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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Reflection: "The Kingdom of God is very near to you" – Luke 10:1-12,17-20**

Having been reminded last week that our duty is to spread the Good News of God's Kingdom, this week we see a practical example of what this looks like. It can be really easy to reduce the task we have been given to just being nice to the people we come into contact with in our everyday lives but, whilst this might be convenient, this is not the model Jesus gives us. When Jesus sends out the 72 (who represent all of us, in every nation), we are given a very definite purpose and clear instructions. We are told that we should not rely on human resources but allow God to provide all we need, we are to pair up and support each other, we are to proclaim a very clear message and we will see miracles backing up what we proclaim. Jesus warns that not everyone will welcome our efforts but that the message doesn't change: The Kingdom of God is close, Jesus is close, regardless of whether you welcome it or not.

**Jesus, thank You for entrusting us to help share Your Good News throughout the world. Help us to take that task seriously out of love for our brother and sisters and to go wherever You send us. Amen**

## **New Pupil Induction**

On Monday this week, we invited all 160 pupils who will be joining us in September for a Year 6 Induction Day. Initially allocated into forms, our future pupils proceeded to the school hall for their first assembly. Pupils were given a full day of introductory lessons, together with a morning break and lunch. Pupils assembled again in the hall for afternoon prayer before being dismissed by their new Head of Year, Mr Whittle. The day aims to help the Year 6 pupils' feel reassured and comfortable for their future transition into Year 7 at our school.

## **Sports Day**

We held our Sports Day on Thursday this week and thankfully we were blessed with excellent weather. Pupils participated in Key Stage groups on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning in field events. Later in the morning, all pupils, teachers and support staff came out on to the school field for our very competitive and entertaining track events. Throughout the two days, around 450 pupils participated in 11 different sporting activities for their individual School House. It was an excellent opportunity for all pupils to enjoy and participate in a very well organised event. Well done and congratulations to Head of Haydock House, Mrs Matthews, and all the pupils in Haydock who participated so well in Sports Day this year to claim the 'Sports Day House Championship' with a total of 562 points. Arrowsmith won the Year 7 and 8 track and field categories but narrowly missed out on being crowned the overall winners, finishing on 555 points. Clitherow showed great determination, winning tug of war in the Year 7, 8 and 10 categories overall but ended with a grand total of 536. Photographs are on our website [here](#).

## **Extended Learning Day**

On Wednesday this week, all pupils in school participated in an 'Extended Learning Day', the fifth and final of our current academic year.

Year 7 participated in a number of different activities arranged by the science department, relating to forces and physics. Pupils worked in groups to create balloon powered cars with the aim of travelling the furthest. In the afternoon, pupils tested their construction knowledge, with the aim of building the tallest structure, using just dried spaghetti and marshmallows. Pupils enjoyed competing against each other to earn points for their houses.

Year 8 undertook a 'choose your own path' 'fighting fantasy' style task, combining computer science and English. Pupils were introduced to novels based on role playing games of the 1980s which allows you to look at the content of the story and make an active choice as to what the hero does. Pupils developed their descriptive language and decision-making skills when considering which path adventure to take and which door to enter. Using the program 'Python', pupils used code to create a 'game', with different scenarios that their monster could find itself in.

Year 9 enjoyed a day in Liverpool. The day combined geography, history and art. Pupils drew the 'SuperLambanana' sculpture, visited Albert Dock and the World Museum. The history department provided a guided tour of the Maritime Museum and the geography department focused on urban regeneration at the Albert Dock and Liverpool One.

Year 10 spent the day reinforcing their knowledge on Judaism, a vital area of study in their GCSEs. They took part in workshops exploring key words and topics such as Synagogues, Jewish rituals, prayers, Kosher values, Jewish festivals, sanctity of life and morality. Pupils spent the afternoon having a 'mock' walkthrough in the sports hall setting expectations for the GCSE examinations next year. They completed a test on Judaism to demonstrate what they had learnt throughout the day.

## **College Taster Days**

All Year 10 pupils were invited to attend Preston's College last week and Cardinal Newman College on Tuesday this week for a 'Taster Day'. They had the opportunity to take full advantage of the college's excellent facilities and enjoy a diverse array of 'taster' lessons. The college visits help to prepare pupils for the transition from secondary to further education. The day provided pupils with a perfect introduction to life at the college where they had the opportunity to see and take part in three 'have-a-go' taster lessons, meet tutors and talk to current students about their courses and future careers.

## **'The Show'**

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening this week, our performing arts club brought us an uplifting school production 'The Show'. The original story, written by Mrs Culkin, Miss Lofthouse and Mr Walton brought laughter and tears to the packed audiences. Pupils and staff have worked extremely hard over the last few months to create and refine an unforgettable show, full of laughter, excellent dancing, singing and accomplished acting. It is remarkable what the pupils have achieved in a relatively short amount of time. The execution of the show and dedication of the pupils through the rehearsals was clear to see. Congratulations to everyone involved, and thank you to families who made up the audience. Photographs can be seen on our website [here](#). The show was dedicated to Kath Baron, a sorely missed colleague who was always involved and a great supporter of the school show. Proceeds from the show will be donated to St Catherine's Hospice in memory of Kath.

### Future Zoo

On Tuesday this week, a group of 15 pupils in Years 9 and 10 took part in the Future Zoo programme at Myerscough College. It aims to encourage young people to consider a career in animal care and welfare. Pupils received an introduction to the various animal-based courses available at the college and the career paths each course can lead to. Pupils then went on a tour of the animal studies faculty, learning about the needs of the animals, viewing and engaging with wildcats, giant rabbits, doves, ferrets, raven, reptiles, arachnids and rodents. In the afternoon they were split into two groups, and given the opportunity to dispense daily care to reptiles or rodents. Photographs can be seen on our website [here](#).

### Learner of the Week

Ruby Ellithorn-Butler (Year 10) for outstanding contributions in DT lessons. Ruby is an excellent role model for all pupils in her attitude to learning and effort in lessons; Kiyah Morlese (Year 9) for working extremely hard to improve her understanding of history through developing her written work and contributions to lessons. She was rewarded with an excellent exam result; Tyra Higham (Year 8) for her incredibly focused work and performance in learning Blues music on keyboard and for helping others in the class who are struggling; Isla James (Year 7) for outstanding effort and hard work in mathematics. Isla has shown great determination and effort which was evident in her recent end of year assessment, where she achieved one of the highest marks.

### Taster Days for Primary Pupils

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming Year 5 pupils from Kennington Primary to join us and participate in our very popular Primary School 'Taster Days'. Next week, pupils from St Maria Goretti's and St. Clare's will join us for the final week of our Taster Days. We provide a day that gives primary pupils a taste of high school with a programme that includes mathematics, music, drama, religious education and German. The feedback from the pupils has been overwhelmingly positive.

### Corpus Christi News

Further information, news and photography covering recent events at the school can be viewed on our website at [www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk)

### Important Dates

Monday 11 July	Year 8 & 9 HPV Vaccinations	
Tuesday 12 July	Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving	
Tuesday 19 July	Attendance Rewards Trip: Blackpool Pleasure Beach	9.00am- 1.00pm
Wednesday 20 July	End of Term, school closes at 1.30pm	1.30pm
Friday 2 September	Year 7 pupils return to school	8.30am- 2.30pm
Monday 5 September	All pupils return to school	8.30am- 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 September	Open Evening	6.00- 8.30pm

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher