

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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Dear parents / carers

As we come to the end of another term, we take time to reflect on our faith. This is Holy Week and on Wednesday, every child was given the opportunity to take part in our Easter liturgies where we followed Jesus on the road to his death and then reflected on the hope of the resurrection. As we approach the Easter Triduum, I am reminded of the words of Pope Francis which I have shared below:



All too often we look at life and reality with downcast eyes; we fix our gaze only on this passing day, disenchanted by the future, concerned only with ourselves and our needs, settled into the prison of our apathy, even as we keep complaining that things will never change. In this way, we halt before the tomb of resignation and fatalism; we bury the joy of living. Yet tonight the Lord wants to give us different eyes, alive with hope that fear, pain and death will not have the last word over us. Thanks to Jesus' paschal mystery, we can make the leap from nothingness to life. "Death will no longer be able to rob our life", for that life is now completely and eternally embraced by the boundless love of God. True, death can fill us with dread; it can paralyze us. But the Lord is risen! Let us lift up our gaze, remove the veil of sadness and sorrow from our eyes, and open our hearts to the hope that God brings!

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations

Year 7: Amy Ross

Attentive and Discerning

Year 8: Grace Robinson

Compassionate



Year 9: Sara Muszynska

Loving and Compassionate

Year 10: Jacob Blackburn

Eloquent and Faith-Filled

Year 11: To all the Year 11 pupils who are working hard on their revision plans.

Learned and Wise

This Easter season is a reminder to us that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the source of hope for humankind.

This hope is something that we wish to constantly share with our pupils to give them inspiration for their futures as we help them grow in virtue to take their place in our world becoming men and women for others.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the school in helping to shape our children to becoming the best person God created them to be and may I wish all our families a very happy and blessed Easter.

Mr. Charnock

Headteacher

Easter Liturgy: Hands Called to Serve

Thank you to the pupils and staff who told the Easter story through prayer, silhouette freeze frames and song yesterday.

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Easter Liturgy

Hands called to Serve



Jesus is condemned to death

Jesus receives his cross

Jesus falls the first time



Jesus meets his mother

Jesus is helped by
Simon of Cyrene

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus



Jesus meets the
women of Jerusalem

Jesus is stripped of
his garments

Jesus is nailed to the cross



Jesus dies on the cross

Jesus is taken down
from the cross

Jesus is laid in the tomb

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Easter Challenge: Mona de Pascua



OUR LADY'S CHALLENGE Mona de Pascua

Easter Challenge - have a go at making your own Mona de Pascua cake during the Easter break! Research the recipe and get baking!
See some previous year's entries on the photos below.
Email a photo of your creation to ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk by **Monday 24th April**



PRIZES FOR THE BEST ENTIRES



Easter week in Spain, known as **Semana Santa** (Holy Week), wouldn't be a true Easter celebration without **La Mona de Pascua** cake. Traditionally godparents call their godchild Mona, a Moroccan word meaning "gift."
The traditional cake consists of a giant doughnut covered with hard-boiled eggs (the number of eggs corresponding to the age of the godchild). Why eggs? Because observant Catholics did not eat meat or eggs during Lent - therefore the eggs were kept and used to make the egg for Easter weekend.
Today, La Mona de Pascua is covered in chocolate frosting, almonds, chocolate eggs and coloured feathers.



Year 10: Future's Day



On Tuesday, we had a number of representatives from HSBC to deliver their UK Financial Education Programme. Pupils learnt a variety of financial information about budgeting, using bank cards, cash machines, bank accounts and online safety; protecting their identify and financial credentials from fraudulent activity.



Year 7 Rewards Trip: Flip Out

On Tuesday, the Year 7s were rewarded with a trip to Flip Out for their good behaviour and attendance.



Year 8 Reward: Extended Break



Year 8 were rewarded for their outstanding behaviour and positive attitude to learning this term with an extended break.



Pupils enjoyed being at the front of the queue at break and spending extra time with their friends.



