

Our Lady's Catholic College

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1st April 2021

Dear Parents

We have reached the end of another term and I cannot praise our pupils enough for how they have coped with the lockdown and return to school. We do understand the difficulties this presented but have been so impressed with pupils' dedication to their online lessons and how smoothly they have returned to learning in school. Thanks to all of you who have supported them and enabled this to happen. A special thank you to all the staff for their commitment and dedication to our pupils. I think we are now due a well-earned break.

We return to school on Monday 19th April and it will be a 'week B'. During the holidays please continue to test your child using the LFD tests, twice weekly, which we have provided. This is of course voluntary. If your child has not collected their tests they are freely available at all local testing sites. If your child develops symptoms on Friday or Saturday of this week and have a positive PCR result please let us know on schoolclosure@olcc.lancs.sch.uk There is no need to contact us if the symptoms occur after that.

Start times

After Easter we are hoping to move towards the usual school day so are reintroducing form time. Year 9 start time will now be 8:45. Sixth formers will only have form time on Mondays and need to arrive by 8:45. Other days they arrive for their first lesson. The rest of the school's starting times remain unchanged.

Uniform

Hopefully the weather will improve and next term school will be much warmer. Pupils are still required to wear a jumper and blazer. On PE days, pupils may wear the school badged hoodies or their jumper and blazer. We hope that with the easing of lockdown accessing new items of uniform will be easier.

Year 11 and Sixth Form Assessment

Separate letters for these year groups are being emailed out to try and give more information about the practicalities of the assessment. Students in these year groups will need to spend time preparing and revising during the holiday to maximize their grades, as they would do in any other year.

Parking in Lune Street

We have received complaints from local residents and a local councilor to say that residents of Lune Street are unable to access residential parking they have paid for due to parking of parents. We have also had parents expressing concern about the speed of traffic on Lune Street after school. Please be careful and courteous when dropping off and picking up from school. The school has a staff car park on Lune Street, behind the sports hall, which can be used for very short periods of time for pick up and drop off.

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Mr Bates

During the holidays the staff at Our Lady's will be completing a challenge to be more active and enjoy the outdoors. We are aiming to walk, run or swim the distance to Lourdes and back. In doing so we are also raising money to make a garden and outdoor space in Mr Bates's memory. We want to make an area that classes can use for outdoor prayer or classes; we want it to be special and reflect the love Mr Bates had for his pupils, the school and God's creation. If you wish to donate, please donate on Facebook or send money into school after Easter (ideally in an envelope marked 'Mr Bates's Garden Fund'. We will keep you updated about how far we collectively travel. Pupils will be so impressed by the new, fitter staff on their return!

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/274967904080423/258642509288168/>

Holy Week

This week all pupils have been given the opportunity to reflect on the last words of Jesus and what they mean to us. I hope that you have a chance to reflect on the meaning of Holy Week and that Easter brings you and your families much joy. Please find links below to virtual services this week.

Yours sincerely

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