



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 8 December 2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **Mission**

This week we are preparing to join in our Mission Week - a time to reflect, pray and renew the faith life of our school. Advent is the perfect time to focus on our theme, "Travelling Together in Faith" as it is a reminder of the journey to Bethlehem that the Holy Family made in preparation for the birth of Christ. We are all on the journey to Bethlehem and we should embrace this time of new life, a new start and a renewal of our faith.



Lord, we pray that we can follow in your footsteps and that our Mission Week leaves an imprint on our lives. Amen.

MISSION SHOWCASE

On Thursday, 14 December we will be hosting a showcase of what we have been doing in Mission Week in our Arts' Theatre at 5.00pm. We would like to invite parents, families and parishioners to this time of prayer, music, drama and dance with the pupils who have been taking part in our Mission.

FESTIVE CLOTHES DAY – THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER

Pupils and staff are invited to dig out your Christmas jumpers and festive accessories for this year's festive clothes day for just a **£1 donation**.

Ideas – Christmas earrings, Christmas hats, Christmas socks, festive jumpers or a funny tie! School blouses/shirts, trousers/skirts and normal school shoes must be worn but everything else can be changed. Please note the following guidelines:

- Boys – a tie must be worn
- Girls – make up **ALLOWED** (including nails)
- Tinsel is **NOT** allowed (too much mess for the cleaners)
- Earrings – one pair only in the ears (nowhere else)
- Nothing that could in **ANY WAY** be considered rude or cause offence. If in doubt do not wear.

All proceeds will go towards supporting CAFOD.

ARTS PARTNERSHIP WORK

Over a number of weekends, a group of Our Lady's pupils have been part of a project entitled "What do YOU think?". Working alongside Lancashire Girls and Boys Club and Global Link, the pupils have looked at issues that are of concern to them locally, nationally and internationally. The team of Hallie Brady, Marcus Kay, Tom Kay, Sky Cottam and Joseph Lumby have all created their own digital stories to raise awareness of issues, to send a message out to other young people and to try and bring about small changes. They have also written to their local MPs to express their concerns and ask how together, they can make the world a better place with the support of the Government. Over the next few months, their digital stories will hopefully be shown in assemblies and at a conference to highlight issues of importance to young people today.

SANTA DASH

On Sunday, 4 December OLCCHS staff, representatives from the girls' running club and assorted family members donned their Santa outfits for the annual 2 mile Santa Dash to fundraise for St Catherine's Hospice. Despite the cool conditions, everyone took to the course with much enthusiasm and completed the lap around Lostock Hall receiving a medal from the Mayor and Mayoress at the finish line. Special mention goes to Freya Singleton who sped round the 2 miles and to Lily Machin for her outstanding sprint finish and for raising over £100 in sponsorship for St. Catherine's vital work. Well done to everyone involved!

TOY AND FOOD DONATIONS

This year we are asking Year 7, 8 and 9 to bring in food donations during the first 2 weeks of December. Each form will create a hamper which will then be donated to the Foxton Centre in Preston. We are asking Year 10 and 11 pupils to bring in a NEW toy donation or money. Pupils may choose to club together to buy suitable toys for young children. These will also be distributed to the Foxton Centre for Preston families facing hardship this Christmas time.

ATHLETICS COMEPTITION

Congratulations to the 12 Year 7 pupils who completed in the Preston Schools' Indoor Athletics competition on Tuesday, 5 December. All pupils competed in a series of running races followed by field events at Preston's College. After some very close competition the girls' team won a silver medal and the boys placed 4th. Overall, as a combined score, the team came 3rd. Well done to all who took part.

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Myerscough College Open Event

Saturday, 9 December from 9.45 to 12.30

Cardinal Newman College

Thursday, 1 February 2018 from 5pm – 8pm

NHS CAREERS EVENT

There will be a Careers Event on Friday, 20 April from 3.30 pm until 7.00 pm. Pupils will be able to find out information on apprenticeships (NHS has a range of apprenticeships in business administration and a variety of support services), NHS careers, university paths and much more. For more information contact Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk

Dates to remember

Thursday, 14 December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 21 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 8 January – School opens

Thursday, 11 January – Year 10 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 25 January - Year 8 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Friday, 9 February – School closes for half-term

Monday, 19 February – INSET day

Tuesday, 20 February – School opens

Thursday, 1 March - Year 9 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 15 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm