

# Our Lady's Catholic High School



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## Prayer Theme Next Week: God's Mercy

In Sunday's Gospel we will listen to the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Whether it is football, cricket, tennis, or any other game, it regularly happens that those who are expected to win, lose.

We often think we can guess what will happen, but can be surprised by what actually does. Sometimes we even think we can guess what God thinks or says or does. Today's gospel story can prepare us to be ready for a surprise, and its message that everyone is important, is very clear.

In our world today it seems that the gulf between the rich and the poor grows wider every day. Too many people are not paid a living wage, and those whose lives are being destroyed by poverty and injustice, may not draw much comfort from the idea that one day all will be well.

**They need to know and experience that we care for them today.** As Christians, our lives should be lived showing that **we love God and our neighbour**, and this needs to be apparent not only **in what we say** but more importantly **in what we do**.

Let us pray.

May we follow the message of Jesus in showing practical care for anyone in need.

Amen.

## BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

- Year 7: Ava Kadir – curious and active  
Sam Sutcliffe – curious and active
- Year 8: Anderson Bradley – attentive and curious
- Year 9: Shay Sedge-Martins – intentional and prophetic
- Year 10: Maya Matwizyn – learned and wise
- Year 11: Lizzie Moran – compassionate and loving



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## GCSE Results Day

We were so proud of our Class of 2023 who achieved some amazing results in their GCSEs. We've shared a few pictures of some of our pupils on results day and what they told us of their plans for the future. We wish them every joy and happiness as they move forward.



Glory made outstanding progress during her time at our school, achieving 10 GCSEs grades 7 to 9 and is going to Cardinal Newman College to study for A levels in Business, Law and Maths.



Isaac achieved amazing results in his 10 GCSEs, including six grade 8s and two grade 9s and has also chosen Cardinal Newman College for A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Maths.



Evie made strong progress from Year 7 and secured great GCSEs. She will now study for A levels in Fine Art, Textiles and Photography, also at Cardinal Newman College.



Liam scored 7s, 8s and 9s in his 10 GCSEs and is now heading for the Lancaster University of Mathematics (LUSOM) to study Maths, Chemistry, Physics and Further Maths at A level.



Emil achieved a very impressive 5 grade 9s and 5 grade 8s this summer and is now going to Cardinal Newman College to study for A levels in Maths, Chemistry, Biology and Further Maths.



Owen made outstanding progress during his time at OLCHS. He now moves onto the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts to study Musical Theatre.



Ruby thrived during her time at OLCHS achieving six grade 9s, three grade 8s and a grade 7 and is going to Runshaw College to study Spanish, French and RE.



Keeley achieved an amazing nine grade 9s and one grade 8 in her GCSEs and will attend LUSOM or Newman, to study Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics,



Liam secured five grade 9s, three grade 8s and two grade 7s; he has chosen LUSOM, to study Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Studies A levels,

## More from GCSE results day



Harry will be following a Cyber Security T level course at Cardinal Newman College. Kayleigh (below) will also attend Newman to study for A levels in Media, English and French.



All of this group are moving on to Cardinal Newman College: Jessica and Erin to study Biology, Chemistry and Maths; Mariyah for Maths, Chemistry and Psychology; Millie for PE, Psychology and Media; Aliya for Biology, Chemistry and Sociology.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Full Governing Body. Details of the process and what to do if you wish to put yourself forward for election have been emailed out this week. For any enquiries please contact [ptt@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ptt@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)

# Sporting News

## Year 9 Football

This week was action packed for our year 9 footballers. Monday saw their first game of the season, against Archbishop Temple. Our Lady's started strongly and took control of the game early on, taking possession of the ball for the vast majority of the first half. Despite the first half dominance for Our Lady's, it is goals that win games and Archbishop were able to find their way back into the game and were 2-1 victors at the final whistle.

The boys didn't have long to wait before putting the disappointing defeat behind them, however. On Thursday evening, we travelled to Corpus Christi and played some wonderful football from the off! Once Ryan Taylor had opened the scoring with his first of a brace, the flood gates began to creep open. Two goals each from Shay Sedge-Martins and Michael Dignan saw Our Lady's cruise to a 6-1 victory.

