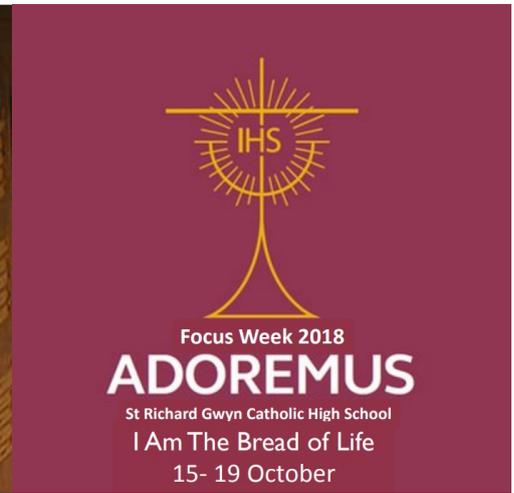
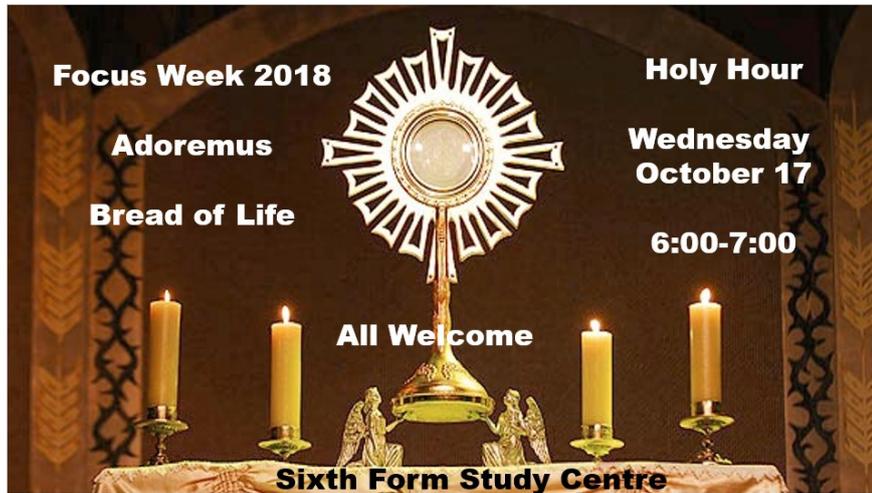




GWYN NEWS

Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig **ST RICHARD GWYN** Catholic High School

12 October 2018/Hydref 2018



Focus Week 2018

From Monday 15 – Friday 19 October 2018 we will be celebrating a whole school focus week on the theme of Adoremus – The Bread of Life. This reflects the theme of the The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress held recently in Liverpool.

During this week there will be speakers invited into Religious Education lessons and where appropriate, other subject areas across the curriculum. All subject areas will have an input on the theme of the week. There will also be events on at lunch time and after school. The Focus Week will culminate in a Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Richard Gwyn.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all for any of the following events during Focus Week:

Monday 15 October

- Morning Prayer. Chapel 8:40 - 8:50
- Dance – Theatre 12:50 – 1:20
- The Big Sing Thing – Sixth Form Study Centre 12:50 - 1:20
- Staff Mass – Chapel 3:45

Tuesday 16 October

- Morning Prayer. Chapel 8:40 -8:55
- Dance – Theatre 12:50 – 1:20
- Messy Church – Art Department 12:50 – 1:20
- Meditation – Chapel 12:50 – 1:20

Wednesday 17 October

- Morning Prayer. Chapel 8:40 -8:55
- Dance – Theatre 12:50 – 1:20
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Chapel 12:50 – 1:20
- Holy Hour-Night of Light – Sixth Form Study Centre 6:00 – 7:00

Thursday 18 October

- Morning Prayer. Chapel 8:40 -8:55
- Dance – G5 12:50 – 1:20
- Hunger Lunch – Theatre 12:35 – 1:20

Friday 19 October

- Morning Prayer. Chapel 8:40 -8:55
- Whole School Mass – Feast of St Richard Gwyn 2:00

We would like to thank the following guest speakers:

- Olivia Thorn (former student – faith sharing)
- Chloe Gallagher (TCC)
- Rev Alexier Mayes (Church in Wales)
- Geod Johnson (Retreat Leader – former SRG Chaplain)
- John Kieley (CAFOD)
- Fr Fretch & SRG Student Chaplaincy Team
- Matt Smith (Operation Christmas Child)
- Susan Donovan (Mary's Meals)
- Peter Alexander (St Kentigern Hospice)
- Claire Dean & Team (HMP Berwyn Chaplaincy Team)
- Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (Bradford)
- Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (Leeds)
- LIFE
- Jacqui Lewis and Core Members (L'Arche)
- Angela Davies (Sign Language)
- Bishop Peter Brignall

Coverage of the Theme in Subject Areas

RE – All aspects of the theme to be considered through the guest speakers visiting lessons and in preparatory work.

Art & Design – Discussion about and the making of unleavened bread. This will be used in the celebration of Mass.

Welsh – Translating the words of The Servant King into Welsh. Preparations for liturgy.

Maths: Using recipes for bread as a means of problem solving.

MFL: Translating the story of the Road to Emmaus into French & German. Discussing the meaning of the story. Discussing the role of bread in French & German culture.

Humanities: A focus on the effect of poverty on community life, people and sustainability.

English: All Key Stage 3 classes will study the poem "Blessing" by Imtiaz Dharker.

Music: Year 7/8 will be exploring the ways in which musical elements are used in the song 'Bread of Life' through performing and listening activities.

Science: Students will be reflecting upon the wonder of life and the science behind how bread actually nourishes us.

Digital Learning: Will reflect upon and create digitally the Focus Week logo.

Our Focus Week 2018 Prayer

We adore you, O Lord

You spoke and a universe burst into existence.

You breathed and an ocean broke against the shore.

You laughed and a wild goose flew across the horizon.

You sang and a love song was played for the world.

You gave us the bread of life and nothing was the same again.

We adore you, O Lord.



The Hara PSHE Visit Ymweliad The Hara ABC

On Monday, pop group 'The Hara' visited St Richard Gwyn to perform some of their music. Included in their performances were also important messages about online safety and how to be more aware about people's mental health when using social media. Both staff and students enjoyed the visit and the band were very complimentary of our enthusiastic pupils.

Our Year 7 trip to Pantasaph Taith Blwyddyn 7 i Bantasaph

On the 25th and the 27th September, Year 7 had the opportunity to visit Pantasaph on what would be our first school trip in St Richard Gwyn. This was not only fun learning experience, but also gave us the chance to make new friends and learn more about the other people in our year group.

Our day began with a few ice-breakers, so that we could get to know everyone and these helped us all to feel more relaxed and excited about the day ahead. We enjoyed a talk from Father Fretch about new beginnings, which gave us all something to think about.

We were then able to enjoy our lunch and visited the gift shop. They sold some beautiful gifts there, such as rosary beads.

Later that day, we went to St Winefride's Well and discovered more about its history and also had the chance to drink some holy water. There was also another gift shop here, which sold some lovely handmade products. Everyone really enjoyed this trip and we all thought that it was a great way to get to know one another.

Written by Emma Foster, 7H

Year 7 Activity day Diwrnod Gweithgareddau Blwyddyn 7

On Wednesday, year 7 received a visit from the Problem Solving Company. We all really enjoyed their visit and were even more excited when we found out that there would be a competition to see who was the best form. We took part in many different activities but my favourite was the skis. This was my favourite because we got to try and keep the ball in the gutter pipes and get into a hoop before the other forms and we did! Overall we came 2nd and 7M won.

I enjoyed both trips because I made new friends.

Written by Ellie. S, 7B



Year 11 IWMN Visit Ymweliad Blwyddyn 11 â'r Amgueddfa

On Friday 27 September, Year 11 History students visited the IWMN in Manchester as part of their non-examination assessment. This visit is an annual event which students look forward to as part of their GCSE studies as it enables them to bring history to life. Students focussed on the lives of women and the role they played in the war effort during WWI and built up knowledge on the generals, such as Sir Douglas Haig. They had the opportunity to explore the "Lest We Forget?" exhibit and the chance to talk to a war veteran. We were also fortunate enough to see the "Poppies:Wave". Myself and Miss Taylor would like to thank all of the students for their brilliant behaviour throughout the day and a big thank you also to Mrs McNally for giving up her time to support us on the visit.
Mrs C Jones

SRG Gets Creative Creadigol SRG

Over the past two weeks, SRG has been discovering the hidden talents of its amazing students. The creative writing club, which takes place every Tuesday lunchtime (12.45-1.10) in Miss Daniels' room (R2), have been sharpening their quills and showing off their skills as they join together to celebrate and improve their creative writing. Currently, the members are working towards entering 2 competitions, one local and one national, and they are looking forward to entering their work into even more: so watch this space! If you want to join in, come along to R2 at 12.45 on a Tuesday. Everyone is welcome!

INVITATION TO GRANDPARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS

As last year, Grandparents of our Year 7 students are invited to join us for our Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Richard Gwyn. This will take place on Friday 19 October at 2:00pm in the Sports Hall.

The Mass will be the culmination of our school Focus Week.

If you would like to attend, please give your name and numbers attending to reception on 01352 736900 by Wednesday 17 October. Refreshments available after Mass.

You will need to arrive by 1:30pm on Friday 19 October.
We look forward to seeing you.