

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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Prayer Theme Next Week: Healing (John 9:1-41)

The Healing of the Blind Man: 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.'

God doesn't choose the obvious people to be his followers. Each of us are chosen by God and healed by his love – like the blind man in the Gospel who is healed. He doesn't expect it, however his faith in Jesus in that moment is enough. His eyes are opened. Not only can he physically see but he also recognises Jesus as the Lord. Sometimes we too need to open our eyes.

Let us become aware of the love of God in all that we see, in the beauty of nature, in others and in our own potential.



Dear Lord

Allow your healing hand to heal me.

Touch my soul with your compassion.

Touch my heart with your courage and infinite love.

Amen.

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations

Year 7: Zuzanna Rapa

For being discerning with her choices and showing compassion to others.

Year 8: Charlie Whelan

For showing compassion to others.

Year 9: Erika Russell

For being intentional and compassionate during the fire alarm this week.

Year 10: Joe Walmsley

For being attentive and discerning within the UKMT Maths Challenge.

Year 11: Georgia Fitzer

For being eloquent and discerning.

Pledge Badge Award

There are lots of extra curricular activities and trips happening in school. Every child earns Pledge Points for the extra curricular activities they join in with.



Faith in Action Group

On Tuesday, 24th March, pupils from the Faith in Action Group helped out at the coffee morning at North Preston Evangelist Church. This is a regular event where church members and residents from the local care home meet, chat and pray together.

They did a wonderful job, serving tea and coffee, tidying up and making conversation!



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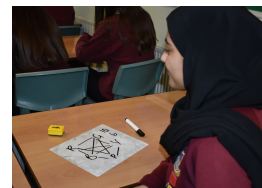
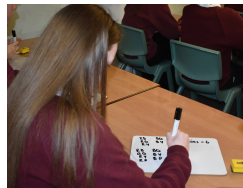
Lancaster University School of Mathematics



On Monday, 13th March, pupils in Year 11x1E had a taster session with Ella McConville from The Lancaster University School of Maths (LUSoM).

Within the session, pupils were given a chance to test their problem solving and reasoning skills on different aspects of Maths beyond GCSE level. Pupils learnt about the opportunities available at LUSoM and ways in which they could follow a pathway linked to STEM subjects; taught in a different way, in a brand new setting in Preston. Several pupils have already applied to LUSoM and admissions are still open should anyone still be interested. For more information about applications, please take a look at their website via the link below:

www.lusom.ac.uk



UK Mathematics Trust: Maths Challenge

Some of our pupils in Year 9 and 10, recently took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths challenge: a national problem solving competition promoting mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency of mathematical techniques. Twenty two of our students achieved a certificate based on their score which was a fantastic achievement. Hamza Haidi achieved "best in year" for Year 9 with a silver certificate and Joe Walmsley in Year 10 achieved "best in school," receiving a gold certificate for the challenge and will now go onto the next round, something only a few pupils get to take part in nationally. Well done to all those who took part. A full list of pupils who achieved certificates can be seen below:

Bronze: Lily Cargill, Aaron Connell, Muhammed Dasu, Charlotte Finnigan, Maksymilian Fryzowski, Sonny Jay Quayle, Matthew Lancaster-Brown, James Pham-Whittle, Isabelle Potts, Adam Sawka, Lucy Beesley, Alexzander Bridge, Ella Buckley, William Russell, Joseph Summers, Liam Taylor and James Walmsley.

Silver: Seb Cookson, Hamza Hadi, Isabelle Stringer, Daniel Cornall.

Gold: Joe Walmsley



Sports News

Under 14s Girls' Football

A huge well done to the Under 14 girls' football team who beat Fulwood 9-0 in the first round of the Deepdale Cup. Goals were scored by Holly Wilson, Evie Mitchell, Heidi Clark and Orla Chew.

Our Lady's dominated the game and Fulwood had no opportunity to score. We are now through to the next round in March.

Lancashire Girls' Under 14's Semi Final



A huge congratulations to our Year 8 girls who were selected to compete for the Lancashire Under 14 girls' football team last weekend against Warwickshire and won.

The girls have now made it into the final. This is a huge accomplishment and we wish them the very best of luck for the final.



Preston Schools' Badminton League



The Year 9 girls' badminton team were in action on Monday 13th March, in their half of the Preston Schools' Badminton League.

Unfortunately, two schools had to pull out on the day so it was just us against Archbishop A and B teams. We had some closely contested fixtures in both singles and doubles. Nickola Zomorowska had a very tough singles game but managed to win 8-6.

Unfortunately, Archbishop were too strong and our lack of experience showed at times. Archbishop 1 were overall winners, Archbishop 2 were second and we were third. However, the girls gained a lot of experience and enjoyed competing.

Well done to Isabelle Potts, Emily Barnes, Nickola Zamorowska, Jiji Ojumobi and Molly Wight.



Year 7 Football: Preston Cup

The Year 7 football team made an excellent start to their Preston Cup campaign this year with an outstanding 11-0 win against Christ the King in the preliminary round of the competition.