Year 8: Food Technology Lessons

Year 8 were busy creating their final assessment pieces in Food Technology last week with Mrs. Smith.

The pupils have worked hard this term developing their skills and knowledge towards this final piece. Year 8 produced some superb work that looked and smelt delicious.



Year 10 Textiles Visit



EDWARD TAYLOR
TEXTILES

The year 10 (GCSE textiles) class went to visit a local textiles manufacturer last week to see a working factory first hand.

Pupils were able to walk around all of the machinery and told what each worker's job involved so they could see the whole process (from start to finish) of a successful textiles company.

Edward Taylor Textiles are a successful business that print and make sportswear for large retailers such as Kukri and New Balance. The knowledge pupils gained will help them immensely when preparing for exams, where manufacturing is a key area of understanding needed.



Sports News



Athletics News

Jemma (Year 7), who runs with Preston Harriers, attended the Youth Development League athletics trials over the weekend at Trafford Athletics Club.

Jemma ran against current Year 8 pupils in both of her categories and made the 'Top 5' in both her races.

- Placed 3rd in the 75m in a time of 10.77 mins
- Placed 5th in 150m in a time of 30.68 mins
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Well done Jemma.



Basketball: Year 7



The Year 7 basketball team played tremendously well in a strong victory against St Wilfrid's CE Academy on Monday, 3rd April.

The game was a quarter final of the Lancashire Cup competition and the win now gives Our Lady's a place in finals night, where they will play their semi-final and (hopefully) final on the same night.

In the game against St Wilfrid's the points were shared around the team with Deneo and Freddie scoring important points while Oliver, Bobby and Sam combined well to add many more. Patrick and Harry also scored impressively but it was William's buzzer beating 2 point swish that got the biggest cheer of the game. The final score was 28-12 to Our Lady's.



Charity Netball Match: Staff v Pupils

The highly anticipated re-match of staff versus Year 10 and 11 (mixed netball teams) took place during Monday lunchtime. Staff were eager for a clean sweep after narrowly beating Year 10 last time but suffering defeat at the hands of Year 11.

The game was extremely fast paced, with Year 10 the first to score taking the lead by two goals. However, the experience of staff prevailed as they won several key interceptions and maintained composure. Staff went on to win the match 10-5. It was a great effort by Year 10 and 11 pupils and they are all eager for another re-match next half term.



£45 was raised in total for charity thanks to donations from players and spectators. Thank you to all staff who competed: Mrs. Lloyd, Miss McNeela, Mr. Newsham, Miss Lewis, Mr. Waring, Mrs. Crossley, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Lin who umpired.

Information

Staff Goodbyes

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to two members of staff who are leaving.

Mr Hoyle who has served as part of our Pastoral Support Team since 2018 will be taking up a role outside of school working on road safety and Mr Newton who has been on long-term supply covering maternity in English. Finally, Mrs Sturgess is beginning her maternity leave today and we wish her well at this exciting time.

Dates for your Diary

- Monday, 24th April - School opens for Summer Term
- Wednesday, 26th April - Year 8 Normandy
- Wednesday, 26th April - Year 10 Young Enterprise Competition
- Monday, 1st May - School closed
- Monday, 8th May - School closed for the Coronation of King Charles III
- Wednesday, 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th May - Year 10 River Wyre Trips
- Friday, 26th May - School closes for half term holidays



Half Term

- Friday, 9th June - Sunday, 11th June - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition
- Tuesday, 27th June - Prefects' Ball
- Thursday, 29th June - Year 6 Parents' talk
- Monday, 3rd July - Year 6 Induction Day
- Tuesday and Wednesday, 4th & 5th July - Shrek the Musical School Production
- Tuesday, 11th July - Sports Presentation Evening
- Friday, 21st July - School closes at 12:45pm for the Summer.

Bus Route Changes

Preston Bus will be removing the 88 bus service.



There will be a new service (48) with a new route and timetable.

