



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



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## Prayer Theme : Ministry (Matthew 9:36 - 10:8)

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Do you ever wonder about the meaning of the words used by those who wrote the gospels?

In this gospel, the Greek word used for 'compassion', is the strongest one available. It describes the compassion which moves people to their very depths.

Whenever Jesus met people who were suffering, we are told he longed to ease their pain. He met the sick and those who were blind; the widow whose son had died; the man with leprosy; the people who were tired; and had nothing to eat.

In the time of Jesus, some of the leaders should have been giving these people comfort and help but they did just the opposite. They bewildered them with complicated arguments about the Law. The religion they offered was a burden. They were burying people with the weight of the Law.

May we never forget that when we meet people who are struggling, we should not weigh them down with further burdens but instead try to lift them up, offering them comfort and help.

Let us pray:

May the compassion of Jesus  
be visible in our lives  
through our loving care  
for all who are suffering.  
Amen.

### BOOO Virtues

Congratulations



Year 7: Megan Iddon - Attentive and discerning

Year 8: Daniel Moore - Curious and active

Year 9: Josh Wallbank - Curious and active

Year 10: Imogen O'Rourke - Generous and grateful

Year 11: All Year 11 - Faith-filled and hopeful.

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

This weekend saw 61, Year 9 pupils complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition, based in the countryside around Scorton and the Trough of Bowland.

On Friday, 5 groups of pupils were dropped off in Garstang and completed a 9 mile walk, via Nicky Nook, to the campsite at the Gathering fields. There was a guided walk where all groups learnt about map reading, pacing and how to work as a team. All pupils did well in the difficult heat.

On reaching the campsite, pupils hit the chance to practice their camp craft skills, erecting their tents and cooking their tea, all of which they had carried on their backs! The next morning they completed a solo circular walk, putting the skills they had learnt the previous day to the test!

On Saturday afternoon, the second group of pupils were dropped off and completed the above walks but in reverse. All pupils coped extremely well with the heat of the weekend, working well as a team to encourage, motivate and problem solve together in tough, hot conditions. This is all in preparation for the assessment expedition in September where they will complete two unguided walks to hopefully achieve their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

Thank you to all parents for picking up and dropping off the pupils and to all staff for volunteering their time over the weekend.



# Sports News

## Football News

A huge congratulations to Evie, Holly, Gorgia and Ella on their fantastic Preston District Team final on Tuesday at AFC Darwen.

Holly scored a hat-trick, Evie made some amazing saves, Georgia made some fantastic runs and there was beautiful defending from our Y7, Ella. It has been an amazing season for the girls and we are so proud of them.



## Preston Primary Schools' Sports Festival

The Preston Primary Schools' Summer Sports Festival took place at UCLan Sports Arena on Tuesday 13th June. Fourteen Our Lady's students from Year 10, volunteered to lead the Giant Skills competition; demonstrating the activities, recording results and encouraging the 18 primary school teams. This was a fantastic opportunity for these pupils to further develop their leadership skills and experience the organisation of a sporting competition. Those involved included RJ Oca, James Walmsley, Isaac Kelly, Rhys Gates, Alfie Winder, Macy Miller, Olivia Seaman, Zuzanna Stanko, Gabriela Karakasheva, Esha Patel, Lucy Mulholland, Lucy Beesley, Jake Kippax and Osian Mcquoid.

# Sports News

## Lancashire Schools' Athletics Championships

The Lancashire Schools' Athletics Championships were held at the newly resurfaced Stanley Park athletics track in Blackpool on Saturday 10th June. Four pupils from Our Lady's had entered into various events with each achieving a personal best in their event! Cameron began with the Long Jump and jumped 5.17m for a new personal best claiming 2nd place overall in his Intermediate Boys' category. Lucy ran an excellent 200m race, just missing out on a podium position, finishing 4th but also claiming a new personal best of 30.1 seconds. It was then the turn of Will and George to race in the Intermediate Boys' 1500m.

Both boys ran an extremely strong race with Will knocking 6 seconds off his previous personal best to achieve 4 minutes 48 seconds, while George ran a very impressive 4 minutes 15 seconds to secure a 3rd place finish and also a new personal best.



