



St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

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INSPECTION 2008



Week Ending 14 March 2014

Diary Dates

Governors' Mission and Ethos Meeting
Tuesday 18 March
6pm

Italian Theme Menu Day
19 March
£2.10p

Year 9 Option Evening
Thursday 20 March
6-8pm

Governors' Termly Meeting
Tuesday 8 April
6pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS
School Closes:
Friday 11 April
Re-opens
Monday 28 April

Next Week-Timetable
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Welsh Phrase

Gŵyl Padrig

St Patrick's Day

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SRG Eisteddfod Celebrates Wealth of Talent

Last Friday saw us celebrating an Eisteddfod for Years 7 and 8 once again. The Eisteddfod was a superb opportunity for the school to showcase its talents in a variety of different ways. Students competed in home-work tasks across all departments, giving them an opportunity to show off their writing abilities, as well as many other tasks allowing them to be very creative and artistic. The quality of work from all was outstanding, and many examples of students' work are on display in the foyer as well as on the television screens around school. There were also



competitions for Dawnsio Gwerin, which is traditional Welsh dancing, recitation of poetry, singing and playing musical instruments. Eve Ellis 8Q and Niamh Barley 8S stunned the audience with a beautiful rendition of 'Everything has Changed' by Taylor Swift and Rebecca Owen 7H wowed the judges when singing in Welsh. We were treated to solo performances on the piano, drums and recorder as well during the Eisteddfod. Da iawn Cameron Eastham 8F for drumming his way into first place!

There was a new competition this year for all students in Year 7 and 8. The task was to complete a piece of writing with a Welsh theme. After receiving some excellent pieces of writing, the prize was awarded to Jessica Edwards 8S. Da iawn! A special llongyfarchiadau must go to the following students who all came first, second or third in several competitions; Lauren McLintock 8S (6), Jessica Edwards 8S (5), Matthew Hall 7B (4), Im Wangmuanklang 7F (4), Rebecca Owen 7H (4) and Charlotte Roberts 7H (3). Congratulations all!

10 house points were awarded for all students who came first, 5 house points for second and 2 points for third. The overall winners of the day were Dewi, with an astounding 949 points! In second place was Beuno with 756 points and Gwen came third with 604 points. Da iawn i bawb yn Dewi!

Mr Crawley, Curriculum Leader of Welsh, was very impressed with the wide range of talents that our students have displayed. It was a privilege to see so many different pupils winning a variety of competitions, and being able to showcase their talents.



Year 9 Welsh MAT Morning

On Thursday 6 March, 24 Year 9 students were invited to take part in a Welsh More Able and Talented morning. This session was aimed at challenging students as well as practising a variety of skills. Students firstly had to solve the problem of putting the Welsh alphabet in the correct order, however there were several additions made and the students had to decide which letters didn't belong. They then had to follow instructions in Welsh in order to make an origami shirt and tie, making sure that they were competent with their dictionary skills. We finished with an information treasure hunt, requiring the students to work in teams in order to find information after deciphering some cryptic clues. All the students that took part really enjoyed the morning. Da iawn bawb am gymryd rhan! Well done everybody that took part!

County Urdd Eisteddfod Qualifiers

"Congratulations to our recitation group from 8S who have qualified for the County Urdd Eisteddfod which will be held at the end of this month. They are reciting a poem called **Cym On Reff** which is about a football referee. Having progressed through the area Eisteddfod they now go on to the County Urdd Eisteddfod. Bendigedig! Pob Lwc!"



Yr 12 & 13 Science

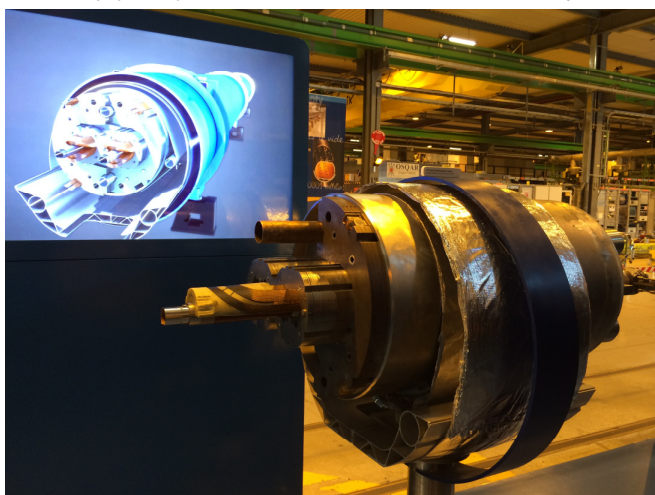
Tour of Geneva and CERN

Most of us started our trip to Switzerland at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning (4 March) ready for our 7 o'clock flight from Liverpool. Once we had landed in Geneva at around 10.00 Swiss time we headed off to the Geneva Youth Hostel to drop off our bags. About two hours later we made it to the Hostel and then on for a quick lunch stop. We stopped at the botanical gardens to visit the biodomes, where we saw numerous species of plants and took many photos. After this we took a tour of the Red Cross Museum to learn about the history of the Red Cross and the organisation's role in current events. Next we had a tour of the United Nations headquarters lead by our tour guide: Pablo. We visited the different conference rooms where we found out about the important work of the UN over the last century and viewed some of the many gifts from various countries. Before journeying back to the hostel for an early night, we stopped at the IT discovery centre where we had a talk about the history of IT and an interactive tour of the museum where we each used tablets to explore the various uses of IT.



After a good night's sleep, for most of us, we made our way to CERN by tram. We received an introduction from one of the engineers, Samir, who was very keen to have us ask and answer questions. We then took a tour of ATLAS, one of the many experiments taking place, where we watched a movie about the building of the Large Hadron Collider and viewed one of the control rooms. Next we crossed the border into France and received a tour of SM18 which is where the accelerators are housed and tested. We learnt about the work that has already taken place at CERN to find the Higgs Boson. Our visit to CERN encouraged many of us to research about future careers in particle physics, with Alex, one of our tour guides, offering us internships at CERN. After our tour through various parts of CERN, we headed to the CERN canteen where we ate with scientists and visitors alike. After our tram back to Geneva, we walked down to the lakefront of Geneva, where we all stopped for ice cream, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed! Later that night, we had a traditional Swiss meal in Hotel Edelweiss, where food, drinks and entertainment were enjoyed by all. Our entertainment consisted of performances on an accordion, horn and spoon playing, with many people

from our group taking part. On our last day in Geneva, our first event was back down to the lakefront to take a boat trip around Lake Geneva. We saw many sights on our trip around Lake Geneva, including La Sirène du Léman (Little Mermaid of Lake Geneva), Manoir Colgate and the Villa Joséphine. After our boat trip, we were given free reign around Geneva for a few hours, allowing us to shop for souvenirs, food and drink (as was the case with many of us heading straight for Starbucks!) and anything else we wanted to do in Geneva City. We then had a look in the cathedral, and had a stunning view of Geneva from the top of one of the towers. Our next stop was the Natural History Museum, showing us the history of everything from birds to humans to dinosaurs, after which we walked down to the Reformation Wall. After a brief respite, we were off again to collect our bags before making our way back to the airport for our flight home. It was a trip none of us will forget; fun was had by everyone, teachers included.



Written by Tom Davies and Lauren Edwards in Yr 12

Attend and Achieve.

Well done to those classes who are at a above our school target of 96% attendance. Remember that good attendance at school is the first step towards achieving your full potential so please try hard not to be absent.

Attendance for this week for the whole school is 91%.

Very well done to year 9 who have improved their attendance this term. Keep it up!!!

Year	H	Q	M	S	F	B	Year average
7	98% 😊	94%	90%	88%	87%	94%	92%
8	74%	84%	96% 😊	97% 😊	99% 😊	86%	90%
9	95%	98% 😊	90%	96% 😊	98% 😊	92%	95% 😊
10	88%	87%	93%	94%	93%	82%	90%
11	93%	95% 😊	93%	89%	90%	89%	92%