



GWYN NEWS

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

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New Headteacher Appointment

Following the retirement of Paul Heitzman this Summer, the school is delighted to announce that Catherine McCormack has been appointed as the new Headteacher of St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School and will take up her post in September. Having a strong commitment to Catholic education, she has already served in Catholic schools in London, Cardiff, Liverpool and St Helens. Currently Acting Head of School in St Helens, she also has experience of Deputy Headship in two secondary schools.

Being born in Wales, Catherine is very pleased to be returning, commenting,

'I am very much looking forward to leading St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School on its continuing journey of improvement, especially at such an exciting time of change for education in Wales'.

Mr John Callan, Chair of the Governing Body at St Richard Gwyn said,

'I am delighted to welcome such a successful and experienced Head to the school. This appointment had the unanimous approval of the Governing Body and representatives from the Diocese and Local Authority. I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and valued contribution'.

Catherine will be visiting St Richard Gwyn during the Summer Term to meet with staff to prepare for the new school year in September.

A Wealth of Talent at the Spring Concert

We had a wonderful celebration of our students' creative performing arts last night in our Spring Concert 2019. An enthralled audience were highly entertained by singers, musicians, dancers and actors from every year group in the school. The talent on show was amazing! It was great to hear the comments of those who attended. 'Outstanding', 'a brilliant atmosphere', 'such talented students'. There was certainly a 'warm' feel about the whole event shown in the laughter, cheering and loud applause that came from the audience. It was another one of those 'St Richard Gwyn Nights'! A huge thank you to all who helped in any way to prepare and put on the event. Well done.



The Inspector called and was a very welcome visitor!

Manchester based theatre company, Manacto, visited St Richard Gwyn on Tuesday, to deliver an abridged version of 'An Inspector Calls' – a set text on the GCSE English Literature specification. They brought with them a fresh perspective of J B Priestley's classic, thoroughly enjoyed by both Years 9 and 10.



Year 10 Information

"Parents Evening Thursday 11th April. This is a great opportunity to speak to your child's teachers on their progress and recent mock examinations. Thank you in advance for attending the evening and for your continued support in your child's education. M. Griffiths (HOY)"

Year 11 Information

Our Year of Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Friday 24th May at 11:30am for Year 11.

Prom Passport has been launched. Students need to be focusing on their attendance, behaviour and attendance to revision sessions over the next few weeks.

A Very Generous Donation to The School

The school received a much appreciated donation of £600 from the Catenians to support retreat activities for students in Years Seven, Eight and Nine. Mr Heitzman received the cheque from Mr Mike Bunting and thanked the Catenians for their support of the School's Catholic Mission.



SRG has always had a proud tradition of giving students wonderful opportunities, and our current wellbeing provision is starting to take this to another level!

Wellbeing is an important aspect of school life, and it is important to develop throughout childhood to adulthood. Research shows that students with positive health and wellbeing are likely to achieve more in school, be engaged with the learning and develop a greater understanding of their social and emotional skills.

With a wide range of activities now being offered on a number of lunchtimes and after school, students now have chance to feel good and function well. From cooking to drama, music to sports, chess and games club there is something for everyone and the list continues to grow. For further information and to see a full list of activities, please check out the school Facebook page or twitter accounts @srgchs @WellbeingSRG. Students are also encouraged to visit their respective key stage wellbeing information board which can be found on the main corridor.

