



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Welcome to the start of the summer term! It has been a busy and productive first week back. Our Year 11 students have successfully completed their GCSE speaking tests—well done to all involved for their hard work and preparation. Looking ahead to next week, Year 11 students will be undertaking their Fine Art and Photography examinations. We wish them every success as they continue through this important examination period.

Catholic Life and Mission - The Resurrection



“He is risen” is at the heart of the Catholic faith, reminding us that through Jesus’ resurrection, hope, love, and new life are always possible. It calls us to live with kindness in our hearts, to use words that uplift and encourage others, and to act with compassion in our daily lives. Just as Christ showed forgiveness, patience, and selfless love, we are invited to reflect these values in how we treat one another—choosing understanding over judgement, generosity over selfishness, and peace over conflict. The Resurrection is not only something we believe in, but something we are called to live out through our words and actions every day.

Ski Trip

Seventy-nine of our Year 10 and Year 11 students, accompanied by nine members of staff, enjoyed an action-packed and memorable week in the stunning surroundings of Sestriere in the Italian Alps. Set against a backdrop of breathtaking mountain scenery, students took part in a wide range of activities, developing their skills and confidence throughout the trip. The group included beginners as well as more experienced participants, and it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, resilience, and progress from all students as they challenged themselves on the slopes.

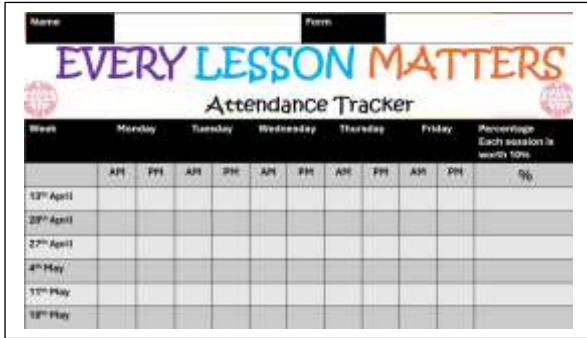


Beyond the activities, the trip provided valuable opportunities for students to build friendships, develop independence, and create lasting memories. Staff were incredibly proud of the students’ positive attitude and willingness to support one another throughout the week. It was truly a fantastic experience for everyone involved. Many thanks to Mr Ford, Mrs Downing and all the staff who gave up their time to accompany students on this memorable and rewarding trip—it would not have been possible without their commitment and support.



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The image shows an 'Attendance Tracker' card with the heading 'EVERY LESSON MATTERS'. It includes fields for 'Name' and 'Form'. The main table has columns for 'Week', 'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', and 'Percentage Each session is worth 10%'. The rows are dated from 13th April to 18th May.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Percentage Each session is worth 10%	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	%
13 th April							
20 th April							
27 th April							
4 th May							
11 th May							
18 th May							

Attendance

This half term, we have 29 days in school and one bonus bank holiday day off on 4th May 2026.

Attendance Tracker Card

All students have been issued with an **Attendance Tracker Card**, which they can keep with them throughout the day. The purpose of this card is to encourage students to take responsibility for monitoring their own attendance. Each day includes two formal

registration points—one in the morning and one in the afternoon—giving students the opportunity to achieve two ticks per day. Over the course of a full week, students should aim to collect 10 ticks, with each tick representing 10%. By attending every session, students can achieve 100% attendance for the week. We encourage all students to aim for this target, reinforcing the importance of consistent attendance in supporting their learning and overall success.

Occasional absences: If a student is absent from school for just one day, their attendance for that week drops to 80%. It is these occasional days of absence that can place students at a significant academic disadvantage, as important learning is missed and can be difficult to fully catch up on. Wherever possible, these absences should be avoided. Regular attendance, particularly on Mondays and Fridays, helps students remain fully engaged in school life. It also supports the development of resilience, strengthens friendships, and contributes positively to students' mental health and overall wellbeing.



This term, please talk to your child about the following challenges:

- Can they achieve 100% every week
- Can they improve their attendance by 1, 2 or 3+%?
- Can they attend for all 5 Mondays?
- Can they attend for all 6 Fridays?

Congratulations to those students who received letters in recognition of improved attendance last half term—this is a fantastic achievement and reflects real commitment and effort! Last week alone, 398 messages of positive recognition for improved attendance were sent home, representing nearly half of the school, which is wonderful to see.

If you need any help or support in ensuring your child attends school regularly, please do not hesitate to contact the attendance team, who are always happy to help. You can do this by phoning the school or emailing the attendance team directly: attendance@olqp.lancs.sch.uk. As part of our support, the attendance team may also carry out welfare visits at home to ensure that the right support is in place. Please be assured that these visits are intended to help—your partnership and openness are greatly appreciated.

Behaviour

Students have been reminded in assemblies that chewing gum is not allowed in school. This rule is in place to maintain a clean and pleasant environment for everyone, as chewing gum is often discarded improperly and can ruin uniform

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as well as cause damage to floors, furniture, and equipment. It also creates unnecessary cleaning challenges for site staff. We ask for your support in reinforcing this expectation with your child, helping to ensure that our school remains a respectful and well-maintained space for all members of the community. Mobile phones are also not allowed to be seen or heard in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Curriculum

Our Curriculum Overviews have been updated on the school website. The curriculum overviews also serve as a good revision list prior to a subject assessment. Please use this link to see what your child is learning in each subject.

<https://www.olqp.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overviews>

Summer Examinations

Students in all year groups should now start preparing for their summer examinations. Students should create a revision timetable and put time aside to learn key knowledge and do practice questions.

- Year 11 –Written exam papers for some students will start as early as Fri 1st May 2026
- Year 7 – Examinations start Monday 20th April 2026
- Year 8 – Examinations start Monday 27th April 2026
- Years 9&10 – Examinations start Monday 15th June 2026 and will be spread over a two-week period

Refurbishment of the school building

During the Easter holiday, we began an extensive programme of refurbishment across the school site. Following the flooding of the main building in June 2025, insurance-funded works have now commenced and will continue throughout the summer term. Improvements have already been made in the dining room, where new flooring, lighting, and fire doors have been installed. The next phase of work will move into the main corridor and administrative areas of the building. In addition, the flooring in the Performing Arts Theatre is currently being replaced and remains a work in progress. Our Students Services area has also had a new floor and has been redecorated. We are pleased that these long-awaited improvements are now underway and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our school environment.

Sports Update

We are very proud of our Y9 Boys Football team who put up a valiant fight in the Year 9 boys' final at Ormskirk. They played with determination and resilience.



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Dates for your diary

Monday 20 th April 2026	Start of the Year 7 exams
Monday 27 th April 2026	Start of the Year 8 exams
Friday 1 st May 2026	Start of Year 11 exams
Monday 15 th June 2026	Start of Year 9 & Year 10 exams
Friday 19 th June 2026	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Year 6 Transition Day

Holiday Dates

Term	School Holidays
Summer Half term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026 (inclusive)
Summer Holidays	Monday 20 th July 2026 onwards
Autumn Term	School re-opens on Thurs 3 rd Sept 2026

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the term.

Kind regards

Mrs M. Henshaw
Headteacher

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