



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 19 October 2018

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Our Prayer theme next week is All Saints

This week we celebrate All Saints on Thursday, 1 November. A Saint is someone who is in Heaven, so All Saints celebrates Saints known and unknown. This means it's a celebration of anyone who leads us in faith to know God.

**Lord, thank you for those who lead us closer to you. Give us people of faith to help us become better people, more willing to serve you and serve others.  
Amen.**

## LUNCH CARDS

For three weeks commencing Monday, 29 October we will be having a damaged card clear out. Cards that are chewed, split, scratched etc damage the card readers in the tills. Cards will be taken off pupils if they are damaged and a new card will be available to buy from the Finance Office for half price at £1.50.

## FOOTBALL NEWS

### Year 7

On Friday, 12 October the team travelled to Broughton High School for their first ever game. It was clearly a nervous start for all the players. The home side pressed well and caused us a lot of problems. Consequently, Broughton took an early lead and they grew in confidence as the half developed. Our Lady's had their opportunities but couldn't finish them and at half time it was 4-0 to the home team. The players looked upset and deflated during the break but they were reminded of the positives they had displayed. We start again. 0-0. Let's see what we can do. It was an incredible second half! Our Lady's dominated possession and were breaking forward as a team, not just individuals. They put the Broughton midfield and defence under so much pressure, forcing them to make many mistakes. Leighton Hewitt, Trae Sangwa and Joel Craig all managed to score and the come-back looked promising. Unfortunately it didn't, but you couldn't tell after the whistle. The team were ecstatic. The result didn't matter. They all played at a very high standard and showed what they are capable of. They are, understandably, eager to play again next week. Results will soon start to go their way.

### Year 8

**Match 1** - the team continued their perfect start to the season. They hosted Moor Park on Thursday, 11 October. The game was very comfortable for the home side who played some great one touch football and scored some wonderful goals in both halves. Defensively they were strong and composed, keeping a clean sheet which was equally as important. The team played very well and deserved the win. They can't wait for their next game!

**Match 2**- the team travelled to Thornton-Cleveleys on Monday, 15 October to play Montgomery High School in the first round of the English Schools' Football Competition. We had a lost a couple of players to illness but still felt confident in our abilities. We started well and the play was shared between the two teams until a good shot from our opposition was too strong to keep out by goalkeeper Malachy McGuire. A long-range free kick made the score 2-0 at half time to Montgomery. We knew we could pull things back, however a quick goal from half time made the score 3-0 to our opponents and we began to lose some faith. The large pitch challenged our fitness levels and we struggled to keep up with a strong opposition who ran in another 3 goals to finish winning the game 6-0. A tough day at the office for the team but they are keen to bounce back against Broughton High School later this week.

### Year 9

**Match 1** – the team registered their first win of the year against a determined Moor Park team. The final score was 5-0 with Billy Griffiths claiming a hat-trick and Can Doguer and Henley Moulding-Lee scoring the remaining goals. The Our Lady's goalkeeper, Conor Ashe, prevented many scoring opportunities for the opposition by clearing the ball with outstanding effect, often kicking the ball with that much force it put the Moor Park defence under pressure near their own box.

**Match 2** - on Monday, 15 October, the team travelled to Balshaw's Church of England High School to take part in the second round of the Lancashire Cup. The team from Leyland started positively and put Our Lady's under a lot of pressure. Unfortunately for the majority of the first half, the home team won a lot of challenges in the middle of the park and most aerial duels. Furthermore, when Our Lady's were in possession, they struggled to make consecutive passes. At half time it was 1-0 to the home team. The second half, however, was much improved. Jack Sherman was solid in defence. Henley Moulding-Lee never stopped pressing the opposition and made lots of vital tackles. Billy Griffiths was a real threat up front and players were sprinting up to support him. Jack Bashall started to get the team playing in the middle of the park and created opportunities. Unfortunately, the final ball, in general, lacked quality and the team were not clinical in the final third. Despite being the better team in the second half, the game finished 2-0 to Balshaw's who progress to the third round. It was a positive performance with lots of energy. It just didn't go our way! Hard luck lads!

**Match 3** - the team played Broughton High School at home on Wednesday, 17 October. The first half was very even with both teams playing some good football. There were a lot of through balls and counter-attacking tactics employed by both teams. It was two creative passes that allowed Broughton to get in behind the Our Lady's defence. The first pass resulted in a neat finish and the second pass resulted in a Broughton penalty, which they accurately dispatched. It was 2-0 at the break. Once again, the team had played well and found themselves behind. Our Lady's came out strongly and quickly in the second half. They continued to play good football and managed to pull a goal back inside the first 10 minutes. The remainder of the game was very even, with both teams flying into challenges and looking for that crucial ball over the top of the defensive line. Our Lady's were the stronger team, but it was the visitors who clinched the win. 1-2. Well played to everyone involved!

### **Year 10**

The team built on their performance earlier in the week and added another win to their season. They travelled to Ashton Community Science College on Thursday, 11 October. The first half was dominated by the visitors. Our Lady's created numerous chances and took a 2-0 lead. However, the hosts pulled a goal back right on the stroke of halftime to make it 2-1 at the break. The team were disappointed that they had not scored more. The home side came out fired up in the second half and they were the better team for the majority of the half. The rain was heavy which suited Ashton who were determined and committed. They scored two further goals to make it 3-3 with ten minutes to go. The game looked like it was going to finish as a draw until a moment of quality from Aaron Hewitt. He received the ball just outside the area, shifted the ball onto his left foot and fired a shot, hard and low into the corner of the net. The goalkeeper had no chance. Our Lady's ran hard for the remaining minutes and ensured they were victorious. Well done lads!

### **BIATHLON SUCCESS**

On Monday, 8 October two Our Lady's pupils participated in the Lancashire Schools' Biathlon competition held at Accrington Academy. It was a qualifier in which pupils could potentially be selected for the 2019 British Schools Biathlon Competition. Mohammed Patel (Year 7) won the U12 male 50m swim and 800m run. Additionally, William Murray (Year 7) came 2nd in the U13 male 100m swim and 1600m run. It is a fantastic achievement for both pupils who will hopefully progress to the next stage.

### **NETBALL NEWS**

The Year 10B team had fixtures on Wednesday, 17 October. They were successful against Broughton B in a warm up friendly match beating them 7-6. Unfortunately, they lost to a very strong Longridge Year 10A team. Well done to everyone involved. Our school is one of only a handful of schools to field a B team in Year 10.

#### **Dates to remember**

Monday, 29 October – school opens

Thursday, 8 November – Certificate Presentation Evening – 7.00 pm

Friday, 9 November – Certificate Presentation Morning – school closes at 12.45 pm

Friday, 16 November – Cheese and Wine Evening at 7.00 pm

Friday, 21 December – school closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

CAFOD Advent Service – St Anthony's Church at 6.00 pm

Monday, 7 January 2019 – school opens

Friday, 15 February 2019 – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 26 February 2018 – school opens