

Our Lady's Catholic High School



Newsletter No. 30

17th May 2024



The Theme Next Week: Pentecost (John 20:19-23)

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.

It is so easy to hold on to grudges and let bitterness take root in our hearts. But as followers of Jesus, we are called to a higher standard – forgiveness. In this Gospel, we see Jesus appearing to his disciples after the resurrection and commissioning them to go out and forgive others, just as He has forgiven them. This is an important topic so that we may grow in our faith because forgiveness is at the heart of the Christian life. When we forgive others, we reflect God's love and mercy, and experience the freedom and joy that comes from letting go of resentment and anger.

Come Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Olivier Ruskiewicz - attentive and discerning

Year 8: Harry Boardman - compassionate and loving

Year 9: Layla Nuttall - intentional and prophetic

Year 10: Josh Barritt - learned and wise

Year 11: Molly Mower, Saffron Hakim - compassionate and loving



Being One of Ours

It's the moment you've all
been waiting for

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS



SHOW TIME

JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 26TH

THURSDAY 27TH

FRIDAY 28TH

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HERE



Adult £10
Child £7



OLCHS
Facebook Page



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information and to
purchase your tickets

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GCSE EXAMS

With GCSE Exams now underway for our Year 11 pupils, everyone at Our Lady's would like to wish them every success in their examinations.



LOST PROPERTY

Over the course of the spring term, we have accrued a significant quantity of lost property. Items include PE kits, spectacles and winter coats. We appreciate that items come with a cost to parents and wish to help our children find any property they may have misplaced. Therefore, on **Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st May**, children will have an opportunity, at break/lunch, to look through the lost property in the school gym.

Should your child have misplaced such items, please encourage them to come along in an attempt to locate the item and take it home.

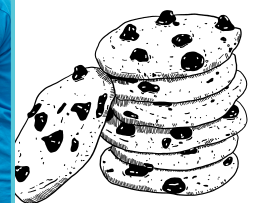
Any items which have not been collected will be donated to our local charity shops.



Year 7 and our Charity Committee held a MARY'S MEALS BAKE SALE at Our Lady's during lunchtime earlier in the week.

A huge thank you to everyone involved and everyone who purchased a cake...or two!!

We raised £152.39





NATURE & ENVIRONMENT

ART

COMPETITION

FREE TO ENTER | AGES 4-18

The winning entries will be printed and featured in the St Catherine's official 2025 calendar sold across our shops within Central Lancashire and online. All 12 winners will receive a free calendar showcasing their work.

How to take part:

- 1. Create your artwork inspired by nature and the environment**, using paintings, drawings, or digital art (artwork will need to be A4 landscape in size)
- 2. Submit your art** digitally via fundraising@stcatherines.co.uk OR by sending via post or person to: Schools Art Competition, St Catherine's Hospice, Lostock Lane, Lostock Hall, Preston PR5 5XU

Closing date for entries is 30th June 2024 | On all submissions, please include your name, age, school or college, artwork title, email address and phone number.

Questions? Email fundraising@stcatherines.co.uk

Funds from the sale of our calendar go towards supporting our specialist care.

St Catherine's
hospice care



Registered Charity Number 512186

Information

Celebrating 10 Years



CATHOLIC
TEACHING
ALLIANCE

Exciting Opportunity Train to Teach in Local Schools

Recruiting for September 2024 start

Established since 2014, the Catholic Teaching Alliance is celebrating 10 years as a teacher training provider.

Is teaching for you?

Minimum requirements for our teacher training courses are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

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

- Early Primary (3-7 years)
- General Primary (5-11 years)
- Secondary (11-16 years)
- Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years)
- Train locally, schools in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

Please contact us for further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions.

Call 01772 326931

Email CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

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

KNIFE
CRIME
Awareness
Week

THINK: SAFE

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SPEAK

Are you worried about plans that are being made amongst friends? Has someone said or done something that you feel worried about?

Speak with a trusted adult and they can help you. Always speak with a trusted adult about any plans you make, and make sure they always know where you are.

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ADVICE

Ask for advice from a Parent/carer, teacher or Childline.

Are you being asked to do something that makes you uncomfortable? Is there something that doesn't feel right? Everyone needs advice sometimes. You're not by yourself and help is available. Speak to a trusted adult or contact Childline on 0800 1111.

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FRIENDSHIP

Friendships should be positive, caring and respectful. Friends should be there to support each other.

A certain amount of conflict in any friendship can be normal, and disagreements do happen even with really close friends. But if your friends are taking part in an unsafe situation and asking you to do the same, this is not something a friend should do. Speak to an adult you trust straight away and get some support.

