made up of Millie Lonergan, Holly Helm, Beth Moir and Erin Blackburn. The whole squad gelled really well. As a result, they won 23-0. A great effort in their first ever game. Hopefully, we will be able to arrange a few more friendlies before the end of the season.

The Under 16 girls' team had another fixture against Archbishop the following day. The match was close, but Our Lady's had a three-goal lead at half time. Archbishop came out fighting and quickly pulled this back early in the second half. Erin Blackburn and Mariyah Mal did exceptionally well against a tall Archbishop attack. Our centre

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court players worked hard to get free as Archbishop were marking us tightly and Millie Lonergan got some great shots in from the edge of the circle. However, it wasn't quite enough, and the team lost 9-7 in a very closely contested game. However, we now know what we need to focus on in training to address areas of weakness and build on this for future matches. Player of the match went to Millie Lonergan.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

You may have seen in the news this week that the latest climate change conference (COP27) is taking place in Egypt. It's a big deal because the plans to limit the overall increase in temperature of the planet are in doubt as promises made to cut carbon emissions may not be met. This week's science newsletter is dedicated to climate change.

Question 1: At the Paris COP in 2015, world leaders agreed to take action to limit the global temperature rise above pre-industrial levels to what?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-63316362>

Podcast

The podcast (link below) looks back at COP 26 and asks what we can expect at COP 27

Question 2: Where did COP 26 take place?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001dx5v>

Video

Scientists say climate change is making more than half of all infectious diseases worse. Watch the video to find out why and then answer the following question.

Question 3: Where is the cholera bacteria found?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-63556927?ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=twitter&ns_campaign=bbc_live&ns_linkname=63556927%26How%20climate%20change%20can%20fuel%20the%20spread%20of%20diseases%262022-11-08T12%3A17%3A08.000Z&ns_fee=0&pinned_post_locator=urn:bbc:cps:curie:asset:6c92a346-2411-4c6a-9a8c-27cbfcd76cd0&pinned_post_asset_id=63556927&pinned_post_type=share

Home Research

Although the main reductions in carbon emissions are expected to be achieved by government policies, everyone can contribute. Research and identify what you can do personally to reduce your carbon footprint.

Question 4: What three things could you do personally to reduce carbon emissions?

Dates to remember

Thursday, 17 November – GCSE Certificate Evening at 6.00 pm

Friday 18 November – Certificate Morning – school closes at 12.45 pm

Friday, 16 December – school closes for Christmas

Wednesday, 4 January – school opens

Thursday, 12 January – Year 11 Parents' Evening 2

Thursday, 26 January – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 2 February – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 9 February - Paris Trip

Thursday, 23 February – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 23 March – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday, 10 February – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 21 February – school opens