



GWYN NEWS

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

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INSPECTION 2008



Week Ending 12 October 2013

OPEN EVENING 2013

Thursday this week was our annual Open Evening. The school was alive and busy with hundreds of students helping staff to showcase our wonderful school in inspirational and exciting presentations in every curriculum area. There were two presentations given in the Theatre. Head Boy, Declan Murphy and Head Girl, Jessica Palmer welcomed everyone and led the groups in prayer before the headteacher, Mr Keating, explained what it meant to be a member of our community and how everyone was welcome. Four Year 7 students, Sam Widdowson, Alisha Adams, Alex Beeby and Georgia Williams, gave enthusiastic appraisals of their first few weeks at St Richard Gwyn and then Mrs Green gave information on the application process. The feedback from all of our visitors was extremely complimentary. The feelings expressed were based on the fact that this is a very special school.



Working in partnership

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School and Flint High School work in partnership to provide Sixth Form students with an offering of more than 30 A Level and BTEC subjects to choose from. Each school has a history of outstanding results and providing students with the highest quality Sixth Form education. Students benefit from the ongoing support, guidance and challenge of their home school and the wider subject choice together with the flexibility, expertise and resources which two schools can offer.

6 OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 16 October

**At St Richard Gwyn
Catholic High School
6:00p.m.**

*An opportunity to meet subject staff
For students and parents.*



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR ? FOCUS WEEK 2013

In Focus Week we will be welcoming a number of people in Religious Education lessons who will share with us presentations on the theme 'Who is my neighbour'? It is a time to focus on the importance of the teaching of Jesus.

On Friday we shall celebrate the feast of St Richard Gwyn with a whole school Mass. It is a very special week! Our Annual Focus Week / Retreat Week began in 1995 with 'Rattling the Chains'. It is wonderful to know that over 18 years, hundreds of people from across the world have visited us to share their faith with thousands of young people.

"WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?"

*Dear Lord Jesus,
Fill us with your love and compassion,
so that we will treat all those in need as our
neighbour.
Give us the courage
to work for peace and justice
that we might build your kingdom on earth.
Amen*

OPEN MORNING
Tuesday 15 October
9.30



Please meet Mrs Green at reception to tour the school and find out all relevant information about joining us in September. All welcome

PTA HAMPER- OPEN EVENING

The winning ticket was 308. Please contact Mrs Green to collect your prize before Wednesday 16 October. Thank you.

Governors' Annual Report to Parents meeting on Monday 21 October 2013

Please note that the above meeting as advertised will not take place due to lack of sufficient numbers. Many thanks
Clerk to the Governing Body

Ffilmiau'r Ffin Competition

A huge Da iawn to 10 students in Year 9 who have worked tirelessly over three days to make a film of the Welsh song 'Adra' by Gwyneth Glyn. Their film will be entered into the Ffilmiau'r Ffin competition with other schools in Flintshire. There will be an awards evening in Theatr Clwyd on Thursday 24 October, which is when the winning video will be announced. The group will receive a GCSE equivalent accreditation as well as a portfolio of the work that they have done. Well done to Nadia Molinari 9H, Corey Jones 9H, Lauren Edwards 9H, Molly Wilson 9M, Lydia O'Neill 9M, Becky Simpson 9S, Brad Corbett 9S, Michael Stanton 9S, Lowri Williams 9F and Ryan Carr 9F. The group of students and the school as a whole was highly praised by Dafydd Beattie from the Urdd and Owain Llŷr from Gweledigaeth Media, the filming company working with the group. Both said that the students had an excellent enthusiasm for the task, as well as showing a great deal of creativity. We look forward to hearing the results in a few weeks time.

Year 11 GCSE German Speaking Examinations

These will be on 15-16 October 2013. Students have had the chance to practise their presentations at lunchtime but can still attend for a final practice session on Monday 14 October between 3:30pm and 5:00pm. Please speak to Miss Amos if you have any questions about the forthcoming examinations.

STEM Club

The club is for any student in Years 7 to 9 that has an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths. The club starts on Monday in F1, 3.45pm to 5pm. The club will run every Monday and will have many projects running throughout the year including guest speakers from industry. In addition to this, bronze and silver CREST awards can be achieved. These are accredited qualification in STEM.

For more information please see Mr Higginson in the Science department.

Year 8 Netball

Congratulations to the Year 8 Netball team for getting to the quarter finals in the Urdd Netball Tournament. The girls had a fantastic day competing against other schools from North Wales and made great use of their Welsh vocabulary when speaking to umpires and tournament organisers.

On court the girls played with fantastic team spirit and enthusiasm, there were some excellent performances from all. The player of the tournament was Lucy Jones for her consistent hard work and determination as Wing Defence. Well done girls!



Well done to the Year 7 Netball team who had a great night at John Summers taking part in their play night against the other schools in Flintshire. The girls enjoyed the competition and played very well, there were some very close score lines. Well done Year 7! Da iawn Blwyddyn 7!