

# Our Lady's Catholic High School

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The theme for next week is **The Good News (Matthew 11: 2-11)**

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare the way.

Believing in God is a decision, a decision based on faith. However, doubt is totally normal. It's part of being human. Can you believe the Good News? Is Jesus the one for you? Like the Magi who set out to follow the star, do we give up everything to follow Christ? Can we be more like Him in our thoughts, words and actions? This Advent maybe you could think about these questions and ponder them in your heart.

**Dear Lord**

**Help us to see you in our friends, our families, and in ourselves. Help us to take up the daily challenge to recognise your love and compassion in the world around us.**

**Help us to believe.**

**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	Luke Moyes	70	For an excellent contribution to the Salvation Army appeal, bringing in a full shoe box of donations - compassionate and generous.
Year 8	Lacey Baines Fatima Rezai Julia Czerczak	80 80 80	For using their talents to do good and raise money for CRISIS who support those less fortunate in a time of need - intentional and prophetic
Year 9	Rebecca Brown	9L	For embodying the BOOO virtues in every aspect of commitment to academic and curricular school life – active and curious.
Year 10	Kaitlyn Shreeve	10D	For being generous with her time and efforts, in particular in our Art Department.
Year 11	James Hutchinson	11R	For being grateful and generous.

## **UK HEALTH SECURITY AGENCY**

Attached with this Newsletter is an important information letter to parents from the UK Health Security Agency in respect of the recent increase in cases of Scarlet Fever.

## **VACANCIES**

We currently have two vacancies and further details are available on the website:

- Marketing and Communications Officer – 30 hours per week, term-time only plus 3 days
- Temporary Pastoral Administration Assistant (maternity cover) – 27.7 hours per week, term-time only
- Learning Support Assistant – 27.7 hours per week, term-time only

## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

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On Friday, 16 December pupils may wear a festive jumper to school. **School blouses/shirts, trousers/skirts and normal school shoes must be worn** but everything else can be changed. Please note the following guidelines:

- A Christmas jumper **MUST** be worn as a pre-requisite for anything else.
- Once a jumper is worn other accessories e.g. Christmas hats/earrings/festive nails/makeup can then be worn
- Pupils can make their own Christmas jumpers e.g: add baubles to a fluffy jumper
- **NO Tinsel**

Pupils should pay £1 to take part and all proceeds will go to the Crisis Christmas Appeal. Please encourage your child to take part and make a difference.

## STAFF PANTOMIME - THE NAIEVETY

This year our Staff Pantomime will take on Wednesday, 14 December at lunchtime in the Arts Theatre. To obtain a ticket pupils must bring in a Christmas gift which should be unwrapped. This gift must be new and unused. Once collected all gifts will be donated to a chosen charity. Gifts could include stationery, toys, Christmas treats, clothing and accessories etc

## THE OLCHS CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

On Thursday, 15 December the OLCHS Christmas Variety show will take place at 7.00 pm. Pupils have auditioned to be part of this variety show and this is their own work. It is a showcase of talent at Our Lady's. We have Singers, Dancers, Poets, Comedians, Musicians and many more. The evening will also include mince pies and mulled wine (non-alcoholic of course). Tickets are available on ScoPay - Adults £5 | Children £3

## U16 BASKETBALL

The combined Year 10 and 11 basketball team bounced back into action in their third game of the Lancashire cup and gained a fantastic 40-21 victory against Tarleton Academy on Monday, 5 December. The team was pleased to be playing a fixture at home and began the game strongly with excellent defensive work from Liam McCaul and Finn Hurley to deny Tarleton from getting too close to our basket. Will Murray led the attack scoring 18 of our 40 points while Liam McCaul, Harry Hargreaves, Joel Craig, Finn Hurley, Cameron Orr and Jay Pearson all added to our total. Charlie Kay maintained strong defensive duties, eliminating chances for the opposition to score while supporting team movements going forward. This was a fantastic result for a team which has enjoyed playing together throughout their time at Our Lady's. Their final group game is against Broughton High School on Thursday, 15 December, where a win might give them a chance of progressing through to the knockout stages.

## NETBALL NEWS

Year 9 and 10 were in action against Broughton on Wednesday. Year 10's played first. They made a very confident start despite both of their shooters being absent. Judy Ellbbany and Lydia Tucker (Year 9) gelled well in attack despite having never played together before. The score was 5-2 in our favour at half time. We continued to build on our lead in the second half. Lillie Heath and Zaara Patel made several key interceptions centre court, whilst Maisie Batty and Katy Brown showed great determination in defence to make it difficult for Broughton to get the ball. Our Lady's went on to score five more goals. The final score was 9-4. A very convincing performance by all of the team. Player of the match went to Lucy Beesley for her speed round the court and accurate feeds to the shooters.

Year 9 were up next, and they too started well. We had most of the possession in the first half, creating lots of opportunities in attack. Consequently, we were 5-1 up by half time. Broughton then went onto score a few quick goals and they got to within two points of our total. However, Our Lady's kept their composure. We slowed our game down to reduce the chances of making mistakes. Lexie Eastham and Lydia Tucker shot well under pressure and got some long-range shots in. Heidi Clark passed the ball accurately down court and Isabelle Potts and Jessica Moorcroft got several key rebounds off the Broughton shooters. Chichi and Jiji Ojumobi used their speed well to get

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free from their opponents. Broughton continued to press hard, but we managed to increase our lead and won the game 10-6.

A great performance from both the Year 9 and 10 teams.

## **RUGBY NEWS**

On Wednesday evening, our year 9 boys' rugby team travelled to Preston Grasshoppers for their district rugby fixtures. Their first game was against a strong Archbishop Temple team who started the game showcasing their skills of tackling and carrying the ball well in the first five minutes. However, the Our Lady's boys were not deterred by this and rose to the challenge. After keeping the ball moving forward over three or four phases of play, the ball was handed to Jacson Maguire who grounded the ball for the game's first try. Our boys went from strength to strength with Henry Monks and Josh Jackson scoring the next two tries in quick succession with a strong defensive performance seeing no reply from ABT. The victory was sealed with a final try, and second of the game, for Josh Jackson. The second game of the evening was against a very strong and well drilled Ashton. There were many moments of great play from our boys but ultimately the opposition was too strong and Ashton were comfortable victors by the final whistle.

### Dates to remember

Friday, 16 December – school closes for Christmas – school closes at 12.45 pm

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

Friday, 10 February – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 21 February – school opens

Thursday, 23 February – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 23 March – Year 7 Parents' Evening