## Year 11 Netball



Well done to the year eleven netball squad. They were away to Broughton on Thursday. This is always a tough fixture. The 11A game was end to end and we had a one goal lead at half time. Freya Jones kept her composure playing out of position at goal keeper and made several key interceptions. The second half continued to be a nail biter with no one being able to make a clean break. However, we stayed resilient throughout and kept our one goal lead until the final whistle. Player of the match went to Katy Brown. She made it hard for the Broughton shooters to get the ball and was integral when bringing the ball down court.

Year 11B also had a tough game. They were trailing by six goals at half time but never gave up. They showed great determination in the second half. Sirona Maguire used her height well to block Broughton's shots at goal and Gaby Karakasheva and Lucy Monaghan worked tirelessly to create attacking opportunities centre court. The team played really well until the final whistle but Broughton were just too strong and we lost 11-2. However, there were lots of positives to take away from the game and we gained lots of experience.

## U15 Girls Football

Huge congratulations to the U15 Girls football team who played their first fixture in English Schools with a victory of 6 goals to 1. A delayed start meant all the players were raring to go and both teams pressed forward. With an early successful penalty to Standish, OLCHS had to dig deep to ensure they didn't run away with the game. Minutes later Holly Wilson equalised with a fantastic drive into the box.

The second half was a very different game. The girls dominated from the start and slowly but surely the goals started to trickle in. Goals came from Holly Wilson x3, Karley Roscoe 1, Georgia Collum x1, and our Captain Heidi Clarke scored a fantastic penalty. On we march into the next round.



## School Synergy Update

Year 7 pupils will be coming home today with a letter with the School synergy unique code to access information and data around your child.

Year 8-11 will be sent home the next week.

Please use the links below for more information about downloading the app and registering your child. There is also a link on the school website where you can access school Synergy and login under the parent's section.

Parent Portal video: <https://vimeo.com/506028955/89e980e50f>

Pupil Portal video: <https://vimeo.com/499996009/88f1948328>

Pupils simply download the App from the Android or Apple app store, select their school then login using their school Microsoft 365 username, or manual email and password.

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/synergy-parent/id6443446211?platform=iphone>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=expo.synergy.parentappv5>



## Bus Price Increase

Please be aware the bus company have increased their prices as follows:

Prices from September 2023

These mileages are for single journey and for information only, some journeys may vary.

Fare type	Price band A (0-3 miles)	Price band B (3-8 miles)	Price band C (8+ miles)
Return fare	£3.40	£4.80	£5.90
Single fare	£1.85	£2.70	£3.25

# Information

## College Open Days

A reminder - Runshaw's Open Day is this Saturday 23rd. If you would like to register, the link is:  
[Runshaw College – Further and Higher Education](#)

The link for Open Day events for Cardinal Newman College is below. Register your interest quickly as they are always very popular.

<https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/newmancurriculum/college-open-events/>

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 25 September - School photographer for Year 7 and Prefects  
Wednesday 27 September - 7O and 7U go on Castlerigg retreat  
Thursday 28 September - Angels restaurant trip  
Monday 2 October - 7R and 7L go on Castlerigg retreat  
Friday 6 October - INSET day, school closed  
Tuesday 10 October - Year 7 Information Evening  
Wednesday 11 October - 7A and 7D go on Castlerigg retreat  
Friday 20 October - School closes for half-term  
Monday 30 October - Pupils return  
Tuesday 31 October - Year 11 speed networking event  
Thursday 2 November - Year 11 Parents Evening 1  
Wednesday 15 November - PSHE Day 1  
Thursday 16 November - Certificate Evening





## You are invited!

**Ribbleton Family Hub is opening on Monday 25th September!**

Drop in any time from 10-6pm to find out more about what's on offer at our Family Hubs, and join in with some family-friendly activities.

**Welcoming speeches from 12pm.**

Ribbleton Hall Drive,  
Preston, PR2 6EE

Drinks and nibbles will be provided!



