

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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The Theme Next Week: Faith (Mark 6: 1-6)

Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country' ...and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Jesus returns to his hometown to teach. The local people know him as the carpenter, the son of Mary. They ask so many questions about his preaching and miracles and show their amazement but deep inside they lack faith. They doubt who he truly is – the Son of God. We are no exception. We know that Jesus is close to us and yet we still chose to sin again and again. Faith is to believe in what we do not see. We may not see Jesus in his physical form, but we can feel his presence. It is up to us to put our faith in him.

Lord, strengthen my faith in you, that I may find solace and hope in your promises.

Give me the strength and wisdom to make good choices that align with your will.

Amen

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Dane Lewis - active and curious

Year 8: Olivia Slater - attentive and discerning

Year 9: Liam Battle - grateful and generous

Year 10: Jack Brindle - prophetic and intentional



Being One of Ours

SCIENCE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

The theme this week is:

ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION

If you can tell your science teacher the answers to the questions you can earn a point.

Do you want to be an archaeologist? Scientists believe they may have solved the mystery of how 31 pyramids, including the world-famous Giza complex, were built in Egypt more than 4,000 years ago. Read the article and then answer the following question.

Question 1: What technology did the scientists use to produce images of hidden features?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c99zkwzrxvo>

Video

Maybe archaeology is not how you want to use your science knowledge. How about designing and finding good uses for drones? Watch the video (click the triangle in the first image) to find the answer to the following question.

Question 2: What search and rescue equipment is carried by the drones?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2vw059l7d8o>

Home Research

Hopefully you have watched the video and answered question 3. Research the device carried by the drone and then answer the following question

Question 3: What wavelength of light does the device use to detect heat?

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.



 **RNLI**
Lifeboats 200

GCSE Textiles visit to London

On Thursday 27 June Year 10 GCSE Textiles students visited London for the day. They attended the New Designers showcase, looking at the work of hundreds of university graduates from Textile and Design courses around the country.

Students also visited the V&A museum, taking in British fashion developments from the last 400 years, and viewing Textiles products from around the world. This visit will help to inspire students as they begin their NEA coursework.



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Calling All Year 7s

DO YOU WANT TO BE A LANCASHIRE LIBRARIES READING HERO?

This year's summer reading programme offers prizes for participants who manage to read five books over the summer, running from 1st July to 30th September. It is easy to get involved. Sign up at your local library and get a booklet containing all the information you need to help Dr Paige Turner defeat Blurb, the mischievous alien. As well as prizes for reading achievements, participants can visit a Lancashire museum for free with an adult, and join in summer activities at all libraries across Lancashire.



Follow this link to find out more:
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/.../lancs-reading-heroes/>

On Monday in the OLCHS Arts Theatre, we celebrated our 10 year anniversary of the Catholic Teaching Alliance. As lead school, Our Lady's Catholic High School have worked in partnership with the University of Cumbria as a teacher training provider delivering PGCE with QTS.

Since our launch in 2014, the Catholic Teaching Alliance have trained some 350 teachers, many of whom work in our alliance of Catholic schools and colleges, including here at Our Lady's, and across the Dioceses of Lancaster, Salford and the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

The celebration evening was a fantastic occasion with a vibrant atmosphere as people came together for a Service of Thanks.



10 Years of Excellence

It was wonderful to welcome Bishop Paul Swarbrick, headteachers and colleagues from our partner schools, who have contributed to and supported the work of the Catholic Teaching Alliance. Also in attendance were our Alumni and our current 2023-24 trainees along with members of their families.

The evening was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Gardening Tools...Pots...

WANTED



School Garden

Before the summer break and after the summer holidays, we are welcoming donations of gardening equipment you no longer need, including shears, gloves, bird feeders, pots, etc. for the school garden.

Please contact Ms Worthington by email on KWO@olchs.lancs.sch.uk to arrange drop off.

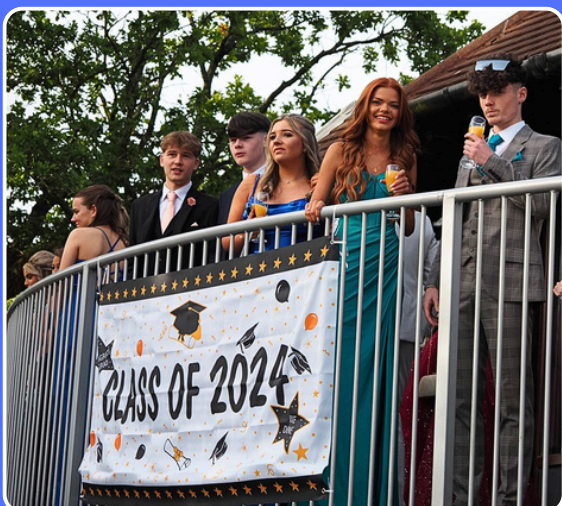
Thank you.



