



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



Friday, 15 July 2022

## **The theme for next week is Welcoming the Lord. (Luke 10: 38-42)**

'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed... It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

In this Gospel, we see two sisters who both have great respect for Jesus. They are honoured that he has chosen to come to their house. Mary chooses to sit and listen. She is fully engaged in what Jesus has to say. Martha, on the other hand is totally distracted by bustling around making the house ready and preparing food. She really does think that she is doing the right thing. Jesus, however, tells her that her sister has made the best choice – to sit and to listen.

Do you think you are a bit like Mary or Martha? Are you ready to listen, to be still? Or are you distracted by too many things and the worries of the day? Can you let these things go for a moment to be with God?

## **Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)**

**Amen**

## **HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME - REMINDER**

Our Attendance Policy states that any absence attached to either side of a school holiday will be assumed to be a holiday taken in term time and such absences will be classified as 'unauthorised' unless evidence is provided which proves otherwise. We ask for this evidence to be fair and consistent with all families. In addition, we will expect to meet with parents whose children have taken such absences and the child will be taught separately until the meeting takes place. We will always meet with parents at the earliest possible opportunity. Should your child be ill on a day attached to a school holiday we ask that you provide evidence of this; an appointment card from a doctor or a dated and named prescription would suffice. Please contact us on a landline or briefly call in to school for us to see you. The principle is that attendance at school is a legal requirement and duty, and we must do all that we reasonably can to support this. Finally, may I remind all families that any unauthorised absence for holidays or otherwise in Year 11 will result in the invitation to attend the Year 11 Prefects' Ball being withdrawn.

## **READING NEWSLETTER**

Please see the attached Summer Reading Newsletter full of summer reading recommendations, updates and competitions.

## **MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

On Thursday and Friday last week, pupils from Years 7 to 10 attended the inaugural mathematics competition at the Lancaster University School of Mathematics (LUSOM) held at Cardinal Newman College. The challenges tested pupils' mathematical understanding over four rounds with tasks involving both individual skill and teamwork. Competing against schools from local area, pupils in Year 7 and 8 came third overall, separated by only two points from first place. On the Friday, Year 9 and 10 completed similar tasks and also came third, again narrowly missing out the top prize. All pupils had an excellent attitude, worked brilliantly as a team and supported each other using their individual strengths. The pupils involved were:

- Charlotte Potts (Year 7)
- Jakub Dunaj (Year 7)
- Isabelle Potts (Year 8)
- James Pham-Whittle (Year 8)
- Joe Walmsley (Year 9)
- Artur Turulski (Year 9)
- Liam McCaul (Year 10)

- Erin Blackburn (Year 10)

LUSoM run an extensive and varied programme of events and activities for KS3 & KS4 pupils across Lancashire. All outreach programs are free to join and can be face to face or delivered online. They are designed to support pupils interested in strengthening their understanding and ability across Maths and STEM subjects with the aim to raise their GCSE grades. You can find out more information using the link below:

<https://lusom.ac.uk/home-page/outreach/outreach-for-students/>

### **LOCKERS**

All pupils are required to remove the locks from their existing lockers by Wednesday, 20 July at the very latest. The locks should be taken home and kept safe ready for September when new lockers will be allocated. Any locks which are not removed will be cut off and pupils will need to buy a new lock at the cost of £10.00 which is refundable on the return of the padlock when your child leaves Our Lady's.

### **CRICKET RESULTS**

The Year 7-10 cricket teams are enjoying the return to inter school leagues and competitions this summer. The support from local cricket clubs to offer the use of their facilities has been fantastic and this has allowed pupils to experience cricket matches in excellent surroundings. Hopefully these experiences can encourage more young people to take up the game through joining their local club. Anyone wishing to find out about cricketing opportunities in their local area are welcome to contact the PE department who will be more than happy offer their advice.

