



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 30 September 2016

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Our Prayer theme next week is **Faith**

## **FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!**

The Modern Languages Curriculum Area has joined the world of Twitter. Follow us @MFLOLCHS for information, pictures, videos to help with key grammar points, a fortnightly competition and for updates about trips.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic book fair is coming to our school on Wednesday, 5 October until Tuesday, 11 October. The book fair will be held in the LRC and all pupils are welcome to view the selection of books at break time, lunchtime or after school. As Christmas is approaching this is a great opportunity to stock up on new & exciting bestselling series, non-fiction and classics. Every book you buy at our book fair helps our school to earn free books for the library. You can peruse the books online at [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk](http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk).

## **PRESTON SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY**

Good luck to all pupils who are representing OLCHS at the Preston Schools' Cross Country competition on Wednesday, 5 October. The first race is at 4.00 pm at St Cecilia's Catholic High School, Longridge. All parents are welcome to come along and support our pupils.

## **PGL BOREATTON – PE WEEKEND**

This weekend 70 of our pupils travel to PGL Boreatton in Shropshire to compete in a weekend of netball and football, interspersed with high rope activities. Mrs Lin will be updating the PE twitter page all weekend please give us a follow at OLCHS PE PRESTON. Let's hope the weather is fine!

## **PARISH EVENT - ADVERTISEMENT**

St Anthony's parish invite you to join their next Future Foundations fundraising event - Bonfire and Fireworks display on Saturday, 5 November 2016. Gates to the parish field will open at 7pm with a firework display at 8pm. Hot dogs and a range of snacks and refreshments will be available to buy. All children (under 16) must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a responsible adult. Strictly no personal fireworks allowed. Tickets available throughout October via St Anthony's Primary School. To purchase please place an envelope in the post box at St Anthony's reception with your child's name, number of tickets required and full payment. Adult - £5, Child - £3 (child ticket includes a free sparkler). Numbers are limited so don't delay buy now.

## **MONKHOUSE UNIFORM SUPPLIER**

We have been advised that the Monkhouse 'pop-up' store in the Fishergate Shopping Centre will now remain open throughout the Winter period. The new opening times will be Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm and the shop will be closed Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

## **REQUEST FROM YOUNG ENTERPRISE TEAM – MARBLEOUS**

The main component in the production of this year's products is nail varnish. Could all families please check if they have any nail varnish they no longer require and send it into school for the attention of Mrs Smith in Technology. Please help support our team.



*Don't be fabulous, Be Marbleous*

### **Dates to remember**

Tuesday, 4 October – Year 7 Welcome Mass  
 Thursday, 6 October – Open Evening  
 Friday, 7 October – INSET day, pupils at home  
 Thursday, 13 October – Year 7 Information Evening  
 Friday, 28 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm  
 Monday, 7 November – school opens



Dear Parent/Carer

**Important News: Are you or someone you know interested in training to become a primary or secondary school teacher? Would you like to work towards the PGCE qualification?**

As a National Teaching School, Our Lady's Catholic High School is the Lead School of the Catholic Teaching Alliance. We are part of a growing number of schools that are leading the way for more school-led initial teacher training (ITT). This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent and develop them into outstanding teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for our pupils.

We are looking for graduates who have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. We would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is.

If you are interested in becoming a **secondary school teacher** we have secondary vacancies now to start training from September 2017 in Art and Design, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, English, Geography, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Music, Physics and Religious Education.

If you are interested in becoming a **primary school teacher**, our primary course, led by Anne Charnley, headteacher at St Clare's Catholic Primary School has places available starting in September 2017.

The UCAS application window for the 2017/18 PGCE course is due to open October 2016.

**Next steps**

We would encourage you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting teacher training opportunities available. We are hosting a **free information session on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm – 3.30pm**. 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.

For any further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally, you can also visit our website - [www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org](http://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigel Ranson", with a horizontal line underneath.

Nigel Ranson  
Headteacher