A tremendous achievement by those involved.



## Welsh Cap

A huge congratulations to a Year 10 pupil, Bruce Leeming who recently received a cap for representing the Welsh Under 17 football team at a tournament in Finland. The cap, which was awarded by two ex-Welsh players, was Bruce's third. An absolutely tremendous effort. He is due to continue his commitments with the national squad as he is travels to Poland in August and Israel in October.

We wish Bruce every success with his football career.



## Athletics

Congratulations go to Year 7 pupil, Jemma McMaster who took part in an athletics open meeting at Trafford Athletics Club last weekend. She competed in the 150m achieving first place with a time of 19.9 seconds and ranked 9th nationally in the Under 13s category.

Jemma also achieved second place in the 75m with a time of 10.19 seconds, ranking 8th nationally in the same category. Well done Jemma.

# Information

## Dates for your Diary



- Tuesday, 27th June - Prefects' Ball
- Wednesday, 28th June - Friday, 30th June Shrek the Musical school production
- Thursday, 29th June - Year 6 Parents' Talk
- Tuesday, 11th July - Sports' Presentation Evening
- Thursday, 13th July - Lancaster Castle Trip
- Friday, 14th July - Blackpool Rewards trip
- Friday, 21st July - School closes for the summer at 12:45pm



## Children and Criminal Exploitation

Please find below a link to the Children's Society Guide for parents concerned about their child and criminal exploitation:

[www.childrensociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-09/Guide-for-parents-worried-about-child-being-criminally-exploited.pdf](http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-09/Guide-for-parents-worried-about-child-being-criminally-exploited.pdf)

## Children & Family Wellbeing Service:

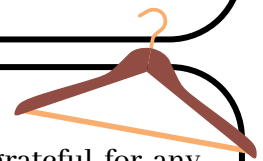
### The Health Relationship Course - 24th June to 15th July 2023



The course is to support anyone who has significant caring responsibility for a child, including parents who are: in a relationship; separated or divorced; biological or step-parents; foster or adoptive parents; or same sex parents.

For more details about the 4-week condensed course or to book your place please contact: 01772 531948 or email: [cwfprestongroups@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:cwprestongroups@lancashire.gov.uk)

## Request for Uniform



If anyone has any good quality uniform that they no longer require, we would be very grateful for any donations. We are particularly short of girl's school trousers. We thank you for your kind donations.



## Local Business Advertising Opportunity

Would you like to advertise your business in our school production programme this year? This year we will be offering 3 pages of classified advertising for local businesses at a cost of £40 per half page. If you would like to purchase advertising space, please contact: [JPI@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:JPI@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) before Thursday 22nd June.. Businesses will need to supply their own artwork.

# Information

## RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

Saturday 1st July  
2023

Have you thought about a career in Radiotherapy? Would you like to know more about radiotherapy and this fantastic profession?

We are inviting prospective students to visit our radiotherapy open day on Sat 1st of July.

If you would like to attend please book a 1 hour slot by contacting the email below .

To book please email-  
[education.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:education.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk)

Lancashire  
County Council



Preston  
City Council

[www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk)

### Monthly Drop In Sessions

Housing advice.

Employability support and benefit queries.  
Funded nursery place eligibility checks available.

Opportunity to discuss  
Financial advice/ budgeting/ funding Grants.

Ribbleton Neighbourhood Centre  
22/05/23 10:30 - 11:30

Preston Central Neighbourhood Centre  
14/06/23 11:00 - 12:00

Preston East Neighbourhood Centre  
15/06/23 13:00 - 14:00

Preston West Neighbourhood Centre  
21/06/23 13:00 -14:00



Call **01772 539 420** or email

[cfwprestoncommunity@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:cfwprestoncommunity@lancashire.gov.uk) for  
more info

Preston East  
CFW Service  
Brookfield Primary  
School  
Watling St Road  
PR2 6TU

Ribbleton  
CFW Service  
Ribbleton Hall Drive  
Preston  
PR2 6EE

Preston West  
CFW Service  
Ashton Primary school  
Ainsdale Drive  
PR2 1TU

Preston Central  
CFW Service  
Brieryfield Road  
PR1 8SR

## Instrumental Lessons

From September 2023, we will be changing from our existing system to a PDP (Parent Direct Payment Scheme). This will involve completing a registration form and an agreement directly with Lancashire Music Service (LMS). There will be no change to the LMS staff who work with our pupils. In order to continue with instrumental lessons at Our Lady's, parents/carers will need to register by following the link above, prior to the end of the Summer Term, to ensure a September start.

