

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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The Theme Next Week: Do Not Be Afraid (Mark 4: 35 – 41)

'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then Jesus said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Disciples are at sea in a storm. They are afraid, they feel powerless and threatened by something out of their control. Rest assured, God is with us, but this does not stop us from feeling that same fear and anxiety. Jesus is waiting to be our companion through the storm – just ask for his help - His Spirit will never abandon us.

Trust in God and believe that no storm is too great.

Dear Lord

Let us not fear the storms that we encounter.

May you bring peace and calm through your love and compassion. May we hear your gentle voice in every situation.

Amen

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Jessica Frame - faith-filled and hopeful

Year 8: Isabelle Edmonds - compassionate and grateful

Year 9: Julia Wysocka & Emma Finnigan - compassionate and loving

Year 10: Heidi Clark & Darcie Green - compassionate and generous



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Junior Maths Awards

Last term, pupils from 7B1, 7B2, 8B1 and 8B2 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, a national problem-solving competition promoting mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency of mathematical techniques. OLCHS students achieved a certificate based on their score, which was a fantastic achievement.

Ethan D achieved “Best In Year” for Year 7 with a gold certificate and Kayah J in Year 8 achieved “Best In School,” receiving a gold certificate for the challenge.

Year 7 received their certificates in assembly this week and Year 8 will receive theirs next week. The full list of winners is listed here:



BRONZE

Year 7

Reon A
Aidan A
Chloe B
Byron C
Filip C
Chiamaka E
Silene P
Hannah R
Maison S
Zac T
Harry Y

Year 8

Hanna B
Anderson B
Theo B
Charlotte D
Emilia E
Lilian E
Romy L
Oliver L
Faye N
Amy R
Ajit S
Maksymilian T
Lacey W
Ruby W

SILVER

Year 7

Emily B
Amie B
Henry D
Chris G
Dane L
Jade R
Lois W

Year 8

Zack K
Oliver L
Jacob M
Monica N
Joshua R
Olivia S
Maya T
LaShawn T-M
Oscar W

GOLD

Year 7

Ethan D

Year 8

Kayah J

SCIENCE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

This week there are two articles about DNA. If you can tell your science teacher the answers to the questions you can **earn a point**.

A fern has entered the record books for having more DNA than any other living thing with a genome of 160 billion base pairs. Read the article in the website links to find the answer to the following questions.

Question 1: Approximately how many base pairs does a human genome have?

Question 2: How do scientists measure how big a genome is?

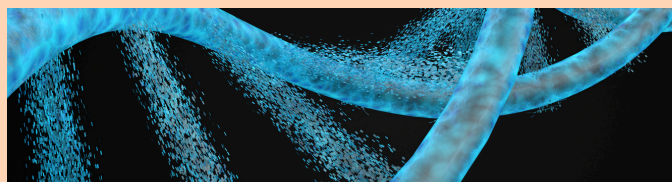
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cl44g57jv4mo>

Scientists sampling DNA in the air to monitor the spread of deadly diseases said their work could help make food prices cheaper. Read the article to find the answer to the following questions.

Question 3: How many litres of air per minute does each device process?

Question 4: If no pathogens are detected, how does the farmer save money?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c99zn92g2qgo>



Junior Physics Challenge 2024

A few weeks ago, a number of our Year 10 pupils took part in the **British Physics Olympiad Junior Challenge**, a national physics competition that challenged the boundaries of their physics knowledge and the limits of their problem-solving skills.

The results of this competition have now been published, and we would like to offer congratulations to the following pupils for achieving **Silver awards**:

Seb C	Sanaa V
James P-W	Theo W
Liam K	Jake B
Godwin S	Gayathri S
Aaron C	Molly W
Isabelle M	Maksymilian F



A huge congratulations to Isabelle P for achieving a **Gold award**. Fantastic!

Well done to all those pupils who took part.



REFUGEE WEEK

As a proud School of Sanctuary, OLCHS celebrates Refugee Week annually in June. This year's theme was **Our Home** and in assemblies this week, pupils explored the theme of what a home is, and the contribution of refugees to the UK.

On Wednesday, classes from Year 7 and Year 9 undertook workshops led by James Trewby, of the Colombans. He led sessions about the process of seeking refugee status in the UK, shared the stories of some refugees he works with, and pupils made cards and wrote letters to some of the people James works with.



The OLCHS Charity Committee also launched this year's Refugee Week fundraiser: this year we are raising money for the RNLI who save lives at sea. The RNLI is celebrating its 200 year anniversary this year. On 9th July we will be doing a sponsored walk at school to collectively walk the distance of the English Channel and we invite pupils and staff to wear yellow - the colour of the wellies and jackets worn by the RNLI volunteers. Donations can be made via Scopay for pupils wishing to take part.

YELLOW TUESDAY FOR THE RNLI

Following our celebration of Refugee Week, we are raising money for the RNLI, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Pupils are invited to support this charity by making a donation of £1 or more on SCOPAY. They can then swap one item of school uniform for something yellow on **Tuesday 9 July 2024**. They should still wear school uniform trousers or skirt.

Pupils wearing yellow may also wear yellow makeup and nail varnish on that day. Yellow ribbon (£1 a metre) and keyrings (50 pence) are also available from the Charity Committee.

We want everyone to get on board and show our love and compassion for the voluntary work that the RNLI does when saving lives at sea.

Please donate £1 (or more) and wear one item of yellow for school on Tuesday 9th July to show your love and compassion for people around the world.



Last chance to get
your tickets!

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS



SHOW TIME

JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 26TH

THURSDAY 27TH

~~FRIDAY 28TH~~

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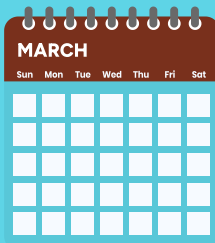


Changes to the School Mobile Device Policy



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2024 Dates for your Diary



26 to 28 June - 'Hairspray' school production

Monday 1 July - Year 6 Induction Day

Tuesday 2 July - Prefects' Ball (Evening)

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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ROUNDERS

The Year 9 and 10 Rounders teams hosted Corpus Christi last Friday for a pre-tournament friendly.

Both matches were very close. Year 10 were trailing by a rounder with just two bowls remaining. However, thanks to some good batting and speedy running from Charlotte H, we managed to close the game with a draw at 4-4.

Year 9 fielded brilliantly. There was a really good link between Zofia M at backstop, Charlotte P at first base and Evie M at second base to get the Corpus Christi batters out and prevent half rounders being scored by our opponents. The final score was Our Lady's Catholic High School $4 \frac{1}{2}$ - $3 \frac{1}{2}$ Corpus Christi.

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Good luck to former OLCHS pupil Will, who will be competing at the **European Biathlon Championships** in Madeira as part of the Great Britain team in two weeks' time.

Congratulations to Will on making the GB team selection, what a wonderful achievement. Go Will, we are all so proud of you.

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?



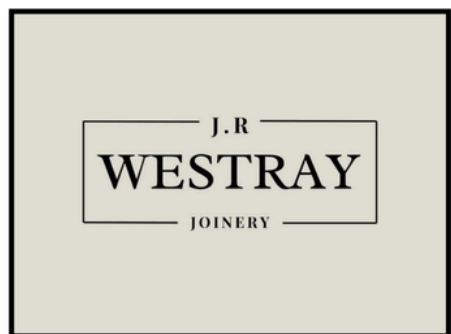
We are inviting prospective students to visit our radiotherapy open day, situated in the radiotherapy department at Rosemere Cancer Centre-Royal Preston Hospital



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

To book please email-
education.radiotherapy@lhtr.nhs.uk

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](#)

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