

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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EASTER PRAYER

**God saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very good.
(Genesis 1:1-2:2)**

The first reading on Easter Saturday is from Genesis. A wonderful beginning to the season of Easter. Suddenly there is light in the darkness and the earth is teeming with life. As we celebrate the Resurrection, may we notice the lighter days, the spring flowers, the sound of the birds nesting. May we take time to take in all of God's creation and to show gratitude. May we also acknowledge that we too are part of the story.

*God created man in the image of Himself,
in the image of God, He created him,
male and female He created them.*

*...God saw all He had made, and indeed it was very good...Thus
heaven and earth were completed with all their array.
God rested on the seventh day after all the work He had been doing.*

May you have a restful and blessed Easter.

Amen



BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Nathaniel Billingsley - learned and wise

Year 8: Monica Nixon - attentive and discerning

Year 9: Charlotte Potts - grateful and generous

Year 10: Jack Brindle - faith-filled and hopeful

Year 11: Osian McQuoid, Lucy Beesley - faith-filled and hopeful



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YOUNG ENTERPRISE TEAM



Congratulations to the Young Enterprise team, Fulwood Plywood, who took part in the Cumbria and Lancashire Area Final of the 2024 Young Enterprise Competition this week.

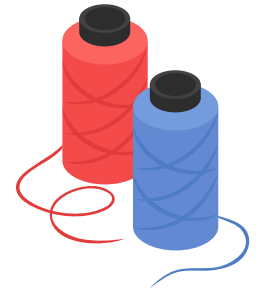
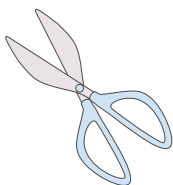
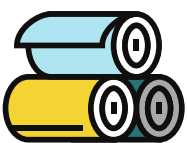
The team received the **Sustainability Award** as recognition of their excellent efforts in considering no waste production and limiting the environmental impact of their business.



Year 10 Textile Visit

On Friday 22 March, students from Year 10 GCSE Textiles, visited sportswear producer Edward Taylor Textiles in Blackburn, to learn about manufacturing methods and processes. Students had a guided tour of the factory, seeing the full process of manufacture, from an order arriving right through to graphics, cutting, printing and construction.

This experience offers students an insight into future careers as well as a deeper understanding of the GCSE theory work.



MUSIC COMPETITION

News

Young Musician @ OLCHS

This week in school, we held our Young Musician Competition and it was a fantastic opportunity to see the array of musical talent from our pupils, from singing, to playing the drums, acoustic guitar, electric guitar and piano.

It was very difficult for Mrs Morris, our visiting judge, to choose winners as our students put on some truly remarkable performances.

Well done to all the pupils who took part.

Intermediate Competition

Winner: Sam N (Drums)

Runners Up: Liam B (Voice) and Layla L (Voice)

Advanced Competition

Winner: Aaron C (Piano)

Runner Up: Owen L (Piano)

Highly Commended: Eli M (Guitar) and James P-W (Piano)



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Year 8 The Entrepreneur Competition

All Year 8 pupils are taking part in The Entrepreneur enterprise competition in their Design & Technology lessons. Pupils will be working in groups of three, and have been given a £10 loan by OLCHS (repayable on 7th May – Forms O,U & R and 10th May – Forms L, A & D).

Pupils 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.

The following rules must be adhered to:

- 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.

School Locker Refunds

Locker refunds for Year 8-11 pupils.

We would just like to advise parents that we are currently working on the locker refunds, and refunds will begin to be issued once we have collated all the necessary information.

Thank you



Peak District Adventure Day



Visit our OLCHS Facebook Page to view photos from recent school events and activities, including the Peak District Adventure Day.



[click here](#)

Information

The Foxtan Centre Easter Activities and Homework Club

Homework club currently has spaces for young people going through GCSE's, Year 6 SATS and general homework support.

There will be a teacher and youth worker offering support during the session with access to laptops and also food provided.



Easter + **HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

2ND APRIL
TEAM GAMES
SLIME
JUNIORS
4-8PM

3RD APRIL
ESCAPE ROOMS
SENIORS
4.30-8.30 PM

4TH APRIL
JUNIORS
FLOWER POTS
MOVIE&PYJAMA NIGHT
4-8PM

8TH APRIL
SENIORS
SPORTS DAY/PICNIC
AT SMITH'S REC
4.30-8.30PM

9TH APRIL
JUNIORS
WACKY WORLD
4-8PM

10TH APRIL
SENIORS
TRESURE HUNT
BAKING
4.30-8.30 PM

11TH APRIL
JUNIORS
TRESURE HUNT
BAKING
4-8PM

12TH APRIL
FAMILY
BREAKFAST
SMITH'S REC
(DEPENDING ON WEATHER)
10.00-12.00 AM

THE FOXTON CENTRE
UNITS 10-12, OAKHAM COURT
AVENHAM, PR13XP
01772555925
OPTION 3

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WELCOME TO OUR
HOMWORK CLUB
HOMWORK AND REVISION

Every Monday 5.30PM-6.30PM

FREE TAKEAWAY EACH WEEK

A FREE SAFE SPACE TO ACCES
SUPPORT
AGES: 11-16

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Easter Egg Hunt

OLCHS is proud that we are a FairActive School and support Fairtrade. Take part in this year's Egg Hunt to be in for a chance to win some chocolate prizes. [Click here to download the MAP.](#)



OLCHS Drop In Session

A 'drop in' session for Year 11 will be available in the school Chaplaincy where there will be an opportunity to offer peer support, discuss any worries / anxieties, learn mindfulness and breathing techniques that may help with preparing for their GCSE exams:

Wednesday 3-4PM

Thursday 8.45AM - 9.15AM



PARENT WEBINAR

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR YOUNG PERSONS
MENTAL HEALTH?



DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW TO
SUPPORT YOUR YOUNG PERSON'S EMOTIONAL
WELLBEING?

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FOR YOU TO ACCESS EXPERT ADVICE AND GUIDANCE
TO SUPPORT YOUR YOUNG PERSON.

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- WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2024: 10AM – 11AM
- WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2024: 2PM - 3PM
- THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2024: 6PM - 7PM



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OLCHS SOCIAL MEDIA



2024 Dates for your Diary

Monday 15 April - All pupils return to school



BRITISH SCHOOLS MODERN BIATHLON NATIONAL FINAL

Six pupils gained the qualification standard and were invited to compete in the British Schools Modern Biathlon National Final, which took place at Bath University on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 March 2024.

The boys started the competition on Saturday with Thomas B flying the flag for OLCHS. He performed brilliantly in his 50m swim and went on to run a great 800m within the Year 7 competition. Finley M started his Year 10 competition a little later, putting in a wonderful 200m swim and a fast 1600m on the tack. The weather was wet and very windy making the running conditions very hard. Both gained a greater number of points than they qualified with in the final.

Well done boys.

Sunday saw the start of the girl's campaign. Sophie J was first in the pool, swimming a strong 50m and a competitive 800m. This was Sophie's first National Final and she competed hard in the Year 7 age group.

Later in the afternoon Lucy M, Freya J and Lucy B started their Year 11 competition. They hit the water first swimming a fast and competitive 200m. Then out onto the track where all three ran a dominant and courageous 1600m against phenomenal athletes. All ran faster than in qualification. With there being three athletes from the same school, they also had the opportunity to compete as a team.

All scores gained from the swim and run were added together and they were crowned the **Year 11 Girls British Schools Modern Biathlon Champions 2024**.

Such an amazing achievement for the trio.



FINAL RESULTS

All six athletes shone brightly for the North West and OLCHS, as they competed over the weekend at the National final.

Thomas B - 48th Nationally
Finley M - 27th Nationally
Sophie J - 63rd Nationally
Freya J - 6th Nationally
Lucy M - 5th Nationally
Lucy B - 7th Nationally

Team Results

**Year 11 Girls - British School Modern Biathlon
National Champions 2024**
Lucy B, Lucy M & Freya J

Sporting News



Year 7 Basketball Lancashire Runners-Up



The Year 7 basketball team finished as runners-up in the Lancashire Schools' Basketball Competition after winning a thrilling semi-final game against Archbishop Temple but then going on to lose in the final against Longridge High School on Friday 22 March. The event was held at Newman College where Our Lady's beat Archbishop Temple 33-32 after the most intense period of overtime; Joshua T scoring the winning point from a free throw after three periods of overtime couldn't separate either team. Our Lady's then faced Longridge High School in the final straight afterwards. Unfortunately, the team couldn't quite replicate the same energy from the semi-final and lost 38-10 to a well deserving Longridge High School but both Mr Horn and Mr Newsham were extremely proud of them all for their achievements throughout the competition.

Preston Schools' Cup Semi- Final

The injury-stricken Year 11 football team faced district champions Longridge in their semi-final of the Preston Schools' Cup on Monday evening. The game looked to be going one way with Longridge taking an early lead. However, midway through the first half, Liam T kept his composure and calmly slotted the ball into the net for an Our Lady's equaliser before the break.

The tension throughout the second half was palpable with both teams hoping to make the final. Chances in front of the goal were few and far between but with just thirty seconds left before the lottery of a penalty shootout to decide the winner, a Longridge corner was headed in at the back post.

Though the OLCHS boys were visibly disappointed to lose at the very end of the match, Mr Waring is immensely proud of their grit, determination and teamwork throughout the entire game against a side who, on paper, should have had a comfortable win. Final score Longridge 2 - 1 Our Lady's.



England U21 Football Match

On Tuesday evening, 43 pupils from across Key Stage 3 went along to the Toughsheet Community Stadium, the home of Bolton Wanderers, to watch England U21s in their European Championship qualifier against Luxembourg U21s. With over 11,000 fans in attendance, the atmosphere was fantastic.



For many of the pupils, it was their first experience of watching international football in person and all took great pride in singing the national anthem together before the game. There were plenty of goals to celebrate, with England claiming a 7-0 victory on the blow of the final whistle.

Careers

Careers Cafe

This week in our Careers Cafe we had Amelia Eastham. Amelia is 'One of Ours' and left Our Lady's Catholic High School in 2018. Amelia delivered a session on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it is used in medicine. Amelia talked about the different aspects of AI in medicine, the potential earning salary, and the ethical dilemmas. Amelia also gave pupils a short task to do.

We are always so pleased when our past pupils agree to come back to school to share their knowledge and experience. We are so proud of you Amelia and look forward to welcoming you again in the future.



Lancashire DAF Winner



Well done to Safiya who won the Lancashire DAF Plushie following our recent Careers Fair at school.