

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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The Theme Next Week: The Kingdom of God (Mark 4: 30 – 34)

Jesus said, 'What can we say the Kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of it's sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

The mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, that grows into the largest shrub. You would not expect this from such a tiny beginning. So, it is with us, no matter how little faith we have, even if it is the size of a mustard seed, we can do great things. No matter how small you feel, accept that you are of great importance and value. You are part of the Kingdom of God.

Dear Lord,

We thank you for your unconditional love. As the wheat ripens in the sun and the tiny mustard seed develops into the largest of trees, we desire to grow in your love.

Amen

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Harry Young - learned and wise

Year 8: Violet Tucker - attentive and discerning

Year 9: Alice Stapleton - attentive and discerning

Year 10: Erin Pierce Jones - intentional and prophetic

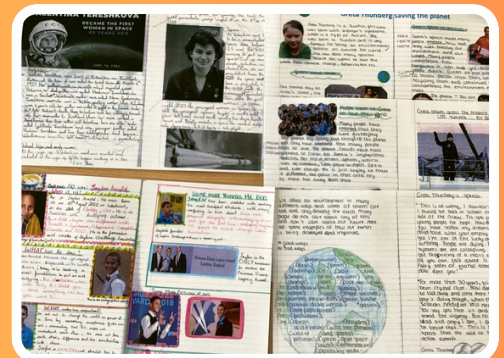
Year 11: RJ Oca - learned and wise



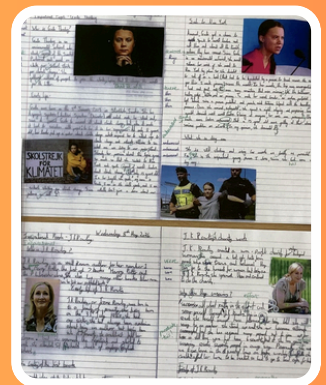
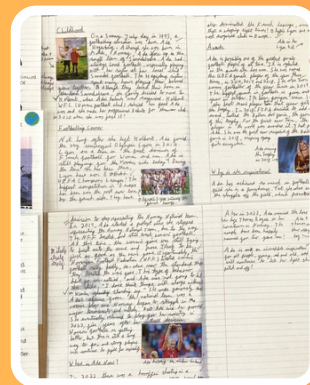
Being One of Ours

Year 7 English

Inspiring work by Year 7



In Year 7 English, pupils complete a non-fiction unit of study on Inspirational Young People, which culminates in a piece of biographical writing about an inspirational young person of their choice. The English Department have been blown away by the quality of the pupils' work and prizes were awarded this week in the Year 7 Assembly. Pupils will soon be able to see their work in the English corridor display boards. Well done Year 7.



Year 7 Inspirational Young People Biographical Writing Prizes

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| Muhammad P | Mia-Beau J |
| Hannah R | Ethan D |
| Kayla K | Keira K |
| Dillon S | |



Being One of Ours

Preston City Trampoline Club asked for volunteers to be Wardens at the *Race for Life* and *Pretty Mudders* event that took place on Moor Park last weekend.

OLCHS pupil Dan, jumped at the chance to volunteer and did an exceptional job.

We are all very proud of him giving up his time for such an important Charity event.



DoE Bronze weekend

This past weekend, 73 of our students embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) practice expedition in the beautiful Garstang area. The expedition tested their endurance and teamwork as they tackled a 15-mile hike over two days, all while carrying their own equipment.

The weather added an extra layer of challenge, varying from bright sunshine to torrential rain. However, our students demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability, embracing every moment of the experience.

Despite the fluctuating weather, the group spirit remained high. The sunshine provided wonderful moments of camaraderie and stunning views, while the rain tested their preparedness and resolve. Each student faced these challenges head-on, embodying the true spirit of the DofE Award.

We are incredibly proud of all 73 participants. Their determination, teamwork, and positive attitude throughout the expedition were truly commendable. This practice run not only prepared them for their final expedition but also fostered a strong sense of community and achievement.

Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and perseverance. We look forward to seeing them complete their DofE Award with the same enthusiasm and dedication they displayed this weekend.

We would like to thank the 15 members of staff who volunteered to give up some or all their weekend to support the students to complete the Award.



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OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS



SHOW TIME

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

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Adult £10
Child £7



News & Information

DT Visit to Cardinal Newman College

20 pupils visited Newman College on Monday 10 June to take part in a series of workshops to experience and learn about the art and design further education courses provided. Pupils worked in Textiles, Graphics and Fine Art and were shown lots of examples of impressive Year 12 and 13 work.



This year, Muslims will celebrate Eid Al-Adha between 16 - 20 June.

