

# Our Lady's Catholic High School



Newsletter No. 2

13th September 2024



## The Theme Next Week: Faith in Action (James 2: 14 – 18)

*If one of you needs clothes and has not enough food to live on, and you say to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that?*

Every one of us has the power to make a difference in the world. The problem is that when we watch or listen to the news, we quickly become overwhelmed by the enormity of problems we face as a society today. It is hard to know where to begin to make an impact on our community and world.

*Saint Teresa said "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you." Let us take comfort from this quote and remember that what may seem like our small acts of love, can change the world.*

Dear Lord

Guide my thoughts, words and actions that I may put my faith into action each day.

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do small things with great love. "

Saint Teresa of Kolkata.

Amen

## BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Asa Edwards - compassionate and loving

Year 8: Penelope Shimell - generous and grateful

Year 9: Tommy Butler - attentive and discerning

Year 10: Grace Robinson - compassionate and loving

Year 11: Bartosz Kazmierczak - learned and wise



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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

# Information

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...

Have fun

Make new friends

Gain qualifications

Achieve

Develop new skills

Experience new things

Build your confidence & self esteem

Develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences

Have the best possible start in life!

At Our Lady's we consider good attendance to be over 96%

Pupils who arrive after 8:55am will receive a 15 minute same day lunchtime detention

GREATER THAN  
**95%**  
ATTENDANCE

80% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSE's including English and Maths when they attend more than 95%

LESS THAN  
**90%**  
ATTENDANCE

53% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSE's including English and Maths when they attend less than 90%

LESS THAN  
**80%**  
ATTENDANCE

39% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSE's including English and Maths when they attend less than 80%



## APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

We would like to inform you of a new form that must be completed if you wish to request a leave of absence for your child. As you are aware, regular attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress, and the government has made it clear that consistent attendance is vital for student success.

Under current legislation, the Headteacher is only permitted to authorise leave in exceptional circumstances, meaning that absences should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Please use the form which can be found on the school website, to provide detailed information about your request, and we will consider each case carefully in line with government guidelines.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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# Information



## Our Lady's Catholic High School

In our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety of our pupils during their journeys to and from school, we kindly ask that you discuss the following routines with your child and support them in adhering to these guidelines:

**1. Cycling to School:** Pupils who cycle to school must complete a bicycle contract, available in the Parent section of our school website. As part of this contract, it is essential that pupils wear a helmet, have working lights, and ensure their brakes are functional. For their own safety, pupils without a helmet will not be allowed to leave school on their bicycle.

**2. Journey Home:** Pupils are encouraged to go directly home at the end of the school day. This is due to previous concerns involving children from other schools. Please note that pupils are not permitted to visit Mill Lane Park after school unless they are waiting for a parent to collect them.

**3. School Uniform:** Pupils are required to travel to and from school in their full school uniform. Wearing our uniform not only upholds our school standards but also identifies them as "**One of Ours**", representing our school community with pride.

**We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain a safe environment for our pupils.**

**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING**



**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



**Friday 27 September at 11.15 am**

The 2024 Macmillan Coffee morning takes place this year on Friday 27 September. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us in the staff room from 11.15am for cake, coffee and a chat and hopefully we will raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause.

If you wish to join us, please email school at [PTT@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:PTT@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)

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## 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.

#### Science in the News

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/c99zwkzrxvo>

#### 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/c2vw05917d8o>

#### Home Research

Hopefully you have watched the video above. 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?**

## THE GREAT OUR LADY'S EUROPEAN Bake-Off

European Day of Languages  
Thursday 26th September  
COMPETITION FOR ALL YEARS 7-11



Have you got what it takes to be the Our Lady's European Day of Languages star baker? Can you be creative, imaginative and original?

To enter the The Great Our Lady's European Bake-Off all you need to do is bake something and try to decorate it with a European theme – the standard of entries in previous years has been outstanding! (*see photos*).

Bring your entry to ROOM 46 during form time on the morning of Thursday 26th September.

Entries will be judged by the languages department and there will be a winner chosen for each year group.

Any questions please see Mrs Crossley in Room 46.



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze weekend



We are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of 62 of our students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award assessment last weekend. Over the weekend, these students undertook a challenging 22-kilometre expedition, navigating the scenic yet demanding terrain around Beacon Fell.