Christ the King hosted the game on their fantastic 9 aside, astro-turf facility. Year 11 Sport Studies students Jay Pearson and Charlie Kay put their referee qualification to good use by performing exceptionally well in the middle, making sure the game ran smoothly. The Year 7 team played with some excellent levels of skill and teamwork to dominate the game. Bobbie Burnett-Cherrie scored 7 well taken goals, with others coming from Mikolaj Szmudzinski (2), David Baginski and Jacob Abbott. They now face St Cecilia's RC High School in the quarter final.

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Year 10 and Year 11: Mixed Netball Team

The year 10 and 11 mixed netball teams were in action on Thursday away to Archbishop.

The commitment to training has been exceptional and we had twenty two pupils in total representing Our Lady's at the fixture. The hard work definitely paid off as Our Lady's dominated both matches. Year ten we're up by nine goals to two at half time thanks to some great defending by Hector Draper, Dylan Jackson and Daniel Cornall. Jake Kippax and Lucy Beesley were quick to bring the ball down court, whilst Judy Elbbany and Lucy Mulholland got free to create shooting opportunities in the circle. Year 11 were equally impressive. Finn Hurley, Trae Sangwa and Erin Blackburn got free from their players to work the ball effectively down court. Will Murray and Millie Lonergan were consistent with their shooting in the circle. Joel Craig made some well timed interceptions. Consequently Year 10 won twelve goals to six and Year 11 won twelve to five.

Players of the match went to Judy Elbbany who was playing out of position at goal attack, but shot exceptionally well. Also to Jay Pearson who showed great team work on court.

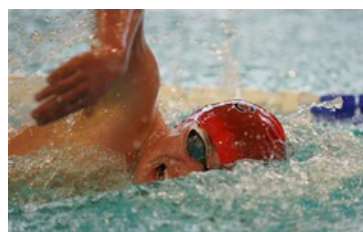


British Schools' Modern Biathlon National Final

On Saturday, 11th March, two of our pupils competed in the British Schools' Modern Biathlon National Final on Saturday 11th March in Redditch, representing Our Lady's Catholic High School.

They both competed brilliantly against very strong athletes in their swim and run. Will finished 14th nationally in the Year 11 boys and Finley finished 30th nationally in the Year 9 boys.

A fantastic achievement for both boys!



Design and Technology

The Entrepreneur Competition

All year 8 pupils will be taking part in The Entrepreneur Enterprise Competition in their Design & Technology lessons, starting on Monday 20th March. Pupils will be working in groups of three and will be given a £10 loan by OLCBS. The loans are repayable on 10th May 2023 for forms O, U & R and 11th May 2023 for forms L, A & D.

They must run enterprising activities (the Easter holidays will be good for this!), which will allow them to make as much profit from their loan as possible. All profit is to be kept and equally distributed within the groups. Each group will make a short presentation (including photographic evidence) to their class about their activities and a winning team from each class will be selected and then go on to compete in a grand final on 17th May. Good luck!

RULES

- Pupils are not allowed to do the lottery or play the lottery.
- Pupils must not sell goods within school time under any circumstances. This includes selling sweets on the quad or yard at break or lunch.
- Pupils should refrain from cake sales and car washes, trying to be more creative with their ideas.
- All groups will be expected to pay the £10 loan back in full.
- The work that pupils do in their groups must be divided up equally between all three members. Profit must be shared out equally at the end of the activity.
- Groups **MUST** provide photographic evidence of their activity.



St. Anthony's Food Preparation

On Thursdays, Year 3/4 from St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School have been visiting school to use the kitchen facilities as part of their Design Technology lessons. Last week the children prepared a Winter Salad and yesterday Mrs. Shaw's class prepared pizza toast.

The children worked carefully and confidently and produced some very tasty creations.

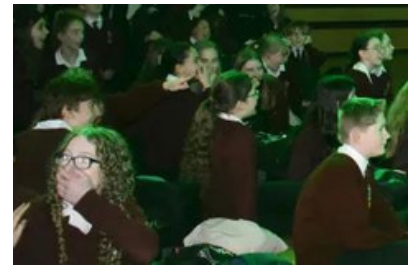
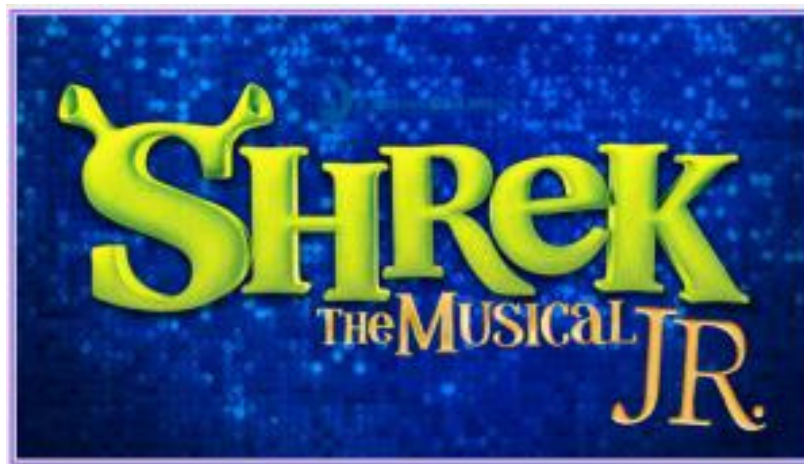


Drama News

Summer Production Announcement

On Tuesday, 15th March, pupils gathered at lunchtime in the Arts Theatre to watch the announcement of this years' school production.

