

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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Prayer Theme Next Week: God's trust in us

The Gospel on Sunday is the Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard (Matthew 21: 33-43).

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

Reflection

This is not a parable of forgiveness and love but of the truth of our faith. He calls us to bear fruit for the kingdom of God or it shall be taken from us, just like the tenants of the vineyard. In layman’s terms, we have to do his will or risk never knowing the splendor of heaven. We are called to be perfection, though perfection is impossible. Our mission is to serve others and live as best we can.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, your hands knew human labor, and you sanctified your life and the lives of those around you through your toil. Help me to see the virtue you teach. Help me to return all my talents to you by the work of my hands and mind. I want to be your working apostle.

Being One of Ours

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Maisey Russell – loving and compassionate

Year 8: Emilia Eastham – attentive and discerning

Year 9: Sol Evans / Samuel Gover – curious and active in earning a high number of additional BOOO points matched with no points lost.

Year 10: Isabelle Stringer – learned and wise

Year 11: Jasmine Swann – dedication and resilience



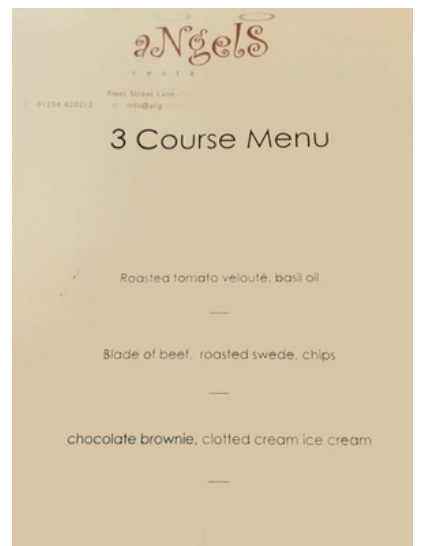
Year 10 GCSE Food Trip



Pupils from the year 10 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition class enjoyed a fabulous meal at Angels Restaurant last week. The pupils were able to experience fine dining in one of the area's best restaurants.



It is anticipated that pupils will use the experience to give them inspiration for their own dishes throughout the course.



Netball Results

The Year 11 netball team were away to St. Cecilia's last Thursday evening. We were missing a key player, Lucy Beesley due to injury. However, the girls did not let this deter them and they started strong thanks to some excellent interceptions in defence from Maisie Batty and Katy Brown. We lost possession a few times trying to play too fast and this resulted in St. Cecilia's being ahead by just two goals at half time. In the second half we dominated play as Zaara Patel, Freya Jones and Lucy Monaghan were effective at bringing the ball down court. However, St. Cecilia's had a really strong defence and we struggled to get the ball to our shooters. The final score was 8-6 to St. Cecilia's. Player of the match went to Freya Jones.

Year 8 Football

The Year 8 football team played their first game of the year against Archbishop Temple on Monday 2nd October. It took a little while for the pupils to get used to playing together again after the summer break and moving up to playing 11-a-side meant that newer positions needed to be filled. Archbishop Temple took an early lead, but it was not too long before Our Lady's started to create their own chances. Good use of space from Harry Kirkman and Kilian Jenkinson provided opportunities for the centre forwards, Bobbie Burnett-Cherry and Byron Corless, to have shots on target. After some continued pressure, Mikolaj Szmudzinski's no-look pass was controlled exceptionally well and finished calmly by Bobbie Burnett-Cherry to level the scores.

Into the second half and Burnett-Cherry doubled his goal tally. Our Lady's had spent quite a bit of energy on the attacks and it began to show as Archbishop Temple put pressure on our defence, seeking their own equaliser which soon came from a well taken shot outside of the penalty area. This gave Archbishop Temple the spirit to keep pushing for a winning goal and this too came from another long distance shot leaving the final score 3-2 to Archbishop Temple. The Our Lady's team were disappointed not to be able to hold onto their lead but they were also pleased with the great football they played together for the first time this year.

U14 Girls Football

On Thursday 28th the U14 girls football team travelled to Montgomery High School in Blackburn for the first round of the Lancashire Cup. After a good warm up both teams were raring to go. The pitch felt especially big and the girls were encouraged to try and let the ball do more of the work. After 5 or so mins they settled into the game and began to create opportunities, with regular changes to players to ensure all were given an opportunity to play. There was some beautiful play along the wings with Karley Roscoe and Georgia Collum which resulted in some fantastic goals. We defended well and managed to challenge the keeper at every opportunity. We decided to give Evie our keeper a run round and within minutes she had also scored a goal.

The girls showed determination and integrity throughout the game. The final score was 8-2 to OLCBS.

Information

Attendance

Please see below the link to our information leaflet for parents relating to promoting excellent attendance at school. Excellent attendance at school is essential not only for academic success but also an essential component in the building of positive relationships with peers. Excellent attendance is a criterion for all rewards trips. Unauthorised absences such as a holiday in term time, will result in invitations to rewards trips to be withdrawn.

<https://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/attendance-information/>

Medical Appointments:

A polite reminder that if and where possible, we request medical appointments be made outside of school hours. A missed session for a medical appointment can have a significant impact on your child's overall percentage attendance. We appreciate that this is through no fault of their own and so we ask for your support and co-operation with regards to this matter.

If it is not possible for the appointment to be arranged outside of school hours and your child does need to attend an appointment within school hours, please come to reception to sign your child out and bring proof of the appointment.

Childline - Get Support

Below is a link for the Childline website. Please discuss this with your child and highlight the areas where they can find support if needed.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

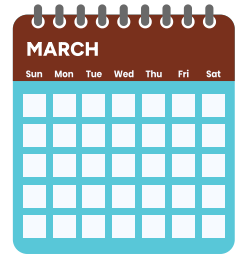


The poster is for Runshaw College's 50th Anniversary Open Event. It features a red background with a white star and the text 'You are invited to our OPEN EVENT'. The event is on Thursday 12th October from 4.00pm to 8.00pm. It highlights 'Inspirational Teaching' and includes a photo of a young girl holding a large white star. The registration link is www.haw.ac.uk/openevent.

Information

Dates for your Diary

- 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



Exciting Opportunity – Train to Teach Locally

Recruitment opens soon for our teacher training courses starting September 2024.

The Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's Catholic High School, is accepting applications for our 1 year PGCE with QTS (qualified teacher status) teacher training courses, 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.

Teacher training (PGCE with QTS) is available in all phases:

- Early Primary (3-7 years, in Preston)
- General Primary (5-11 years, in Preston)
- Secondary (11-16 years, in Preston or Blackburn)
- Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years, in Preston)



Join an online 'Drop In' session, Mondays in term time 5.30pm - 6.30pm, to have your questions answered.

For further information, or to book, call 01772 326931 or email CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Careers

Careers Assemblies

This week's information assemblies have been careers based. Each year group listened to a talk followed by the opportunity to ask questions of various different employers.

On Monday Year 11 were spoken to by Elysee from Preston College. They discussed apprenticeships, T levels, scholarships, Preston College Ambassadors and the various different trade courses available. The pupils sat and listened attentively, gaining some valuable knowledge to help them make decisions about their futures.

On Tuesday we welcomed Simon Porter to talk to Year 9. Simon was in the army originally, then trained as a plumber/bathroom fitter. Simon now shares his knowledge and experiences with pupils at Preston College. Simon discussed all aspects of plumbing, gas certification and potential salary as an apprentice and owning your own company. Year 9 asked some wonderful questions at the end.



On Wednesday we welcomed former pupil Rebecca Clegg. Rebecca is a pharmacist, she discussed all aspect of pharmacy including medicine, dosage, clinical aspects, experience and qualifications needed. Rebecca then talked about different shift patterns and potential salary. Year 10 listened eagerly and asked some thought provoking questions at the end.



Vicky Haslam was our speaker on Thursday. Vicky is a neurological physiotherapist based at Royal Preston Hospital and a private clinic. She discussed the importance of wanting to help people in her profession and what a typical day looks like for her. Vicky discussed the importance of getting work experience in this field if it is something you are interested in. Year 8 asked a variety of questions including, "What has been your most difficult injury to deal with?"

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming representatives of so many different areas of work into school this week. Year 7 will hold their careers talk next week due to the INSET day.

