



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 9 February 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **Temptation**

Lent begins over half-term which means that we should already have started our Lenten promises to **pray, fast and give** by the time we come back to school. These promises are things that should make a positive difference, not just to us but to others. Why do we do them? They are a direct reminder of Jesus' time of preparation in the desert before the events of Holy Week - a time to retreat and pray; fasting from the temptations and distractions that hinder us; giving of ourselves to others.



**Lord, our world encourages selfishness at the expense of our relationship with You and with other people. Help me to make some time within prayer each day; to fast from the temptations of the world and for this to result in giving to You and those who need my love. Amen.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday you are invited to make a sign of your faith by attending Mass or a service at your local church or chapel to receive the Ashes on your forehead. Please look on your local parish website for times of services.

## LOURDES

The Diocese of Lancaster are inviting Year 10 and 11 pupils to join them on the Lourdes Pilgrimage in the summer. This is a life-changing experience and we would like to encourage any pupils interested to go. For more information about the pilgrimage or for support with fundraising, please see Dennis in the Chaplaincy. For booking forms go to [castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## DANCE DIVA

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Diva extravaganza took place on Wednesday, 7 February at the Charter Theatre and what a fantastic night of entertainment it was! Over 300 boys and girls from Year 7 to 11 performed 'A Night at the Movies' which showcased the skills of our very talented pupils. Pupils have been preparing their dances since January in drama and PE lessons as well as in musical theatre and dance clubs after school. If you were lucky enough to witness the event we are sure you will agree what a wonderful evening it was.

## HANDBALL – YEAR 10

Well done to the Year 11 Handball team. They were crowned Preston Champions on Monday, 5 February. They played in a tournament consisting of Archbishop Temple, Christ The King and Broughton. All teams played one another and following these results, a final was arranged between the top two teams. Our Lady's had a really strong squad and a range of players came on and made an impact which was really pleasing to see. The team were very disciplined in defence and conceded very few goals. They were also very strong and quick when attacking and were a real threat in every game. The team won all of their group games and the concluding final to finish the night unbeaten. Congratulations and well played everyone!

## NETBALL NEWS

The Year 7 and 8 Netball teams had their first fixture of the season on Monday against Archbishop Temple. The match was a friendly in preparation for the league which starts after half term. The year 7A and 8A matches were really close with Archbishop managing to win 7-5 in both games. Year 7B won their game convincingly 13-1. Players of the match were awarded to Amelia Dixon, Millie Metcalfe and Anna Durney. Well done to all the girls involved.

## VACANCY – CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

We currently have a vacancy for a Clerk to support our Governing Body. The duties are varied and will include clerking/minuting meetings and other admin tasks. There are 14 meetings per year and they take place in the afternoon/early evening. For further information please contact Pam Bilsborrow on 01772 326913 or [pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)

### **GUIDE DOG VISIT**

This week pupils from 7m2 visited the guide dog training centre in Atherton. They had a talk about the history of guide dogs, saw a dog training demonstration and had the opportunity to cuddle all 12 guide dogs currently in training. Our pupils were complimented on their behaviour and we were pleased to present a £100 donation, money which was raised from a cake sale in school.

### **INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION – FEEDBACK FROM PARENT**

Following the recent Internet Safety Presentation one of the parents who attended found the meeting extremely useful and gave the following comments: 'I just wanted to say thank you for a very informative presentation. I will definitely be making some changes as a result. I also think that the fact that my daughter will know I attended tonight sends the correct message that we are working in partnership with school. Even though she knows I am not very savvy re technology it might make her think twice about her internet activity and be more cautious now I've been pointed in the right direction'.

#### **Dates to remember**

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

Thursday, 29 March – School closes for Easter holidays – 12.45 pm

Monday, 16 April – School opens

Tuesday, 1 May – Year 7 Normandy Trip

Monday, 7 May – School closed for May Day

Friday, 25 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 4 June – School opens