

## **Our Lady Queen of Peace**

Catholic Engineering College

# **Headteacher Letter**

## Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Dear Parents & Carers,

School life is back to normal after the flood. The school will undergo some refurbishment later in the year to upgrade areas affected by the water.

Thank you to parents and carers who sent in positive messages following the recent publication of the Ofsted Report. They have been very much appreciated.

### **Catholic Life & Mission**

On Wednesday 11th June 2025, a group of students from Years 7-10 went to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Liverpool to celebrate the Good Shepherd Mass and the work of Nugent.

On 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 students from Year 7 and Year 10 represented Our Lady Queen of Peace at the Faith in Action Awards last week. Mr. Baron and Mrs. Johannessen were highly complimentary of the Y7 and Y10 students' exemplary behaviour and their positive contributions throughout the day. Students were fortunate enough to get a photograph with our new Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop John Sherrington.

The majority of students in Y7 have successfully completed the Faith in Action Award and will receive their certificates in assembly before the end of this term. The Faith in Action Award recognises the active service of young people to others and to the Church, both within their local community and beyond. This is an outstanding example

of living out the school's mission statement which includes a commitment to caring, sharing and achieving. Many congratulations!

### This week's Gospel (Matthew 16:13-19)

### 'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven'

In the Gospel this week, the keys define the authority of Peter to preach the gospel, and through faith in Jesus, people can enter God's kingdom.

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

Congratulations go to our Year 9 students who have successfully completed the Duke of Edinburgh expedition this weekend. Students undertook the challenge showing great determination and resilience. On Saturday, as students aimed to get to the finish, they showed mental and physical toughness despite their weary legs. Ms Conning-Wild said 'it was an absolute pleasure to spend time with the Year 9s – they have all been amazing!'. The Bronze DofE programme has four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. Students have to do a minimum of three months activity for each of the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections, and plan, train for and do a two-day, one-night Expedition. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to support our students on the weekend expedition.

#### 'In Christ We Grow'





#### Y10 Drama trip to 'Footloose'

Our Year 10 students went to see a live performance of 'Footloose' at The Edge in Wigan on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025. This was an opportunity to look at critically evaluate the performance using the knowledge that they have accumulated over the year in Drama. Our Year 10s have also completed their devised piece, which is one of the strands of assessment for GCSE Drama.

#### **Boogie Wonderland**

Our annual Summer Dance Show, 'Boogie Wonderland', took place last week. Our dance leaders worked collaboratively with our primary school students to put on a spectacular show. Students from all the schools that took part created a strong community feel of positivity and joy, filling lots of staff and parents, with a great sense of pride. Well done to everyone who took part!

#### Attendance

As identified by Ofsted, school attendance remains a key area for improvement. We are asking for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day for the remainder of the term. There are just 3 weeks and 2 days left – a total of 17 school days – and it is crucial that students are present for every one of them.

Why is this so important?

- The full curriculum continues to be taught until the end of term, and attendance is vital to avoid gaps in learning.
- Students in Years 9 and 10 will receive important feedback on their recent exams, helping them understand their strengths and areas to develop.
- Students in Years 7 and 8 will continue with their planned curriculum until Tuesday, 22nd July 2025.
- A range of exciting enrichment activities are also taking place, including Sports Days, the Year 10 visit to West Lancs College, and our final Personal Development Day of the year.

We are continuing to see **irregular attendance patterns**, especially on **Mondays and Fridays**, which is concerning. In addition, a number of students are arriving late for school. Please note that students arriving after 8:30am will be marked as late and will receive a detention. If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact the school for support. Together, we can help every student make the most of these final, valuable weeks of learning. The final day of term is **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**.

#### Dates for your Diary

30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	SEND Transition Day for Y6 students
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Y10 Work Readiness workshops
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Performance of 'High School Musical'
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Y10 Visit to West Lancs College
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Y6 Transition Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	West Lancs Athletics Competition
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Performance of 'High School Musical'
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y6 New Intake Information Evening
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Feast of Our Lady Queen of Peace
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y9/10 Sports Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Personal Development Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y10 Work Experience Week
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y7/8 Sports Day

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Thank you to our parents and carers for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Mrs M. Henshaw

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