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**Ribbleton Family Hub, Preston,  
Monday 25th September, 10am-6pm**

Partner agencies with information stands and market stalls from 10am till 6pm

**10am -12pm** – Messy Play/Mini Move and Groove Groups

**12pm-1pm** – Ribbon Cutting and Speeches to open the Preston Family Hub

**1pm -2pm** – Lunch and an opportunity to meet our partners and guests.

**2pm-3pm** – Colourful Footsteps/Mini Move and Groove Groups

**3pm-5pm** – Mini Inside Out and Inside Out Groups for primary school children in collaboration with Let's Grow Preston

**4pm-6pm** – Interactive session for young people with our Targeted Youth Support Team

Our partner agencies will be providing a variety of other activities during the day ranging from creative arts, badge making, face painting, treasure hunts, balloon modelling and other demonstrations.

Ribbleton Hall Drive, Preston, PR2 6EE

We hope to see you there!



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**ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!**

Join us for our family HUB launch where there will be lots of exciting activities for all the family with food provided

**12-1pm**

**10 - 6pm**  
**Ribbleton Family Hub**  
**Preston**

**-FACE PAINTING**

**-BADGE MAKING**

**- FIRE ENGINE**

**-11-3PM BOUNCY CASTLE**

**-10-3:30PM LEGO EXERCISE**

**-2-4PM PLANTING WITH LET'S GROW PRESTON**

**AND LOTS MORE**



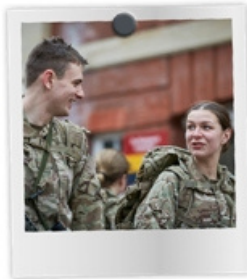
**RIBBLETON**  
**FAMILY**  
**HUB**  
**PRESTON**

# Careers



## **ARMY FOUNDATION COLLEGE HARROGATE**

Offers a mix of military training, personal development, and education for under 18s that provides them skills to succeed in the Armed Forces, and their lives beyond the military.



## **SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY**

Students need to apply online before September and the end of March of year 12. They will then attend the Army Scholarship Board in the June or July before they turn 18.



## **BURSARIES / INTERNSHIPS**

The Army offers a range of financial support packages, bursaries and scholarships to selected officer candidates during further and higher education.

## **OLCHS Alumni**

A huge thank you to all those past pupils who have completed the quick survey. It has been so lovely reading about your best memories here at OLCHS/Cuthbert Mayne/Edmund Campion. If you haven't already done so and would like to get involved please click the link below which takes you straight to the form. You do not need to log in to Google forms.