Please use the link for more details: www.prestonbus.co.uk/news/service-changes-between-1st-april-and-1st-may-2023/

Information

NSPCC: Listen Up Speak Up

The NSPCC have launched a ten minute training to give adults practical advice on what to do if they're concerned about a child. In January, this year, the Listen Up, Speak campaign was launched following a 14% increase in calls to their helpline about in-personal sexual abuse compared with the previous year.

If you would like to take part in the short online, training, please click the link:

www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up



changetalks

Change Talks is a multi-award winning, health education service delivered by the Prevention and Engagement Team at Lancashire and South Cumbria Foundation Trust.

The team are running a series of workshops via Zoom for parents and carers, to support learning on different mental health topics, including a session on learning disabilities and autism.

For more information or to join a session visit lscft.nhs.uk/changetalks/workshops or scan the QR code



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Let's
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Easter Half Term Activities Grange Park

Join us at Grange Park for a family fun day, full of Easter activities for everyone to enjoy.

Activities Include:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Arts and Crafts
- Nature Trail Walk
- Egg Decorating

Wednesday 5th April,
1:00 – 3:00pm at
Grange Park Milton
Drive, Ribbleson,
Preston, Lancs, PR2
6EN

Food Provided
on the day

Please call 01772 531948 or email cfwprestongroups@lancashire.gov.uk to book a place.

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Current Vacancies Our Ladys' Catholic High School



- Teacher of Design Technology - Closing Date: Monday, 24th April
- Teacher of Geography - Closing Date: Friday, 5th May

For full the full details, please take a look at the school website and download an application form. The deadline for all applications is 12 noon on the dates shown above:

www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies

Preston Caravans and Motorhomes: Apprentice Opportunity

Preston Caravans and Motorhomes is a family run business, and supply some of the UK's top brands of caravans and motorhomes. We're a friendly team, and many of our staff have 20+ years industry experience. Our apprenticeship scheme provides the environment and training for the next generation of Service & Maintenance Engineers. You will be fully trained in mechanical, electrical, gas, plumbing, heating and joinery by working alongside one of our expert engineers and experiencing the industry on manufacturer factory tours. Once these skills are attained PCM will provide access to a nationally recognised certification as below:

- *NCC Caravan Service Technician Award*
- *STGW Gas Training for Service Technicians Certificate*
- *NCC Electrical Test and Inspection Certificate*
- *First Aid qualification*

 Pay & Holiday Guaranteed 20% uplift on minimum wage plus 28 days paid holiday inc Christmas-NYE off	 Practical Skills 3 year "hands on" apprenticeship partnered with industry trained professionals one on one	 Fully Funded We supply your toolbox, uniform and safety wear as well as paying for your industry qualifications	 Bright Future Earn your 3 major qualifications, and you can begin a successful career in our onsite workshop
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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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Apprenticeship Opportunity

W. M. Wilding & Sons are a well established and busy Plumbing and Heating company.

This local family run business, based in Preston was established over 50 years ago and carries out work for local organisations such as Lancashire County Council and the University of Central Lancashire.

W.M. Wilding are seeking an enthusiastic and conscientious apprentice to join their busy team.

If you would like to know more about the role, please contact Chris Wilding on 01772 253127. Interested applicants should send their CVs by email to chris:wmwilding.co.uk by the end of June 2023.



Apprenticeship Opportunity: Toni & Guy

**TONI&GUY
PRESTON**

Toni & Guy are currently recruiting for an artistic, talented individual who has the flair and ambition to be succeed. For more information about the position, please see the website. Application forms are available at reception and should be handed in a the Preston salon in person.

www.toniandguy.com/careers/apprenticeships

Train to Teach in your Local Schools



Teacher Training courses starting September 2023

FAQ: Where can I train to teach with the Catholic Teaching Alliance?

Answer:

- Primary (3-7 yrs) or (5-11 yrs) in Preston and East Lancashire
- Secondary (11-16 yrs) in Preston and Blackburn
- Post 16 (14-19 yrs) in Preston

For minimum entry requirements for the PGCE with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) courses or for more information, please contact us by phone 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/>

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