

Our Lady's Catholic High School



Newsletter No. 1

6th September 2024



Welcome message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am delighted to welcome you all to the first newsletter of the school year. It has been wonderful to witness the excellent start our Year 7 pupils have made as they begin their journey with us. They have settled in so well, bringing energy and enthusiasm to their learning. Equally, it has been a joy to see our returning pupils come back with a renewed focus, ready to work hard and achieve their God-given potential.

I would like to thank all parents for your continued support in ensuring your children returned in full uniform, equipped and prepared for learning. Your efforts play a crucial role in setting the tone for success from day one. I would also like to extend my appreciation to those parents who attended the intervention meetings on the first day of term. These sessions have been invaluable in helping our pupils set clear goals for the year, and we are already seeing the positive impact of this early focus.

This year, we are also pleased to welcome three new teaching staff to our school community:

- Mrs Haworth – Teacher of RE
- Mr Nagdi – Teacher of Business Studies
- Mr Hickey – Part-time Teacher of Music

They have already settled in beautifully and are making a positive contribution to school life. We look forward to seeing the ways they will inspire and support our pupils in the months to come.

I must also take a moment to celebrate the incredible GCSE results achieved by last year's Year 11 cohort. Their exceptional results are a testament to the power of partnership between parents, pupils, and the school. Together, we showed that when we work as one, we can achieve fantastic outcomes. We are immensely proud of them as they continue to represent "*One of Ours*."

As we embark on this new academic year, I am confident it will be another year of growth, learning, and success. Let's continue to work together to make it a brilliant one. Thank you once again for your unwavering support.

Being One of Ours

Prayer for the start of the academic year

As we begin this new school year at Our Lady's Catholic High School, let us take a moment to reflect and offer a prayer for guidance and strength.

Inspired by the words of Pope Francis, who reminds us, "Education is an act of love, it is giving life," we pray.

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of this new school year, for the opportunity to grow, learn, and serve one another.

May our school community be filled with Your love and grace, and may we always strive to see Your face in each person we encounter.

Bless our students with the courage and wisdom to use their talents to the fullest and to work hard in fulfilling the potential You have given them.

Guide our teachers and staff as they nurture and inspire, and may they continue to lead with compassion, kindness, and faith.

We pray for our parents, who are our partners in this journey, that they may be filled with patience and understanding as they support their children's education.

Help us all to work together, building a community rooted in love, respect, and excellence.

And as Pope Francis reminds us, may we always approach education as an act of love, sharing the gift of life with one another.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Mr R Charnock

Headteacher

Our Lady's Catholic High School



BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Reaghan Carmichael - attentive and discerning

Year 8: Leah Whitehead - generous and grateful

Year 9: Dottie-Grace Alty, Jemma McMaster - curious and active

Year 10: Courtney Iley - eloquent and truthful

Year 11: Adam Sawka - intentional and prophetic



2024

GCSE Results

News

Congratulations to our former Year 11 pupils on their GCSE results. Everyone at Our Lady's was absolutely delighted with the amazing results.

As a school we have had incredibly strong results and strong Progress 8 for all our pupils.

Well done everyone.

[Click here](#) to view the photos from results day!

STAR PUPILS

WELL DONE!



Milcah

Milcah achieved 11 GCSEs including an amazing eight GCSEs at Grade 9 and two at Grade 8, and is off to Cardinal Newman College to study Biology, Maths, Textiles and Chemistry.

WELL DONE!



Maja

Maja achieved 10 GCSEs including seven GCSEs at Grade 7 and above and made phenomenal progress. Maja is off to Cardinal Newman College to study Sociology, Ancient History and Psychology.

Weronika achieved 11 GCSEs including seven GCSEs at Grade 8 and one at Grade 9.

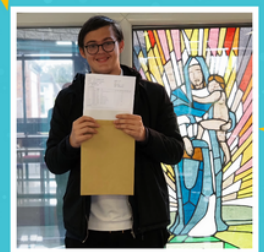
WELL DONE!



Weronika

Jacob achieved 10 GCSEs with phenomenal progress and is off to Preston College to study Film & Photography.

WELL DONE!



Jacob

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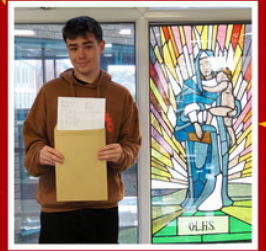
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Tommy achieved 11 GCSEs including four GCSEs at Grade 8 and six at Grade 7, and Tommy has secured apprenticeship with BNFL.



Tommy

Dylan achieved 11 GCSEs at Grade 6 and above and made phenomenal progress.



Dylan

Regolo Joseph achieved 10 GCSEs including three GCSEs at Grade 9 and five at Grade 8, and is off to Cardinal Newman College to study Biology, Chemistry and Sport.



Regolo Joseph

Abigail achieved 10 GCSEs including three GCSEs at Grade 9, five at Grade 8 and two at Grade 7.



Abigail

Sophia achieved 10 GCSEs at Grade 7 and above and made phenomenal progress.



Sophia

James achieved 10 GCSEs including three GCSEs at Grade 9, six at Grade 8 and 1 at Grade 7.



James

Lizzy achieved 11 GCSEs including five GCSEs at Grade 8 and two at Grade 9, and is off to Cardinal Newman College to study Maths, Computer Science and Philosophy.



Lizzy



Lucia

Lucia achieved 10 GCSEs including six GCSEs at Grade 7 and above and is off to study at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts.

Open Evening



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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 3 October 2024 at 6pm until 8.30pm

Come and visit our school to find out
what it means to be

One of Ours

Information



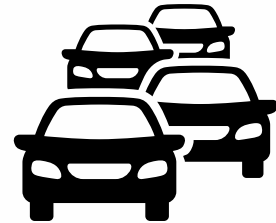
Online Safety Newsletter

September 2024

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Polite Parking



We kindly ask parents and visitors to Our Lady's Catholic High School, when parking on nearby streets including St Catherine's Drive and St Anthony's Drive, please be respectful of local residents and their properties.

Thank you

School Mobile Device Policy



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CATHOLIC
TEACHING
ALLIANCE

Train to Teach in Local Schools with the Catholic Teaching Alliance

The Catholic Teaching Alliance welcomes a new cohort of trainee teachers this September. It will be an exciting year for them and we wish them every success for their PGCE course.

Are you interested in training to be a teacher? Could you be part of our 2025-26 cohort? We will be accepting new applications from mid-October. For more information see our website www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org

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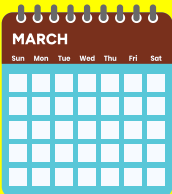
WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Friday 27 September at 11.15 am

Parents & Guardians, please feel welcome to join us in school for the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 27 September 2024 at 11.15am.

If you wish to join us, please email school at PTT@olchs.lancs.sch.uk



2024 Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 September

Year 7 Photographs

Wed 25 & Fri 27 September

Year 11 Liverpool Field Trip

Thursday 26 September

Year 7 Mass of Welcome

Friday 27 September

Year 7 Tom Palmer Author Visit

Friday 27 September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

OLCHS SOCIAL MEDIA