Their adventure, spanning two days, was no ordinary trek. The students carried all their own equipment, from camping gear to food supplies, and demonstrated not just physical endurance but also exceptional teamwork and problem-solving skills as they navigated the route independently. Despite the weather playing a dramatic role—ranging from 24-degree sunshine to torrential rain—the students showed resilience and determination. They braved the elements with admirable spirit, making the most of every challenge they faced.



This accomplishment was made possible not only through the students' hard work but also thanks to the dedication of our staff volunteers. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the teachers and staff who generously gave their time to support the students through their expedition. Their commitment and enthusiasm were instrumental in ensuring the success of this experience.



We are immensely proud of our students for their outstanding efforts. Their collective achievement is a testament to the strength of character and community spirit that define our school.

Congratulations to all the students who completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award assessment. We look forward to celebrating many more students achieving the award in the future.



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# **OPEN EVENING**

**THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2024**

**6PM - 8.30PM**

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# Information



LANCASTER UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

## LUSoM Open Day

Will take place on Saturday 5th October 2024,  
10:00 – 12:30.

Attend a talk from the Head of School, Peter Tiltman, tour the building with some of our students and meet members of the LUSoM team.

To book, [click here](#)

## Year 11 Maths Revise

LUSoM Maths Revise is aimed at Year 11 pupils aiming for grade 7-9 at GCSE and will support you with invaluable revision for your upcoming exams.

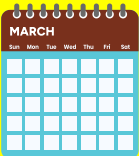
These sessions will run online on Teams every Tuesday (16:00 - 17:00) from the 1st of October till the 10th of December (excluding the October half term).

[Click here](#) to book your space

## LUSoM KS4 Extend

This programme is designed for high-ability KS4 students who have a passion and interest for mathematics and want to go beyond their normal lessons. The sessions will cover material which is not on the GCSE syllabus and will show you some of the incredible uses that mathematics can have once you take it at a higher level.

Extend will take place once a month from September to March (excluding December) at LUSoM, for 1.5 hours. [Click here](#) to book your space



## 2024 Dates for your Diary

**Monday 23 September**  
Year 7 Photographs

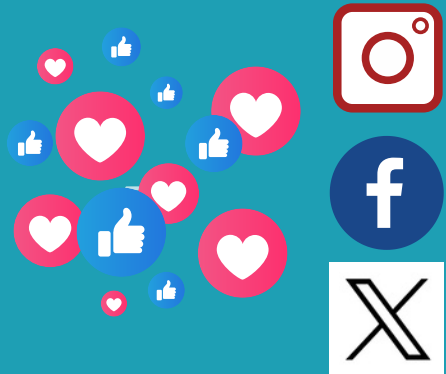
**Wed 25 & Fri 27 September**  
Year 11 Liverpool Field Trip

**Thursday 26 September**  
Year 7 Mass of Welcome

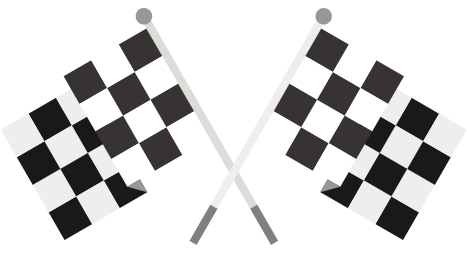
**Friday 27 September**  
Year 7 Tom Palmer Author Visit

**Friday 27 September**  
Macmillan Coffee Morning

## OLCHS SOCIAL MEDIA



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# Sporting News

## Congratulations Archie



Year 10 OLCHS pupil Archie S, has been racing Ministox and junior bangers since he was 11 years old. Last weekend Archie won the biggest race of the year, the Championship Race.

Archie now has the title of Ministox Track Champion for the whole year, which is an amazing achievement.

Congratulations Archie.

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**BASE** BRITISH ARMY SUPPORTING EDUCATION

**ARMY** BE THE BEST

09/24

# ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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**Years 10 & 11**

**PRESTON COLLEGE**



**CLICK HERE**

**YEAR 10 & 11**

# OPEN EVENT

**WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 4PM - 7PM**

- > Register for events
- > Apply online
- > Get college updates

**Future Open Events**

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2024 10AM - 2PM

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025 4PM - 7PM

Visit [www.preston.ac.uk](http://www.preston.ac.uk)

[f](#) [x](#) [@](#) /prestoncollege

**CLICK HERE**

You are invited to our

# OPEN EVENTS

2024/25

- Saturday **21st** September, 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Saturday **16th** November, 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Wednesday **5th** March, 4.00pm – 8.00pm

[runshaw.ac.uk/openevent](http://runshaw.ac.uk/openevent)

**RUNSHAW COLLEGE**