If your child currently has a LMS Instrument on loan, this will need to be returned to school no later than Monday 3rd July; even if they are registering to continue with instrumental lessons in September. Instrument hire can be completed as part of the registration process, by following the PDP link. You may be entitled to claim free instrument hire. LMS will continue to cover the costs of instrument hire for pupils eligible for free school meals.

In order that we can continue to rotate instrumental lesson times within curriculum time, we will offer 20 minute individual lessons. On the LMS PDP website, select the 20 minute option only. Please note that even if you select another type of lesson, we will be unable to provide this. No group lessons will be taught at OLCHS. Ensembles will continue to be provided free of charge, as part of our extra curricular timetable.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Robinson via email: [pro@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:pro@olchs.lancs.sch.uk).

<https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>





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ARE YOU IN YEAR 9, 10, 11 OR 12 AND INTERESTED IN DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE AND PLACES?



## JOIN PLACED ACADEMY

our **FREE** award-winning creative programme

You'll meet professionals in the industry, learn about careers, take on creative design challenges, develop skills, enhance your CV, and make new friends.

WHEN: July 2023 – April 2024

JULY 2023

4 DAY SUMMER SCHOOL:  
Monday 24th -  
Thursday 27th July

SEPTEMBER - APRIL

MONTHLY CREATIVE  
DESIGN DAYS:  
One Saturday a month

MONTHLY SKILLS  
WORKSHOPS:  
One evening a month

JULY 2024

GRADUATION!

- Participate in creative projects, develop design, communication, problem-solving & teamworking skills.
- Grow in confidence and shape future decisions about where you live.
- Enhance your CV and applications for higher education and work.
- Learn about careers in the built environment, from architecture to urban design and construction.
- Take part in professional development activities & mentoring with industry professionals.

**APPLY ONLINE**



**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AND WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 16TH JUNE**

The PLACED Academy is open to everyone in year 9, 10, 11 and 12, and we welcome people of all abilities and backgrounds.  
Supported by our Partner Liverpool City Region Combined Authority & funded by companies from across the built environment sector.

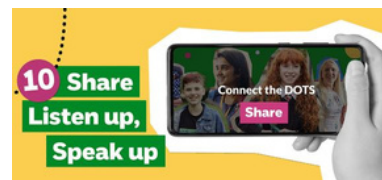
# Information



If you are a parent/carer who currently donates to Gift Aid please could we kindly ask that if your details have changed, i.e. name or address, you are no longer a tax payer or have paid insufficient tax during 2022/23 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations, please contact Mrs Y Reeves in the Finance Office or email: [yre@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:yre@olchs.lancs.sch.uk). Thank you.

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## 10 Ways To Keep Children Safe



A free 10-minute digital training to empower every adult to know what to do if a child needs help. To sign up and take the training: [www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/)



# Careers

## Current Vacancies Our Ladys' Catholic High School

- Pastoral Support Mentor (27.67 hours/week - term time only) - Closing date: Monday 19th June.
- Marketing and Communications Officer (30 hours/week - term time only plus 3 days) - Closing Date: Friday 23th June.
- Cleaner (12 hours/week, morning or afternoon - term time only plus 5 inset days and 3 cleaning weeks) Closing Date: Friday 23rd June. *Foundation Living Wage.*

For 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](http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies)



## 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](mailto:ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk).

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

# Careers

## Training 2000: Vacancies - June 2023



### Accountancy:

#### Accountant Apprenticeship

Egan Roberts Ltd.

