# Our Lady's **Catholic High School**



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#### The Theme Next Week: The Family of God. (Mark 3: 20-35)

#### Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.

Family is not just about being related by blood but also about being a child of God. He calls us his children, and he loves us no matter what our earthly relations might consist of. Because we are part of that family, we are brothers and sisters to one another. We are united through the bond of Christ, and he wants us to love one another. We should care for all of those around us, recognising that we are welcomed into a heavenly family when we love and trust God. We are in his family, and we can rest assured that this will always be the case.

Let us pray...

hopeful

active

BEING ONE

curious wise

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attentive uth-filled generous

eloquent intentional compassionate

faith-filled

May you always know that you are loved by God.

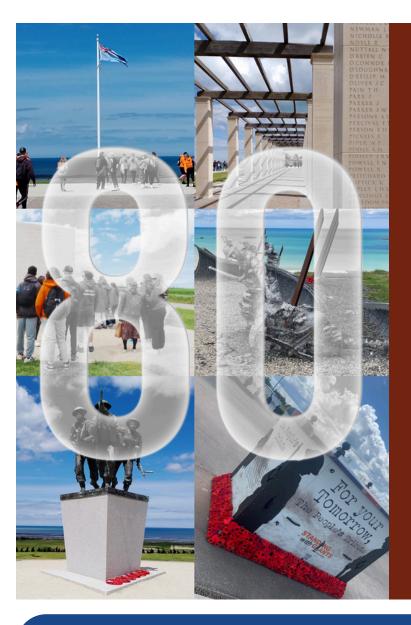
No matter who you are, whatever your circumstances, rest assured that you are loved.

You are part of God's family.

Amen

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| Year 7: Oscar Bradley - grateful and compassionate         | <u>ک</u> hopeful<br>attentive کے curious                       |
| Year 8: Mia Lansiquot - attentive and curious              | faith-filled grateful generous                                 |
| Year 9: Daniel Holden - faith filled and hopeful           | eloquent ± discerning<br>intentional compassionate<br>= active |
| Year 10: Freddie Burnett Cherry - attentive and discerning | nthfe  |
| Year 11: Liam Ronan - eloquent and truthful                | 5  |

# News



# D-Day 80th Anniversary

This week and over the coming days, the world remembers the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

On 6 June 1944, Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy in France, codenamed 'Operation Overlord'. This led to German soldiers being pushed back and ultimately the defeat of Germany in World War II.

This is an important opportunity to reflect on the bravery of those soldiers and the importance of their actions.

Just a few weeks ago pupils from Year 8 and Year 10 had the opportunity to spend time at the British Normandy Memorial in Versur-Mer.

# School Library & D-Day80

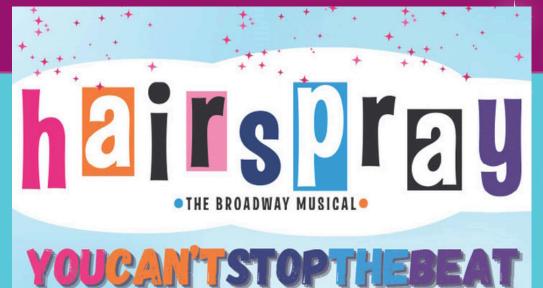
Pupils who want to find out more about D-Day, an informative collection of books has been assembled in the bean bag area of the LRC and will be on display for the next two weeks.



# News

# + Tickets On Sale Now!

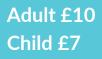
# OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Presents





## **SHOW TIME**

JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 26TH THURSDAY 27TH FRIDAY 28TH





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Scan here for more information and to purchase your tickets

# **News & Information**

## Changes to Mobile Device Policy

From September we will be introducing a change to our approach to our mobile device policy. The aim of this change is to help our children reduce the reliance on mobile devices and remove the temptation of using them incorrectly. Recent studies have shown a correlation between a decline in children's mental health with an increase in time spent online. We recognise that many of our children use their mobile devices to access their online content.

Currently our policy states that all mobile devices are to be switched off and out of sight. (please see our behaviour policy on the school website for a full breakdown).