After a trail of clues, over the previous weeks, there was lots of excitement in the room as pupils watched a short movie announcing this years' school production. Our Ladys' Catholic High School will be performing Shrek the Musical this summer.



Auditions take place after school on Monday 27th April. All pupils wishing to take part are asked to download the Auditions Pack from the school website using the link below:

www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overview/drama

Information

Easter Rugby and Multi Sports Camp

We have been made aware of an opportunity at Garstang RUFC for boys and girls aged 12-16.

The session will take place on Tuesday, 11 April and will cost £15 to include breakfast and lunch.

To book a place please follow the link below:

www.clubs-hub.com/fylderugbycommunityfoundation/



Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 21st March - NW Apprenticeship & Careers Expo
- Tuesday 21st March - Dance your Heart out Workshop
- Thursday, 23rd March - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Friday 24th March - STEM Day
- Monday 27th March - Auditions for Shrek The Musical
- Thursday, 30th March - Music Concert in the Arts Theatre
- Tuesday, 4th April - Year 10 Futures Day
- Thursday, 6th April - School closed for Easter at 12:45pm.

- Monday, 24th April - School opens for Summer Term
- Wednesday, 26th April - Year 8 Normandy
- Monday, 1st May - School closed
- Monday, 8th May - School closed for the Coronation of King Charles III
- Friday, 26th May - School closes for half term holidays

- Friday, 9th June - Sunday, 11th June - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition

Music Concert: 30th March 2023

You are invited to an evening of musical entertainment featuring our own pupils. Tickets are available to purchase on SCOPAY at a cost of £3 per person on a first come first serve basis.

Current Vacancies at Our Ladys' Catholic High School

- Business Support Attendance Officer (20 hours/week: Term Time only) - Closing date: 31st March
- Cleaner (12 hours/week: Term Time plus 5 Inset days and 3 cleaning weeks) - Closing date: 27th March
- Senior Science Technician (27.5 hours/week: Term Time only) - Closing date: 23rd March

For full the full details, please take a look at the school website and download an application form. All applications close at 12 noon on the dates shown above: www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies

St. Catherine's Prom Dress Pop-up Event



The event will take place in The Garden Room at St. Catherine's Hospice, Lostock Lane, Lostock Hall on Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th March, from 10am until 4pm. For more information, call: 01772 313063.

Careers

North West Apprenticeship Careers Expo 2023

On Tuesday, 21st March, at the Guild Hall in Preston, the North West Apprenticeship and Careers Expo takes place between 12noon and 7pm. This is the perfect opportunity for pupils to find out more about apprenticeships by meeting leading local employers, all looking to recruit apprentices in a variety of roles.

Local universities, college and training providers will also be available to chat about upcoming apprenticeship and career opportunities.

To find out more about the event, click the link below:

www.nwappexpo.co.uk



T-Levels Showcase 2023: Runshaw College

On Thursday, 30th March, between 5pm and 7pm, Runshaw College are holding a T-Levels Showcase at their brand new Professional Engineering Centre, Langdale Road, Leyland.

There will be numerous employers from across the region in attendance, providing information on the range of T-Level courses and placement opportunities available to students at Runshaw College. These include: Business Management; Civil Engineering; Digital Software Development; Design Engineering and Manufacturing; and Adult Nursing.

For more information, please visit:

www.runshaw.ac.uk/t-levels-showcase



Apprentice Highways Operative



Lancashire County Council is pleased to offer Apprentice Highways Operative opportunities. These 24-month training opportunities are based in various locations across Lancashire within the Highways Service, with 7 vacancies across Lancashire. As a Lancashire County Council apprentice, you will be fully supported with specialist training, internal work rotation and a full mentor support system to ensure you get the best out of the apprenticeship.

The course will start in August 2023 and you will be expected to show a commitment to learning during your apprenticeship training.

To find out more information about the role and how to apply use the following link to the website:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/jobs

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HSBC Foundation Apprenticeships



HSBC's Foundation Apprenticeships are now open for application at various locations and areas across the bank, all with an expected an expected start date of July 2023!

Application deadline: 26 March 2023.



HSBC would encourage you to apply sooner rather than later. Good luck! If you have any questions, please email: apprenticeship.team@hsbc.com

Maintenance Engineer Vacancy



Lovania Nurseries are looking for a maintenance engineer to start in September who would study Level 3 Mechatronics with them. The company are based in Tarleton, between Preston and Southport, slightly removed from the main roads therefore applicants would need transport every day.

If your son/daughter is interested could they please contact Grace using the email address: grace.gardner@t2000.co.uk or telephone 0125454659.