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ENVIRONMENT

Everyone has the right to a safe environment.

If you're out with friends, or in an environment that seemed positive, but now may not be safe, make contact with a trusted adult. Make plans with your trusted adult in advance so you know what to do if you need help.

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TRAINING THROUGH THEATRE

2024 Dates for your Diary



Friday 24 May - Half Term. School closes at 3pm

Monday 3 June - All pupils return to school

OLCHS SOCIAL MEDIA



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Sporting News

U14s Lancashire Schools'

Our Lady's U14 girls football team beat St Michael's of Chorley on penalties after a 0-0 extra time tie this week. This means we have made it to the Lancashire Schools' final. The last time we did this was 11 years ago!

The final is this coming Thursday, 23 May 2024, at Darwen AFC. Kick-off is 5pm.

We really would appreciate as much support as possible to cheer the girls on. They really do deserve it.



OLCHS Penalty takers included:
Georgia C, Holly W, Evie M
4th would have been Zuzanna R and 5th Ella G but due to Evie's wonderful goalkeeping, the win was already secured.

Preston Harriers

PRESTON HARRIERS



We Need Athletes

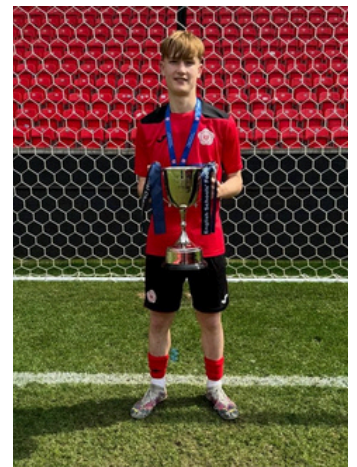
Preston Harriers are recruiting for athletes. Are you able to commit to 2 nights and weekend training and competitions?

We are really short of Sprinters (Boys) and all Field Events.

If you know of someone with the potential or willingness to learn, please ask them/ their parents or carers to register their interest via the [Preston Harriers website](#).



National Football Finals



On Saturday 11th May, three of our pupils were participating in National football finals representing Lancashire. Bruce L (Year 11), Holly W (Year 9) and Evie M (Year 9) became national champions in their respective cup competitions.

We are immensely proud of their achievements both in and out of school and love to share and celebrate their success.

Leyland Trucks Factory Visit

On Friday 10th May, Mrs Lin and Mr Thompson took 28 OLCHS pupils to Leyland Trucks as part of our Careers pathway here at school. The pupils first received a talk about careers at the factory along with the apprenticeship process, which for Year 10 pupils, starts in January 2025.

The pupils then had a tour of the factory. This part of the trip was fascinating. We learnt all about how the trucks are assembled and the teamwork involved to ensure all the parts are assembled together safely and correctly. We watched robots using AI to spray the trucks and the cost of this process. Pupils were then treated to refreshments and then had the opportunity to climb in and inspect the trucks and the high-spec cabs.

The Year 9 and Year 10 pupils involved enjoyed the experience and asked fantastic questions throughout the tour.



View more photos of the visit on our school Facebook Page



Myerscough
College & University Centre
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

COURSE ADVICE MORNING

Saturday 8th June
Starts 10.00am

Ideal for Year 10s, but it's not too late
for Year 11 applications!

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Now**

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an Apprenticeship
with Training 2000**
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For Year 11 pupils who have expressed an interest in applying for an apprenticeship, please click below. See what types of apprenticeships are on offer first before applying.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Year 10 Pupils

BAE SYSTEMS

Work Experience

BAE Systems Submarines, Barrow-in-Furness, is pleased to announce we will be running an open cohort work experience during the Summer holidays. This will run from July 29th - 2nd August. Applications are now open:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Points to note:

The programme covers a range of interests including Project Management, Engineering, Supply Chain, Craft/Trade roles, Nuclear and Quality and is suitable for Year 10 students with varied interests. We can also adapt the programme to suit students interests so please get in touch if you wish to discuss this.

Any non-British or Dual Nationals students places are subject to security approval.

Students do not require photo ID for placements if your school can confirm their identity with us prior to commencing the placement. If a student is not currently attending an educational establishment to confirm identity they will need official photo ID (passport).

This year we will be funding student lunches Monday-Thursday.

The work experience day runs from 09:00-15:00 Monday to Thursday and 09:00-12:00 Friday.

Students will need to provide their own transport (and accommodation if required) to our site at Barrow-in-Furness.

Places are not first come first served - If the programme is oversubscribed application will be sifted so please advise students to make an effort in the personal statement sections of their applications.

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