From September our policy will be that all mobile devices are to be switched off, out of sight and stored securely in a child's bag. Children are not to carry their phones on their persons. As per our currently policy, should children not adhere to this they will have their phones confiscated.

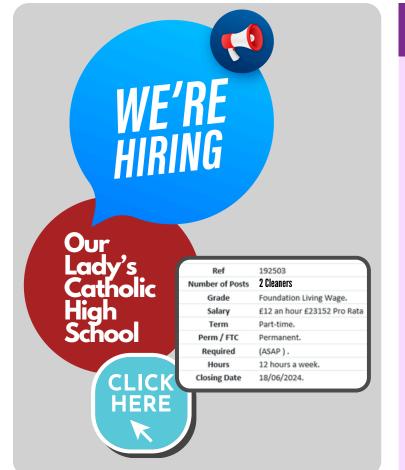


In the second half of the summer term, we will be phasing this into action, with staff helping children get into the habit of placing their phones into their bags. For the rest of the term, Staff will not confiscate phones on a child's person, but will correct the choice and the child asked to put their device into their bag. Our currently policy of switched off and out of site still remains in place. I'm sure you recognise the potential for upset, should the device not be switched off and the device confiscated. Therefore, we are asking for your help in discussing this very important change with your child, ensuring they are switching their phones off. Flight mode or silent is not acceptable. The devices must be switched off.

We do recognise that some of our children do have expensive phones and you may feel storing them in bags pose a potential risk of your child losing their phone. In this instance, we would advise, not using these for school, and adopting a cheaper alternative.



# Information



#### **2024 Dates for your Diary**

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Friday 7 June - Bronze DofE Weekend Friday 14 June - Year 10 Futures Day 26 to 28 June - 'Hairspray' school production

#### **OLCHS SOCIAL MEDIA**



### Celebrating 10 Years



Train to Teach in Local Schools with the Catholic Teaching Alliance

#### Are you interested in a career in primary school teaching (ages 3-7 or 5-11)?

#### **Recruiting for September 2024 start**

Established since 2014, the Catholic Teaching Alliance is celebrating 10 years as a teacher training provider. Train locally, schools in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

The minimum requirements for our 1 year PGCE with QTS (qualified teacher status) teacher training course are GCSEs in Maths and English and Science, plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

Call 01772 326931 Email <u>CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk</u> Website <u>https://www.catholic-teaching-</u> <u>alliance.org/pgce-courses.html</u>

# Sporting News

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# Sports Day Track & Field Events

Huge congratulations to the Year 7 girls who were victorious in the Shot Put and Triple Jump today. All the girls showed the correct sportsmanship and were supportive of their fellow competitors.

Also a wonderful Shot Put performance from the Year 9 boys.

More Track & Field events are planned for the upcoming week.





## Careers



This week in the Careers Cafe we had past pupil and business owner Archie Hull. Archie owns and runs <u>AJ Contracting</u>. His company offers all aspects of ground/building work including landscaping. We are so grateful to him for giving up his time to come and talk to pupils in Y9 and Y10 about running his own business, what a typical day is like, what made him decide to start his own business and general discussion about the work he does. The pupils listened attentively and asked some fascinating questions.





# Careers

## RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

Saturday 20th July 2024



We are inviting prospective students to visit our radiotherapy open day, situated in the radiotherapy department at Rosemere Cancer Centre-Royal Preston Hospital

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

To book please emaileducation.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk

## Year 10 Futures Day

On 14 June 2024 in school, Year 10 will have their Futures Day.

Year 10 pupils will participate in five different sessions, which will help shape their future.

There will be sessions on Budgeting, Renting and Mortgages. In addition, HSBC will also be delivering sessions along with mock interview preparation and CV writing.

## Apprenticeship Opportunity



## Is your child in Year 11 and looking for an apprenticeship?

Past pupil Jack Westray who runs his own joinery company is looking for a suitable apprentice.

Please click below for further details.

**CLICK HERE** 



Radiotherapist, Paul Attwood, will be joining us for Careers Cafe this coming week. If your child is interested in coming along, please email Mrs Lin to book your place.