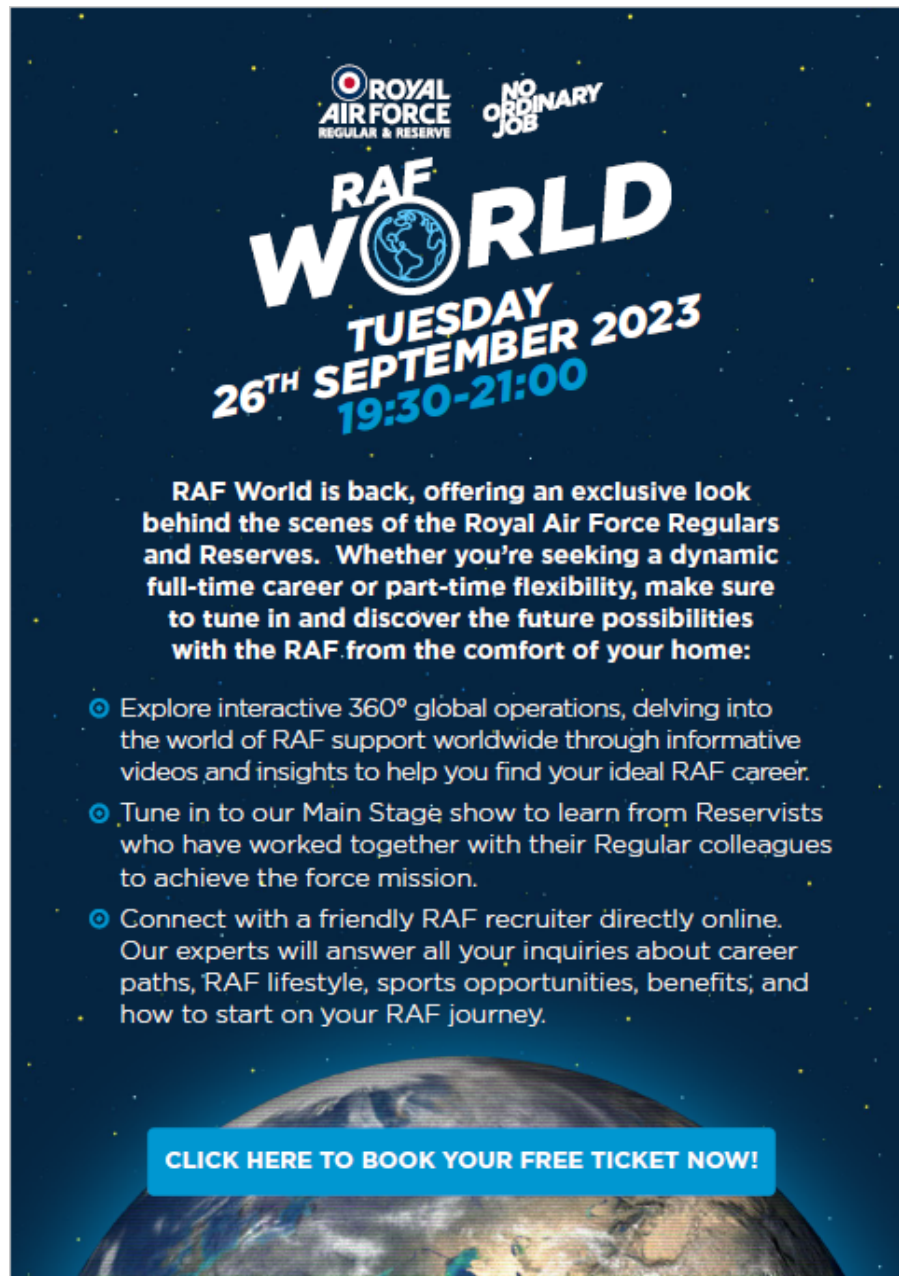
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Thanks Mrs Lin

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A promotional poster for the 'RAF World' event. At the top, it features the Royal Air Force logo with 'REGULAR & RESERVE' and the slogan 'NO ORDINARY JOB'. The main title 'RAF WORLD' is prominently displayed, with the 'O' in 'WORLD' containing a globe. Below the title, the event date and time are listed: 'TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023 19:30-21:00'. The background is a dark blue space scene with a view of Earth from space at the bottom. A blue button at the bottom of the poster reads 'CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET NOW!'.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE**  
REGULAR & RESERVE

**NO ORDINARY JOB**

# RAF WORLD

**TUESDAY**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**19:30-21:00**

**RAF World is back, offering an exclusive look behind the scenes of the Royal Air Force Regulars and Reserves. Whether you're seeking a dynamic full-time career or part-time flexibility, make sure to tune in and discover the future possibilities with the RAF from the comfort of your home:**

- Explore interactive 360° global operations, delving into the world of RAF support worldwide through informative videos and insights to help you find your ideal RAF career.
- Tune in to our Main Stage show to learn from Reservists who have worked together with their Regular colleagues to achieve the force mission.
- Connect with a friendly RAF recruiter directly online. Our experts will answer all your inquiries about career paths, RAF lifestyle, sports opportunities, benefits, and how to start on your RAF journey.

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET NOW!**

## Exciting Opportunity – Train to Teach Locally

The Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's Catholic High School, will be accepting applications for our 1 year PGCE with QTS (qualified teacher status) teacher training courses from Tuesday 10th October 2023, to begin next September, 2024. Minimum requirements are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary training), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

Find out more by booking onto one of our [online information](#) sessions



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