For Muslims, Eid Al-Adha is a time to remember God's love and kindness and it is a time of sharing.

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Eid Al-Adha
16th - 20th

June



Please can we remind families of our policy on henna. Our policy states "A limited, moderate application of henna, to mark a recognised and evidenced cultural celebration will be considered if a prior written request is provided." We thank our families for their continued support.

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Information

Celebrating 10 Years



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OLCHS SOCIAL MEDIA



Changes to the School Mobile Device Policy



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2024 Dates for your Diary



Friday 14 June - Year 10 Futures Day
26 to 28 June - 'Hairspray' school production
Monday 1 July - Year 6 Induction Day

Year 8 & 9 Pupils

**YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY – MONDAY, 1 JULY
2024**

Our next year's Year 7 pupils will be joining us for a day in school on Monday, 1 July 2024. As is our practice, **Year 8 and 9 pupils are to remain home on that day.** This will enable us to release teachers to work with the Year 6 pupils.

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OLCHS Sports Day Track & Field Events

Well done to Year 9 and Year 10 pupils who have been competing in their Track & Field sports day events in school this week. There have been so many wonderful performances.

Also a huge thank you to our fantastic PE department for organising the events and providing valuable encouragement to all the pupils.



Preston Schools'

Mr Horn took Preston Schools' District Football Team to victory, winning the league and the cup. Lincoln, was the only under 14s boy representing Our Lady's. Well done Lincoln and Mr Horn.



ROUNDERS

Sporting News

On Thursday, the Year 9 and 10 rounders team travelled to Moor Park for a pre-tournament friendly against a mixed Moor Park team.

Year 10 played first. Our opponents had some very strong batters and at times we were a little slow in sending the ball back to the bases to prevent them scoring. However, we gained confidence following a fantastic catch out in deep field by Grace G to get one of Moor Park's more consistent batters out. Mia G was also excellent at back stop distributing the ball quickly to where it was needed. However, the final score finished 8-2 to Moor Park.

The Year 9 game was a lot closer. Fielding was much tighter. The safe hands of Evie M saw another amazing catch out in deep field. We were also more consistent with our batting and took a few more chances. The final score was 4 and a half to Moor Park and 3 to Our Lady's.

Despite our losses, we gained a lot of match experience that we can build on for upcoming Preston Schools' tournament.

On Wednesday, Year 7 and Year 8 girls competed in the Preston Schools' rounders tournament. It was the Year 7s first taste of competitive rounders and they rose to the occasion brilliantly, convincingly winning all of their group stage matches. They met Broughton in the semi-finals. The match was extremely close but we narrowly missed out on a place in the final.

Year 8 followed a similar path, winning all of their matches in the group stage. We even managed to get all of Archbishop Temple out before they completed their innings, thanks to a great link between Lena S at back stop, who threw the ball quickly and accurately to Mollie O'G at first base to stump our opponents out. Ella G bowled brilliantly and Zuzanna R was consistent on second base, preventing half rounders being scored. The whole team pulled together really well and managed to secure a place in the final against St. Cecilia's after beating Broughton. Our last game proved to be a real nail biter, which could have gone either way. However, Our Lady's kept their cool, managing a 5-4 victory over our opponents. This is the second year in a row our Year 8s have been victorious.

A huge well done to both teams. Miss Lewis and Mrs Lin are extremely proud of them.



Careers

Careers Cafe



This week in our Careers Cafe we had Yvonne Barnard visiting. She works at a local hospital where she is the clinical tutor for ultrasound and involved in aspects of radiology. Pupils were mesmerised by her 'typical day' and found aspects of her role fascinating.

Huge thanks to Yvonne for giving up her time to come and speak to our pupils.



Futures Day

Year 10

Today, all pupils in Year 10 participated in their Futures Day. They received a talk from HSBC staff, planned their own CV, learned about the importance of preparing for interviews, learned about the difference between mortgages and renting and how to balance their bank account.

When Year 10 move up to Year 11, they will have their mock interviews here at school in order to prepare them for their college interviews, or any weekend jobs they may wish to apply for.

Pupils will also be asked to bring their CV with them.

Days like our Futures Day are crucial in order to prepare our pupils for the time when they leave Our Lady's Catholic High School, and we want to ensure they are absolutely ready for the exciting future that face them.

Thank you to the staff at HSBC who gave up their time today to share their knowledge and experience with our pupils.

Careers

RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

Saturday 20th
July 2024



Are you in year 10 or above? or a mature student? Have you thought about a career in Radiotherapy? Would you like to know more about radiotherapy and this fantastic profession?



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 email-
education.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk

Apprenticeship Opportunity

J.R
WESTRAY
JOINERY

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.

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