



GWYN NEWS

Newyddion y Gwyn

Ysgol Uwchradd Catholig ST RICHARD GWYN Catholic High School

THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4 September 2015 / Medi 2015

Diary Dyddiadur

World War I Trip Parent Meeting

Tuesday 8 September
5pm

Year 7 & 9 Photographs

Tuesday 15 September

Full Governors' Meeting (Exam Feedback)

Tuesday 15 September
5pm

OPEN EVENING YEAR 5 & 6

Thursday 24 September
6.30pm

KS3 Parent Information Evening 28 September

Welsh Phrase Croeso yn ôl

Welcome back

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CROESO 'NÔL! WELCOME BACK!

Results this year have been excellent. Improvement has been achieved, showing the dedicated hard work which goes in from everyone here to making our goals a reality. For the third successive year our Upper Sixth students did not need to go through clearing and gained a place at their university of choice. We have one of the highest ever intakes into our 6th Form from our own school with everyone having achieved the challenging target grades required for entry.

The start to the new academic year has been brilliant, with everyone returning with a positive attitude, focused on achievement. Our Year 7 students look fabulous in their new uniform, and are settling down well to enjoying their studies.

This edition of Gwyn News gives you additional information and builds on the huge amount of practical advice on our website. I want to draw your attention to making sure we do not waste learning time on things which should not be an issue. The high standards we achieve come about because everyone knows we have high expectations.

Please keep to the direction from the government that school holidays are the only time when holidays should be booked. It disadvantages all learners to take them out of school, no matter how educational parents try to persuade us a holiday in term time might be. Stick to the dates published here and which have been published elsewhere several times. Make sure you let your wider family know these dates too so they don't book holidays with the English schools' timetable.

I must make it crystal clear, despite what some have heard from the offices of Flintshire County Council Transport department, that this school has opposed the removal of concessionary transport to all but Catholic learners from 2014 onwards. We continue to challenge the policy and have had to make alternative arrangements by providing subsidised routes ourselves.

You are reminded we are a Voluntary Aided school and receive 15% less funding for school buildings than state schools. The only way we can try to make up for this significant reduction in funding is by asking parents for a contribution (hence the title 'Voluntary Aided') towards the costs of maintaining and developing our resources for all pupils. This is regardless of anyone's religious status. You will all receive a letter regarding this in the coming month, unless you have already set up a standing order, for which we are extremely grateful.

As a Catholic school we pride ourselves on our inclusive, family character. With Christ at the centre of all we stand for here we are committed to the highest standards in education. We value all the support we receive from so many people, but we thank God particularly for you the students, parents and parishes of this school for your unstinting support. Gofynnwn am fendith yr Hollalluog Dduw ar ein hymdrechion yn ystod y flwyddyn a ddaw.

RM Keating, Prifathro/Headteacher



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TRANSPORT INFORMATION

As you know, we have had a major issue with free transport being withdrawn from children who are not baptised Catholics coming to the school from September 2014. This has upset us greatly because we welcome children of all faiths here at St Richard Gwyn. We know, too, that parents and families have been upset by the Council's decision.

We are pleased to announce that we have decided to organise our own bus transport for those children not entitled to FCC free travel from September 2015.

Details of the routes, cost and transport request form are available by following the links on our school website. Please contact the school if you would like to use this service or require further information.



Head Teacher: Mr R.M. Keating MA NPOH

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Medal Winners Enillwyr Medalau

Congratulations to all the year 7 pupils who competed in the Flintshire Athletics championships last term. All pupils performed to the best of their ability and enjoyed their first competition at Secondary school level. Thank you to the Year 11 GCSE PE pupils who assisted in the running of the events. Medal winners : Rheagan Edwards, Silver medal for the 1200m race. Kirsha Nicholson, Gold medal for the 600m race. Da iawn pawb!



TERMDATES 2015 – 2016

AUTUMN 2015

Tuesday	1 September 2015 - School Closed to Pupils	Staff Training Day
Wednesday	2 September 2015 - Start of term (Year 7 & Seniors only)	School Opens 8:50am
Thursday	3 September 2015 - Start of Term (All Students)	School Opens 8:50am
Friday	23 rd October 2015 - Half Term	School Closes 3:30pm
Monday	2 nd November 2015 - Start of Term	School Opens 8:50am
Friday	18 th December 2015 - End of Term (Christmas)	School Closes 1:00pm

SPRING 2016

Monday	4 th January 2016 - School Closed to Pupils	Staff Training Day
Tuesday	5 th January 2016 - Start of Term	School Opens 8:50am
Friday	12 th February 2016 - Half Term	School Closes 3:30pm
Monday	22 nd February 2016 - Start of Term	School Opens 8:50am
Thursday	24 th March 2016 - End of Term (Easter)	School Closes 3:30pm

SUMMER 2016

Monday	11 th April 2016 - Start of Term	School Opens 8:50am
Monday	2 nd May 2016 - May Day Bank Holiday	School Closed
Friday	27 th May 2016 - Half Term	School Closes 3:30pm
Monday	6 th June 2016 - Start of Term	School Opens 8:50am
Friday	15 th July 2016 - End of Term (Summer)	School Closes 2:00pm
Monday	18 th July 2016 - School closed to Pupils	Staff Training Day
Tuesday	19 th July 2016 - School closed to Pupils	Staff Training Day
Wednesday	20 th July 2016 - School closed to Pupils	Staff Training Day

Administration Assistant Vacancy

Salary 4.2 Administration 2 £15,207 (pro rata for term time only and part time) 25 hours per week, term time only (no term time leave).

Hours of work - Monday to Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm.

The Governors are seeking to appoint an Administration Assistant to start as soon as possible.

The successful candidate will:

Be an experienced administrator to work as part of a small team providing a full support service within a fast-paced environment in a school.

Assist Finance Officer with data entry and payment of invoices using Financial Management System (FMS) and Private Funds Manager (PFM) systems (full training will be given). Reconciling payments and petty cash.

Inputting of daily registers into School Information Management System (SIMS).

Monitor and process data for the English department, management of resources and deal with daily correspondence.

Assist with Exams and Data administration as required.

Have a calm and diplomatic manner, a steady and flexible attitude under pressure, with excellent communication and administration skills.

Have excellent IT skills including Word and Excel.

The post requires a hard working, highly motivated person with strong communication and interpersonal skills. They must also be organised and methodical with an excellent attention to detail. The ability to work independently and prioritise a busy workload is essential as is the need to meet deadlines and remain calm in all circumstances.

The post is subject to an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service).

An application form can be downloaded from www.strichardgwyn.com

Please send in a letter of application detailing any relevant knowledge and school experience to Kathryn Jones, Administration Manager.

Closing date: Friday 11 September at noon. Interviews will take place the following week.

GENERAL INFORMATION UPDATES

If there are any changes to your child's personal details i.e. address, telephone numbers, mobile numbers and any medical information, please inform your child's Learning Coach immediately in writing so the school's database can be updated.

Thank you.

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OPEN EVENING Years 5&6

Thursday 24 September 2015 6.30pm. Headteacher's Welcome at 6.30 and 7pm