

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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19th July 2024



A message from our Headteacher

Dear parents / carers,

As we reach the end of the academic year and the start of the summer holidays, I wish to offer my thanks to you our fantastic parents and carers and to our wonderful staff for continuing to work together for the benefit of our wonderful children. I also wish to offer thanks to our excellent governors who work hard to support, guide and challenge our school. They are very proud of our school and always have the children at the forefront of every decision they make.

We have a wonderful school and it is the children and staff that make it a very special place. This year began with the challenge of RAAC but the response from staff and pupils was amazing and school returned to normal within weeks. The pupils have worked incredibly hard as they strive to achieve their God-given potentials and they have thrown themselves into the life of our school getting involved in so many extra-curricular activities and trips. The number of sporting events, curriculum trips, residential to Normandy, Castlerigg, rewards trips, evening celebrations, clubs that pupils have taken part in has been phenomenal and shows their commitment to ***Being One of Ours***.

On Wednesday, we marked the end of our year with our Whole School Mass. This is always the highlight of the year and the culmination of so much work by our whole school community. Canon Peter Draper was our principal celebrant and he was joined by other local priests together with many invited guests. It was a wonderful celebration of our school, our faith and our community.

We said goodbye to our Year 11 pupils in June with a wonderful Mass and then Prefects' Ball. They were a fantastic year group and we look forward to sharing in their successes when they receive their results in August.

Being One of Ours

The end of a year is also a time to say goodbye to some members of staff. We have a number of non-teaching staff leaving us – Mrs Harvey (Pastoral Support), Mrs Smith (Attendance), and Mrs Rowland (TA English) and four teachers:

Mrs Farnworth has been part-time teacher of Music since 2016 and now takes up the role as Head of Music at Archbishop Temple

Mrs Robinson, our Principal Teacher of Geography, has been with us since 2015 and takes up a role as Key Stage 3 Teacher of SEND at De La Salle Catholic Academy in St Helens

Mrs Holohan, our Principal Teacher of Religious Education, joined us in 2006 and leaves us for retirement

Mrs Murray, our Principal Teacher of Business Studies/Health and Social Care leaves us after 23 years to take up a role at Carnforth High School

We are grateful for their service to our school community as they go onto the next phase of their lives with our prayers and best wishes.

Staff return for the new school year on Monday 2nd September. Our new Year 7 begin on Tuesday 3rd September and there are progress meetings for other year groups with their form tutors and those invited to attend will have already received information. All our pupils then return on Wednesday 4th September for the start of an exciting new year!

I wish you all a wonder summer making special memories with your children, families and friends and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr R Charnock

Headteacher

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BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

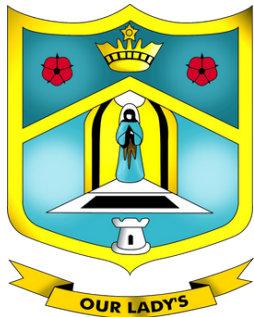
Year 7: Sam Nelson - faith filled and hopeful

Year 8: Paige Lowe - attentive and discerning

Year 9: Liliana Rado - generous and grateful

Year 10: Dylan McKnight - prophetic and intentional





Our Lady's Catholic High School Mass of Thanksgiving

17th July 2024



Click to watch
the video



CHESS TOURNAMENT

This week saw the final of this year's chess tournament. The final was contested by Connor N and Ajit S, both in Year 8.

The final went back and forth and both traded checks before Connor managed the win with checkmate!

Well done to all that entered and have been attending the weekly chess clubs.



Reading Millionaires Celebration



On Thursday 11 July, 21 pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed a Millionaire Celebration in the LRC.

This year, the Accelerated Reader Millionaires were able to invite a friend to come along to watch a film with them and enjoy some tasty party food. A good time was had 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 sheers, 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.



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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/>

YELLOW TUESDAY FOR THE RNLI

Thank you for your support and encouragement with our fundraising for the RNLI on Tuesday 9 July.

So many of our pupils participated in our fundraising by wearing yellow. 150 metres of ribbon was bought, donations were made and exactly 200 pupils volunteered to take part in our sponsored walk. This was such a fitting number as the RNLI have been saving lives at sea for 200 years!

Many thanks for your incredible generosity. The total amount raised is **£1300.81**.



Information



As the school year is coming to a close, some of our children may struggle with the loss of structure or support.

The Anna Freud organisation, aimed at delivering mentally healthy schools, have produced a self-care summer toolkit. If interested in looking at their resources, please follow the link below:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Changes to the School Mobile Device Policy



**CLICK
HERE**

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



2024 Dates for your Diary

Friday 19 July

End of Term. School closes at 12:35pm

Tuesday 3 September

Year 7 Back to school

Wednesday 4 September

All pupils return to school

OLCHS SOCIAL MEDIA



Information

Helpful contacts if you are feeling worried

You can always talk with an adult at school such as your Learning Manager, School Chaplain or staff in Pastoral and Learning Support- Don't keep your worries to yourself!



childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Call Childline on **0800 1111**

You can contact Childline about anything. Whatever your worry, it's better out than in..



