



School PE Department of the Year

Following celebrating their success as being awarded 'Preston Secondary School of the Year' in October, the PE department were then invited to the Active Lancashire Sports Awards at Ewood Park, Blackburn.

We are delighted to share that Christ the King were awarded the prestigious title for the whole of Lancashire. As a School and Department, we offer a range of sporting opportunities for all students to participate in. We encourage all students to have a positive mindset, to be respectful, to demonstrate sportsmanship and to be resilient in every activity. Thank you to all the staff and students who have contributed to and supported PE and school sport.



WE HAVE ACHIEVED THE GOLD SPORTSMARK AWARD!



We are delighted to announce that we, Christ the King Catholic High School, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



We are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible.



We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give

opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer.

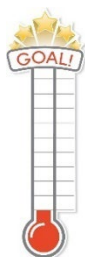
As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



We look forward to applying once again in 2023.



Attendance Competition



The Attendance Thermometer Race Track started again on Monday, 28th November until the 16th December.

You need the help of all of your friends and tutor group teams to get into school each day and on time to win some great prizes.

The winning Tutor Group, the one with the best attendance in each house, will be awarded their treats during registration for the last 3 weeks of term.

Star Awards

Well done to everyone who achieved their Bronze star award in this weeks' assemblies.



To all those who missed out this time, there is another chance to get your Bronze badges in March as well as getting the next Silver badge.

Remember, every merit you get you can spend during 'cash in' week in February or save them all up for the end of the year 'cash in' in July.

European Day of Languages

For European Day of Languages on 26th September, the majority of staff got involved by either dressing up or doing a language or culture theme in lessons. In Geography they did a countries quiz, hieroglyphics in RE, countries as team names in PE, Indian dancing in Music, exchange rates in Maths, European cognates in English and a Secret Agent Languages app in Spanish. The canteen put on a special themed menu for the week and two students (and Mums) made cakes for the Polish café which raised £40 for the Barcelona trip. Finally, Mrs Mayor and Ms Collado took the Year 11 group to Bar Pintxos in town to sample authentic Spanish food which they will then talk about in the GCSE speaking exam. A huge thank you to all the staff for their involvement in making this such an exciting week for our students.



Thank you to the students (and mums) for baking cakes for the Polish café. You raised £50 for the Barcelona trip.



Also, a massive thank you to Amelie Allen's family and friends for their donation of £150 to the fundraiser.

Foodbank Frenzy



Thank you to everyone who donated something to the Foodbank this year.

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We have sent two large boxes to the Foxton Centre and loads of food and toiletries to the Salvation Army.

Both were extremely grateful for the donations and they have said "this will make a massive difference to many families over the Christmas period."



Free School Meal Vouchers

Once again, the Government are supplying Free School Meals Vouchers for the Christmas break. These were emailed to you by Edenred on 1st December. Please check your email and redeem as soon as possible. One redeemed you can then be spend them up to 31 March 2022.



If you have not received your email you must inform Mrs Goetz by Tuesday 13 December so that she can re-order them before Thursday 15 December and ensure that you have them before we close for Christmas.

Exciting Opportunity - Train to Teach Locally

Recruiting now.

Teacher Training courses starting September 2023

The Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's Catholic High School, is accepting applications for our 1-year PGCE with QTS (qualified teacher status) teacher training courses beginning next September. Minimum requirements are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary training), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.



Teacher training (PGCE with QTS) is available in all phases:

- Early Primary (3-7 years, in Preston or Burnley)
- General Primary (5-11 years, in Preston or Burnley)
- Secondary (11-16 years, in Preston or Blackburn)
- Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years, in Preston)

Please contact us for further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk. Website: <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/>

Head's Message

Well we have reached the end of autumn term and no doubts it has been a tough time for us all and now it is time to reflect on the year and look forward to some quiet reflective time shared with hopefully family and friends. I wish you all a very happy and Holy Christmas and let us hope that 2023 will be a year filled with peace, sincerity and a return to normality. Despite some challenges within our society, it might take some time but in time things will get better, keep the faith.

A short Advent prayer:

*God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ
with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one
with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Thank you again for all your help and for all the support you have given the young people in our care at Christ the King Catholic High School.

God Bless.
"Deo gratias"
Mr Corless