Welcome to the **PREFECTS' BALL**

On Tuesday 2 July, Year 11 pupils and staff joined together to celebrate and mark the leaving of the year group with the school's annual Prefects' Ball. Organised by Miss Hampson and Miss Singleton, and with over 150 staff and students in attendance, the evening was a roaring success.

As always, the year group made an unforgettable entrance witnessed by family, friends and staff. Below are a range of photos showing the red carpet entrance.



Information

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

It is our strong professional advice that children do not access social media platforms as the damage to their mental health and well-being can be significant. However, we appreciate that many of our children do use many social media platforms in the evening and some of the content they are exposed to can be of concern. Therefore, we want to support you as parents by asking you to speak to your child regularly about appropriate content and what to do when worried.

Below is a link which gives support in reporting harmful content.

www.reportharmfulcontent.com/harms



The internet, relationships & you

CLICK HERE

Changes to the School Mobile Device Policy



CLICK HERE



CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE

Established since 2014, the CTA has 10 years' experience in delivering teacher training.

Train locally - schools in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool area

Recruitment open all summer for a September 2024 start

Primary PGCE with QTS course

The minimum requirements for our course are GCSEs in Maths, English and Science, plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

For more information

Call: 01772 326931

Email: CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

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



2024 Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9 July - RNLI Fundraising Day

Tuesday 9 July - Sports Presentation Evening

Friday 12 July - Rewards Trip for Years 7-10

Wed 17 July - Whole School Mass

Friday 19 July - End of Term. School closes at 12:30pm

OLCHS SOCIAL MEDIA





ROUNDERS

Sporting News

Year 7 and Year 8

The Year 7 and Year 8 rounders teams were in action away at Moor Park.

Weather conditions were not in our favour. However, the teams did not let this deter them and both had a comfortable lead by half time.

Batting and fielding remained consistent in the second half and we managed to retain our lead.

Year 7 won six and a half rounders to three and a half, whilst Year 8 won ten to five and a half.



ALL THE ACTION FROM

Sports Day

IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

Year 9

Huge congratulations to the Year 9 rounders teams.

We were the only school who fielded two Year 9 teams which really shows the depth and skill level we have. Our Lady's B team played fantastic throughout the afternoon and beat other schools A teams to get into the semi-final. Our Lady's A team were undefeated in the group stage and beat St Cecilia's, Christ the King, and Archbishop Temple.

Both teams reached the semi-final, and they drew each other. These are never easy games as both teams knew our tactics. They both played brilliantly but Our Lady's A team finished in the lead. We then faced Longridge in the final.

We had heard from other teams that they could really hit so we ensured we spaced our fielders accordingly.

The rumours were correct, and Longridge began to tot up rounders.

When it was our turn to hit, we simply didn't hit as far and whilst we were still collecting half rounders as we were reaching second base it just wasn't enough. Longridge won 7 ½ to 4 ½.

Well done to all the players.

Careers

Last week in our Careers Cafe we were fortunate to host Mark Howe.

Mark is Director of Quality Improvement and Principal Social Worker. Mark talked about his career in social work and what led him to be there.

Mark described this type of career as an absolute vocation and those who want to help and change lives do so with care and hope. He discussed some difficult situations he has dealt with and times where his knowledge and experience has helped individuals who are really struggling.

Careers Cafe

The pupils listened intently to Mark and asked questions surrounding pay, what subjects he took at college and if there were times when he felt like the job was simply too difficult.

Mark answered with honesty and professionalism. We look forward to welcoming Mark back during National Apprenticeship week.

Lancashire Fire & Rescue

Thank you to Faz and Dave from Lancashire Fire and Rescue.

This week they came and delivered four school assemblies to Year 7, 8, 9 and Year 10, and talked about Water Safety and what to do if you find yourself in trouble.

They shared some shocking facts about the number of young people who lose their life every year due to drowning.

The second part of their talk was based on the different careers in Lancashire Fire and Rescue. Dave spoke about cadets which is open to all pupils from the age of 13 and also promoted their **Open Day on 28 July 2024**.

A huge thank you to Faz and Dave for coming into school and sharing their knowledge with us.

