



Our Lady's Catholic High School



Friday, 09 September 2022

The theme for next week is The Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 1-32)

My son was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found. (Luke 15: 31-32)

'Wasteful' is the best definition for the "prodigal" son. Prodigal is not a commonly used word today, but the story is very familiar... an individual decides to live life however they want, without regard to the consequences, but when they see the results of their actions, they don't know what to do. The story of the prodigal son reminds us that it is never too late to turn back to God who will, without exception, welcome us back with open arms. That is the kind of love that God has for you. You are his child, and nothing will ever change that.

Dear Lord, give us the courage to say sorry for our mistakes and to accept your compassion and love. In return, help us to forgive those who hurt us and to show the same compassion and love as we have received.

Amen

MESSAGE FROM MR CHARNOCK

I would like to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Our Lady's Catholic High School. I am very fortunate and honoured to lead our excellent school into the next phase of its improvement and growth. Our staff, with the support of parents and carers, will continue to ensure that everything we do at Our Lady's is the very best for our pupils. My role is to lead, preserve the core of what is good and true about our school and to work with all our staff and pupils to help move the areas that need to be, forward, in the best interests of the families and children that we serve, whilst remaining true to our Core Mission as a Catholic School. At the heart of my vision for our school is a commitment to high standards in every aspect of school life whilst helping our pupils grow in virtues to become good men and women for others. I have served at our school as Deputy Headteacher for 10 years and I know that when home and school work together, we can ensure our children flourish and succeed. I would like to thank you for your support and continued support for our school.

Return to School

We were very pleased to welcome our new Year 7 pupils last Friday morning, together with our Year 11 pupils and then the rest of the pupils this Monday. In my first assembly I discussed Jesus' Gospel message with our pupils reminding them of the importance of preparation and ensuring engagement with school life to help prepare them to take their place in our society.

Uniform

I am pleased to say that the vast majority of pupils have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms and I thank you for your support in this. Where an item of uniform does not conform to our published uniform list then we will ask for your support in resolving this issue.

GCSE Results Day

It was a pleasure to see our former Year 11 pupils formally recognised for their hard work and effort on GCSE Results Day. Their results were excellent, and they have put themselves in a strong position to begin the next phase of their lives. We would like to wish them every success for the future.

Punctuality

Pupils must be on the school premises before **8.55am** so they are ready for the start of the school day. For pupil who is late, we will work with you to ensure that action is taken to ensure improvement. We thank you in advance for your continued support in ensuring excellent punctuality.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome the following staff to our school and wish them well as they begin their journey at our school

Name			Role in school	Previous post
Ms	Dawn	Cetrulo	Teacher of Performing Arts	Stoneyhurst College
Mr	James	Copley	Teacher of English	Teacher training
Mrs	Jayne	Heaton	Teacher of MFL	Lostock Hall Academy
Mr	Stuart	Horn	Assistant Headteacher	Corpus Christi Catholic High School
Mrs	Christine	Jordan	Principal Teacher of History	Darwen Aldridge Community Academy
Mrs	Elaine	Kane	Teacher of RE	Our Lady's Catholic College, Lancaster
Mr	Ewan	La Roche	Teacher of English	Teacher Training
Mr	Liam	Panton	Teacher of Science	Teacher Training
Mrs	Nicola	Rowland	Teaching Assistant L3 - English	St Bernard's Catholic Primary School
Mr	Tom	Waring	Principal Teacher of PE	Ashton Community Science College
Mrs	Rebecca	Webber	Teacher of Science	The Skipton Academy

Open Evening:

Our Open Evening will take place on **Thursday, 6 October 2022** from **6.00 pm to 8.30pm**. Please note that school will close on that day at **12:45pm** and that pupils taking part in Open Evening must return the permission slip and must attend in full school uniform.

ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2023

The process of applying for high school places for September 2023 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online by following the link below or via the link on the school website.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2022**.

In addition to the Lancashire application process, we ask that a Supplementary Information Form is completed if you wish to be considered on faith grounds. The online form is available for completion on the school website www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk on the admissions page. To provide a baptismal certificate or faith reference please email ptt@olchs.lancs.sch.uk. We no longer accept paper copies of the Supplementary Form.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

If you can tell your science teacher the answers to the questions you can earn a point.

When thinking about what your future career might be it is sometimes worth considering what might be good opportunities in the future. Jobs in Science and Technology have generally provided well paid positions because there is more demand than candidates. Have a look at the article in the link below and then answer the following question.

Question 1: For which skills in the UK is the average salary more than double the average household income?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-62098767>

Podcast

More now from the Curious Case of Rutherford and Fry who are looking into questions about tides. The podcast guest in this programme is oceanographer Helen Czerski (have a look at the famous scientist posters in school - can you spot her?)



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Question 2: What two forces contribute to producing the tides?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct42fx>

Video

It is about 50 years since astronauts went to the moon. Now plans are in place to return in 2025, beginning with the inaugural (first) flight of the Space Launch System Artemis to test the new rocket and crew capsule.

Question 3: What is percentage of the rocket's weight is the fuel?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-62637992?ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=twitter&ns_campaign=bbc_live&ns_linkname=62637992%26See%20Nasa%27s%20mega%20Moon%20rocket%20in%20VR%262022-08-23T00%3A12%3A44.000Z&ns_fee=0&pinned_post_locator=urn:bbc:cps:curie:asset:3b56d1b2-45ad-4a8a-9410-f500480e66c4&pinned_post_asset_id=62637992&pinned_post_type=share

Home Research

This week's home research is especially for year 7 pupils. Science lessons in secondary school are grouped into Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Question 4: Use the internet to find out what each of these subjects are about.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 6 October - Open Evening – 6.00 pm until 8.30 pm

Friday, 7 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils

Friday, 21 October – school closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Saturday, 22 October - Berlin Trip

Monday, 31 October – school opens

Friday, 16 December – school closes for Christmas

Wednesday, 4 January – school opens

Thursday, 9 February - Paris Trip

Friday, 10 February – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 21 February – school opens