The Year 7 team took part in the annual Preston district tournament which took place between two venues of Longridge and Grimsargh Cricket Clubs on Friday, 1 July. Our Lady's won their first game against Corpus Christi by 3 runs with Seth Lowe scoring an excellent 18 runs while Bobby Walsh bowled accurately to take a significant wicket from the opposing team. The team then lost against a strong Broughton High School before losing a close match against St Cecilia's by 1 run.

The Year 8 team have played two games in the recent weeks against Longridge High School and St Cecilia's with both of these fixtures being played at Longridge Cricket Club. Unfortunately, both matches ended in defeat however the standard of cricket on display was excellent from all teams. Finley Murray and Seb Cookson bowled accurately and consistently to make scoring runs more difficult for the opposing team however we struggled to score enough runs off the bat ourselves, which made the chasing scores a little easier to reach.

The Year 9 team played a closely contested match against Longridge High School which narrowly ended in defeat by only 4 runs. We opted to field first and bowled well to restrict a talented batting line-up from Longridge to 62 runs, however we could only manage 58 runs in our allocated overs. Jake Kippax both bowled well and batted with outstanding leadership, retiring on the required 20 runs to set the team up for a close finish.

The Year 10 team have played with excellent commitment and skill to win both of their matches played so far. Against Broughton High School they won by 6 wickets after a fantastic batting partnership display between Jay Pearson and Harry Hargreaves in which both pupils scored 19 and 17 runs not out, respectively. They were also victorious against Archbishop Temple School, winning by 9 wickets after only needing to chase a score of 27 runs. Accurate and consistent bowling from James Hutchinson (bowling 2 overs and conceding 0 runs) helped to minimise run opportunities for the opposing team. Hutchinson, supported by fellow opening batsman Jay Pearson then swiftly knocked off the required runs to seal a comfortable victory. The team now face Eden Boys with a victory securing top spot in our side of the competition.

### **ROUNDERS**

On Monday, 11 July the Year 8 Rounders team travelled to Moor Park High School to participate in a friendly. Their team had a mixture of boys which we knew would really challenge our fielding skills. We managed to secure fielding first so we knew exactly what score we needed to beat when our turn came to bat. They had some fantastic hitters and we simply struggled to get the ball quickly enough to second to stop the half rounder but managed to get it to 4<sup>th</sup> consistently to stop the full rounder. With some fantastic play, and good transitions from backstop to first we managed to limit their score to 8 rounders at the end of the innings. It was then our turn to bat. We have been practising batting at lunch time and Mrs Lin was hoping all the training was finally going to pay off. The Moor Park



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bowler struggled to bowl consistently and gave away quite a few half rounders in the first 6 bowls. This meant we struggled to get any consistency batting. Moor Park decided to swap their bowler and hits began to flow. Fantastic rounders came from Charlotte Finnegan, Lexie Eastham, Elodie Rennie-Bloor and Molly Hanley resulting in the final score of 11 to OLCHS, 8 to Moor Park. The atmosphere between the two schools was wonderful. Well done to all involved.

The Year 7 Rounders team had a tough game against Moor Park on Monday. The opposition was comprised of Year 7 and 8 boys and girls. Our fielding skills were put to the test against some really strong batters. However, the team kept their composure, focusing on limiting Moor Park's opportunity to score full rounders by getting the ball quickly to fourth base. When it was our turn to bat, we took advantage of a few inaccurate passes made by Moor Park. Consequently, we managed to level up the score to 5 all with only a few bowls left. We didn't let the pressure get to us and managed to win the game 8-5. A great performance by the Year 7 team.

## Dates to remember

Friday, 15 July – Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach  
 Thursday, 21 July – School closes for the Summer Holidays at 12.45 pm  
 Friday, 2 September – School opens for Year 7 and 11 only  
 Monday, 5 September – School opens for all pupils  
 Friday, 9 September – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Assessment Weekend  
 Friday, 7 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils  
 Friday, 21 October – school closes for half-term at 3.30 pm  
 Monday, 31 October – school opens  
 Friday, 16 December – school closes for Christmas  
 Wednesday, 4 January – school opens