



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 14 September 2018

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Our Prayer theme next week is **Discipleship**

In this week's Gospel Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say I am?" As they reflect on this they come to realise that Jesus truly is who He says He is. It is interesting for us to reflect on this question ourselves and think: "Who do I think Jesus is?" It is at this point we can come to understand, and get to know, the real Jesus.

**Lord, help us to understand you more. As we journey through this year, guide us on a path in which we can serve you by serving others, and truly come to know who you are.**

**Amen.**

## MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES

As of Monday, 24 September all devices which can be used to receive or send any form of communication must not be switched on and must be kept in bags during the school day. This includes iWatches. The process below will be followed when confiscating mobile communication devices:

- The Finance Office will text parents to inform them of the confiscation, log the confiscation in the confiscation file and deposit the device in the strong room until it is collected.
- Devices will be returned to either:
  - the pupil on the following day after 3.30 pm at reception, upon receipt of a signed note from a parent/carer;
  - in person to a parent/carer who calls into reception after 3.30 pm on the day of confiscation.

## DRAMA CLUB

If you love drama/dance please come along to Musical Theatre/Drama Club on Thursdays at 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm in the Arts Theatre starting Thursday, 13 September. All pupils in Year 7-11 are invited to attend. Please bring your drama kit as we will be working on performances for Open Evening from this week.

## CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Please would all parents be reminded that any pupil riding to school must:

- a. Have parental permission
- b. Have signed a cycling contract
- c. Wear a cycle helmet

Pupils who are seen leaving school without a helmet or have not completed a signed contract will be instructed to leave their bicycles in school; until we are in possession of the correct paper work and they have a cycle helmet. Cycling contracts are available from Mrs Bilsborrow.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



The annual Macmillan Coffee morning takes place this year on Friday, 28 September 2018. Family members are most welcome to join us in the staff room from 12 noon for cake, coffee and a chat and hopefully we will raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause. Please contact Pam Bilsborrow (326913) if you would like to come along.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances have changed and you are in receipt of benefits you may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child. In addition extra funding will be given to your school which may be accessed to provide additional financial support for trips and resources. Further details can be found on the website <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> or you can ring your local area education office on 01772 531809.

## **SCHOOL THERAPY DOG**

Arlo, our school therapy dog, is now approaching 6 months of age and has been undergoing intensive training during the summer holidays. He has now reached the stage in his training where he is able to support pupils in the classroom. As Arlo is a cockapoo this means that he is hypoallergenic and therefore does not pose an allergy risk to pupils or staff. In addition to his work in Learning Support, Arlo will soon begin to support our pupils in some of Miss McEnnerney's Science lessons and Mrs Bailey's PE lessons, before increasing his timetable and supporting within other departments. If you believe that your child would feel upset or anxious should Arlo be in their classroom do please email Miss McEnnerney ([amc@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:amc@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)) with your child's name, year and set.

## **EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES - BUNTING COMPETITION – ATTENTION YEAR 7**

- Come and see Mrs Crossley in Room 46 for a flag
- Decorate the flag based on 1 European Country (examples on wall in Room 46 from last year)
- Hand your flag in to Mrs Crossley in Room 46 by Wednesday, 26 September
- The MFL Department will pick a winner by the end of the day
- Any questions please see Mrs Crossley

## **THE GREAT OUR LADY'S EUROPEAN BAKE OFF – WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER – ATTENTION ALL PUPILS**

- 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 Great Our Lady's European Bake-Off all you need to do is bake something and try to decorate with a European theme – e.g. ANYTHING to do with either Europe, a European Country or a European Language.
- Bring your entry to ROOM 46 during form time on the morning of Wednesday 26th September.
- Entries will be judged by Mr Ranson, Mrs Crossley and Mrs Smith and the winner announced by the end of the day.
- Cakes will then be sold at lunch time on Wednesday in Room 46 and all proceeds will go to MacMillan
- Any questions please see Mrs Crossley in Room 46.

## **THE CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE SCHOOL DIRECT PROGRAMME**

Would you, or anyone you know, like to train locally to become a primary or secondary school teacher? If you are a graduate you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance in schools in the Preston area. Our Lady's is the lead school of the Catholic Teaching Alliance which is a partnership of over 60 Catholic schools and the University of Cumbria working together to provide first class initial teacher training within the Catholic community. PGCE and QTS are awarded upon successful completion of the course. The UCAS Teacher Training system opens for applications in October, see the School Direct section of our website for more details [www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org](http://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org). Any questions? Mr Gormally will be in the Training Centre at Our Lady's every Monday from 4.00 – 5.00pm to answer your queries about the Catholic Teaching Alliance and our School Direct training programme. Please email [ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) or telephone 01772 326931 to book an appointment.



### **Dates to remember**

Wednesday, 26 September - Year 7 Welcome Mass  
Friday, 28 September – Macmillan Coffee Morning  
Thursday, 4 October – Open Evening  
Friday, 5 October – INSET day, pupils at home  
Wednesday 10 October – Open Day tour of school  
Thursday, 11 October – Open Day tour of school  
Thursday, 11 October – Year 7 Information Evening  
Friday, 19 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm  
Monday, 29 October – school opens