



Dear Parents & Carers,

Well done to our Year 11 students who are entering their final days of exams. We are very much looking forward to the Leavers' morning and the Y11 Prom on Friday evening.

Catholic Life and Mission

This week we look forward to a group of students representing the school who will be attending the Faith in Action Awards with students from other schools in the Archdiocese. Congratulations to all the students in Y7 & Y8 who have completed the award this year.

Drama trip

On Tuesday 9th June 2026, prospective GCSE Drama students attended a theatre trip to watch the Performing Arts Summer Showcase by Wigan and Leigh College at The Edge in Wigan. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to experience live theatre and see first-hand how performance, technical and design elements combine to create engaging productions. We were especially proud to see four of our former GCSE Drama students performing in the showcase. Their talent, confidence and professionalism on stage were a wonderful reflection of their continued commitment to the performing arts. For our current students, this was both an inspiring and aspirational experience, offering a glimpse into the exciting opportunities available beyond GCSE Drama and the many pathways that studying the subject can open in further education and the creative industries.

Year 10 Prefect Applications

Last week, interviews were held for the new Year 11 Student Leadership Team. We were delighted by the exceptionally high standard of applications and the impressive calibre of students who took part in the interview process. The strength and depth of the field have made the selection process both exciting and challenging, and staff are currently undertaking careful deliberations. We are incredibly proud of all students who put themselves forward and demonstrated such commitment, confidence and leadership potential. Announcements will be made during the week commencing 22nd June 2026.

Year 9 & Year 10 Summer Examinations

Good luck to all our students in Years 9 & 10 whose examinations start Monday 15th June 2026 and will be spread over a two-week period.

Year 8 kNOwKnifeCrime Awareness Event

Last Friday, Year 8 students participated in a powerful and thought-provoking #kNOwKnifeCrime workshop in school. The session focused on education, prevention and empowerment, encouraging students to engage in honest discussions about the dangers and consequences of knife crime and the importance of making positive life choices. Through a series of interactive activities and real-life scenarios, students explored topics including personal responsibility, positive decision-making, civic engagement and community safety. The workshop challenged perceptions, encouraged critical thinking and highlighted the impact that individual choices can have on both themselves and others. The event was extremely well received, with students demonstrating maturity, respect and engagement throughout. It provided a valuable opportunity to raise awareness, develop understanding and equip young people with the knowledge and confidence to make safe, informed decisions. We are proud of the way Year 8 students participated and contributed to such an important discussion.

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Attendance

Thank you to all students who have attended school every day since the start of Half Term 6. Your commitment to excellent attendance is greatly appreciated and plays a vital role in your success.

Unfortunately, we continue to see a significant number of *one-day absences*, particularly on *Fridays*. While a single day may not seem important, every lesson missed can have a negative impact on learning. Students who are absent miss valuable teaching, class discussions, practical activities and opportunities to consolidate their understanding. It can also make it more difficult to keep up with coursework, homework and assessment preparation. Regular attendance not only supports academic achievement but also helps students develop positive routines, build confidence and maintain strong relationships with their teachers and peers. As we approach the end of the academic year, every day in school counts.

We encourage all students and families to prioritise attendance wherever possible and avoid unnecessary absences so that students can make the most of every learning opportunity. 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.

Sports Update

Below is a sports summary from Mr Evans



Team PE hit the ground running with athletics events

Well done to our Y7 boys and girls athletics team who went stride for stride in all track and field events at Edgehill University

5th place

Dates for your Diary

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

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Holiday Dates

Term	School Holidays
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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