Ribchester

Vacancy ref: 00000643

Weekly wage: £218.75

### Business Administration:

#### Apprentice Business Administrator

Fylde Office Service Bureau Ltd.

St. Annes

Vacancy ref: 00000524

Weekly wage: £195.36

### Accountancy:

#### Bookkeeper Apprenticeship

Towers & Gornall Ltd.

Preston

Vacancy ref: 00000616

Weekly wage: £196.15

### Business Administration - Freight:

#### Business Administrator Apprentice

Cargo Movers Ltd.

Samlesbury

Vacancy ref: 00000319

Weekly wage: £198.00

### Accountancy:

#### Junior Accountant Apprenticeship

Towers & Gornall Ltd.

Preston

Vacancy ref: 00000615

Weekly wage: £196.15

### Business Administration:

#### Apprentice Business Administrator

Earful Ltd.

Bolton

Vacancy ref: 00000571

Weekly wage: £198.00

### Business Administration:

#### Apprentice Business Administrator

School Synergy Ltd

Preston

Vacancy ref: 00000531

Weekly wage: £250.00

### Business Administrator - Accounts:

#### Apprentice Business Administrator

Go Electrical Wholesale (Blackpool) Limited

Blackpool

Vacancy ref: 00000567

Weekly wage: £198.00

# Careers

## Training 2000: Vacancies - June 2023



Business Administration: Estate & Letting

Agent:

[Business Administrator Apprentice](#)

Harbour Properties, Preston

Vacancy ref: 00000246

Weekly wage: £174.24

Business Administration:

[Business Administrator Apprentice](#)

Caterware Ltd.

Blackpool

Vacancy ref: 00000631

Weekly wage: £211.20

Business Administration:

[Sales Assistant Apprenticeship](#)

Go Electrical Wholesale (Blackpool) Limited

Blackpool

Vacancy ref: 00000596

Weekly wage: £198.00

Dental Nursing

[Apprentice Dental Nurse](#)

Denluce Dental Practice - J C Lord

Blackpool

Vacancy ref: 00000181

Weekly wage: £183.90

Business Administration:

[Sales Administrator Apprenticeship](#)

Flexitex Ltd.

Preston

Vacancy ref: 00000624

Weekly wage: £192.72

Dental Nursing:

[Apprentice Dental Nurse](#)

Camden Place Dental Implant Centre Ltd.

Preston

Vacancy ref: 00000593

Weekly wage: £273

Business Administration:

[Administration Assistant Apprentice](#)

Crossley & Davis Chartered Accountants

Blackpool

Vacancy ref: 00000635

Weekly wage: £191.40

Dental Nursing:

[Dental Nurse Apprentice](#)

Mrs H. Bruns BDS Limited

Preston

Vacancy ref: 00000627

Weekly wage: £211.20

# Careers

## Training 2000: Vacancies - June 2023



Engineering:

**Toolmaker/Tool & Die Technician**

**Apprentice**

Presspart Manufacturing Ltd., Blackburn

Vacancy ref: 00000516

Weekly wage: £213.20

Engineering:

**Multiskilled Apprentice Engineer**

Berry Superfos (RPC)

Blackburn

Vacancy ref: 00000633

Weekly wage: £211.20

Engineering:

**CNC Machining Apprentice**

Presspart Manufacturing Ltd.

Blackburn

Vacancy ref: 00000604

Weekly wage: £213.20

Engineering:

**Technical Support Apprentice**

Berry Superfos (RPC)

Blackburn

Vacancy ref: 00000632

Weekly wage: £211.20

Engineering:

**Apprentice Fabricator Welder**

Touchline Fabrications Limited

Preston

Vacancy ref: 00000605

Weekly wage: £211.20

Engineering:

**Fabrication & Welding Apprentice**

Alan Dick Engineering Ltd.

Morecambe

Vacancy ref: 00000621

Weekly wage: £211.20

For more information on any of the roles above and to keep up to date with new opportunities please use the link below:

[www.training2000.co.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies](http://www.training2000.co.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies)

Applications should be made through the website.