



# Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 9 June 2017

Name .....

Form .....

Our Prayer theme next week is **Trinity**.

On Trinity Sunday we celebrate the revelation of God as the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. The Gospel (John 3:16-18) is a summary of everything that Jesus preaches in the Gospels: unconditional love for all (3:16), forgiveness (3:17) and the path to God (3:18). This is what the Trinity means - the Father who loves, the Son who forgives and the Holy Spirit that shows us the way.

**Everlasting God, Holy Redeemer, Spirit of Life,  
be with us always, as we listen to your Word  
and walk in the light of your love.  
Amen.**

## YEAR 11 CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES

On Tuesday, 13 June between 2.40 pm and 3.40 pm, in the Arts Theatre, Year 11 pupils should bring back all text books, lunch cards, locker padlocks and keys and any items from the LRC. When the clearance certificates have been signed off pupils will receive their tickets to the Leavers' ball if they are eligible to go. GCSE Certificates will not be issued to pupils who do not have a completed Clearance Certificate.

## SUMMER UNIFORM

Please be aware that our policy for hot weather is to make an announcement telling pupils that Summer uniform rules apply. This involves removing (and putting away) school jumpers, removing ties and undoing top buttons, if you are wearing a tie. Pupils must come to school in the correct uniform each day. One issue that has emerged is the wearing of boldly coloured undergarments beneath white blouses and shirts. This look is not acceptable for school and therefore pupils who choose to wear such garments will not be allowed to remove their jumpers.

## SPORTS DAY

Thursday, 15 June is our annual Sports Day. Pupils are to arrive in school in their school PE kit (no other kit allowed) with correct trainers as per their normal PE lesson. As the weather can be very unpredictable I recommend covering all eventualities and ensuring your child has sun cream, waterproof jacket and plenty of fluids. If the weather is poor we will make an early call via the school text system. The restaurant will be open as normal at break and lunch. Pupils are not required to bring books on Sports Day.

## TWO NEW RECORDS!!!

Huge congratulations to James Lupton 8L and Annie Duffy 9L who both broke Sports Day records this week. James smashed the Discus record throwing 30.4m winning gold and 6 points for his form. On his first attempt he beat the record, second attempt beat his own record (from first throw) and beat his own again on his final throw. The original record was from Chris McGinty with 25.51m which has stood for 22yrs (1995). Annie narrowly beat the 1500m record by 1 second in a time of 5.39 (original record 5.40). We definitely were not expecting such a great time due to the poor weather conditions but nevertheless Annie did it, a fantastic achievement.

## YEAR 9 CRICKET TEAM

The Year 9 Cricket team played their second group stage game on Wednesday 24th May at Archbishop Temple. The wicket was in excellent condition allowing the batsmen to judge the bowling well and play some great shots. Captain Lewis Wellings won the toss and decided to bat first. Opening batsmen Ewen Mansford and Sean Dobson looked steady against some quick bowling until Ewen was caught out after taking a thick edge off his bat. Both Sean and Lewis then started to pick up more runs and our run rate increased quickly until the middle of the innings where Lewis was caught out for 8 and Sean bowled out for 16. Liam Burns,

George Pascucci and Ben Pomfret gained some more runs before the innings finished and our total was 59 for 8 wickets off 12 overs. Archbishop needed to hit 60 runs in order to win and we started our bowling and fielding well, restricting the run rate to approximately 3 per over. It looked as though we would win however our opposition knew they needed to pick up some quick runs and decided to swing the bat a bit more recklessly. Unfortunately this resulted in them gaining 20 runs in four bowls after hitting two 6's and two 4's. This left them needing only 19 runs with 5 overs. They picked off these runs easily and won the game with 2 overs remaining. The Year 9's were disappointed but still enjoyed the game.

### **SALTERS' CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE**

On Wednesday, 24 May, four Year 8 pupils took part in the Salters' Chemistry Challenge held at the University of Lancaster. There were two practical tasks in which the teams needed to work scientifically, logically, neatly and co-operatively. Our four pupils; Abi Wright, Luke Knowles, Natasha Newton and John Dickinson won the Salters' Challenge and came second in the University's Challenge. Both competitions involved schools from as far away as Carlisle. Well done and congratulations!

### **ROYAL SOCIETY OF BIOLOGY CHALLENGE 2017**

For the first time, this year we entered Year 10 Separate Science pupils into the Royal Society's Biology Challenge. In total 40,000 students across the UK took part. We would like to offer our congratulations to: Caisey Shotton, Paris Shaw, Taqdees Rehman, Hasan Patel, Nathan Noblet, Josh Newsham, Katie McDougall, Alex Malinowski, Aaron Johnson and Mohammed Gurjee who achieved results that put them in the top 30% of entrants and received Bronze certificates; to Zoe Newsham and Josh Murray who achieved results that put them in the top 15% of entrants and received Silver certificates; and to Jarrar Khan whose result put him in the top 5% of entrants and who received a Gold certificate.

### **SPELLING BEE**

Congratulations to the 2017 winners of our very own Spelling Bee competition.

- Year 7 - 1st - Zoya Khan, 2nd - Caitlin Jackson and 3rd - Charlie Aspden
- Year 8 - 1st - Saara Chikh, 2nd - Hallie Brady and 3rd Anthony Bradley-Dawson

Really well done to all 28 pupils who made it through to this year's finals.

### **GYMNASTIC SUCCESS**

Congratulations to Erin Atkinson who recently went to Costa Rica to compete internationally in a gymnastics competition. Erin medalled at 6th overall in a very tough and high level competition. Well done!

### **HAIRDRESSING APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY**

Studio 28 hairdressers in Penwortham currently have a vacancy for an apprentice hairdresser. For more details please telephone 01772 744836 and ask for Vicky Foster or alternatively call in to the salon at 75 Liverpool Road, Penwortham.

### **COFFEE AND CHAT PGCE INFORMATION SESSION**

A free, no obligation, event on Friday, 16 June 3.00pm – 4pm for graduates and undergraduates who may be interested in training to teach with the Catholic Teaching Alliance based here at Our Lady's. We encourage you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting teacher training opportunities available. Please contact our ITT director Mr Adrian Gormally on [CTASchooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:CTASchooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) or 01772 326931 to confirm your place.

#### **Dates to remember**

Thursday, 15 June – Sports Day

Thursday, 15 June – Charity Fashion Show

Thursday, 29 June – Year 6 Parents' Evening – 7.00 pm

Monday, 3 July – Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday, 19 July – Whole School Mass

Thursday, 20 July – Charity Day

Friday, 21 July – school closes for the end of term at 12.45 pm