The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA): Brings together over 100 organisations into one network to develop and share good practice across the whole range of bullying issues.

Anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk



Kooth.com is commissioned by the NHS, Local Authorities, charities and businesses to provide anonymous and personalised mental health support for Children and Young People.

NSPCC

The NSPCC helpline is staffed by trained professionals who can provide expert advice and support. **0808 800 5000**



24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. **Text 85258.**

Aspris Children's Services

Autism Training

Oliver House, a specialist autism school, are offering free training to any parents. There will be ten courses:

9th September 2024	Throwing away the rule book – Parenting in Autism
7th October 2024	PDA and High Anxiety in Autism
4th November 2024	Autism and ADHD
2nd December 2024	Sensory issues and Autism
13th January 2025	Maximising Educational opportunities
10th February 2025	Organisations who support families
10th March 2025	Behaviours that challenge
12th May 2025	Autism & Associated Conditions
9th June 2025	The Future - beyond school age
7th July 2025	Transitions in Autism

The courses will run from 10am to 12 noon and there are 80 places on each course. Tea & coffee will be provided.
Please note that if you wish to attend you **must** book on the courses.
Please contact Jenny Powell at Oliver House School on 01257 220011 to book.

Venue: Valley Church, Fourfields, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6GS

LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER?

ARE YOU OR IS YOUR CHILD IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME 2024

SUMMER IN LANCASHIRE: EAT, PLAY, REPEAT!

There's so much to do across Lancashire

Scan me to find out more, or call in to your local Family Hub.

lancashire.gov.uk/events

Lancashire County Council

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Information

Larches & Savick Community Association
& St Bernard's Community Hub

Community Gateway Association
& Preston City Council

SCHOOL UNIFORM BANK

We are accepting clean and un-damaged school uniforms!

Drop Off

When: Every Friday from 26th July

Time: 10am–1pm

Location: St Bernard's Community Hub, Elswick Road, Preston PR2 1NT.

Collection

When: Friday 16th August

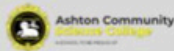
Time: 3pm – 6pm

Location: St Bernard's Community Hub, Elswick Road, Preston PR2 1NT.

We need volunteers to sort through the uniforms. Times & Dates for this will be confirmed nearer the time.

Can you spare a little time to give back to the community?

If you can help, drop a message to the Larches & Savick Community Association Facebook page or the St Bernard's Hub Facebook page.



And many many more.....



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We have two current vacancies. Details will be available on www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk from w/c 29 July 2024

Pastoral Support Mentor - Grade 6, part-time 27.67 hours per week, term-time only Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.50am to 3.10 pm and Tuesday 8.50 am to 2.55 pm.

Learning Support Assistant – Grade 4, term-time only Monday, Thursday and Friday 8.55 am until 3.00 pm, Tuesday, 8.55 am until 2.30 pm and Wednesday 8.45 am until 3.00 pm.

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Staff v Year 10

Rounders Challenge



During lunchtime at Our Lady's, a group of elite staff took on the Year 10 mixed rounders team.

The teachers were feeling confident as they went in to field first. After a few mishaps, the elite staff soon got into their stride. Mrs Beesley bowled well, whilst Miss Hampson and Mr Waring were quick to retrieve the ball in deep field. Year 10 batted well and scored nine runs.

It was then the turn of staff to bat. Mr Horn, Mr Davidson and Mr Thompson managed several rounders between them.

Staff were trailing by just half a rounder with seconds remaining on the clock.

Unfortunately, time was not the side of OLCHS staff, and the score finished:

OLCHS Pupils 9 ½ - 8 OLCHS Staff

Staff are eager for a re-match soon!



English Schools' Athletics

Our Lady's pupil Jemma performed brilliantly in the recent English Schools' 200 metres. Jemma clocked a time of 26.6 seconds.

She was also selected for the mixed junior relay and ran an excellent first leg.

Well done Jemma.



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Old Trafford Visit



On Wednesday, the PE department took a group of 40 pupils in Year 7 to 10 to Old Trafford Cricket ground to watch Lancashire Lightning play a T20 match against Nottinghamshire.

Lancashire started strong, quickly taking 5 early wickets from their opponents. Nottinghamshire finished on 131.

Lancashire were dominant throughout, only losing two wickets to win convincingly with 33 balls remaining.



All the pupils conducted themselves brilliantly and really got into the spirit of the game with lots of singing and cheering.

Sporting Success

Well done to former OLCHS pupil Will, who two weeks ago represented Great Britain at the **European Biathle Championships** in Madeira.

Congratulations Will, we are all so proud of you and your achievements.



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ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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