



St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Week Ending 4 April 2014

Diary Dates

Governors' Termly Meeting
Tuesday 8 April
6 pm

Enrichment Week
Year 7
Information Evening
for the
Trip to France.
Tuesday 8 April
6pm at school

Easter Egg Appeal
The Religious Education Department are collecting Easter eggs of all sizes for a local Hospice and Hospitals. Please bring your eggs to the Department. Thank You!



EASTER HOLIDAYS

School Closes
Friday 11 April
Re-opens
Monday 28 April

Next Week-Timetable
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Welsh Phrase
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HOLY WEEK

Literally: The Big Week

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Mathematical Success

A number of our students were invited to take part in this year's University of Liverpool Maths Challenge over the February half term. The competition involves a series of questions of varying difficulty, one for our Year 7 and 8 students and another for our Year 9 and 10 students. This year the competition attracted entries from nearly 90 schools in the region with over 2200 students taking part. In the Senior Challenge '14 (Year 9 and 10)

Emily Owen from 9S won 'Best in School' and in the Challenge '14 (Year 7 and 8) Lauren McLintock from 8S won 'Best in School'. Lauren together with Geraldine Hanna from 8B have been invited to University of Liverpool for a Prize Giving Evening as their entries were among the best in this year's competition. Well done to all three girls, the Mathematics Department and the School are very proud of your achievements.



Euroscola

Last Wednesday, we began our trip by train to Strasbourg early. Twenty-four bleary eyed students from across Flintshire and Denbighshire boarded the 7:35am train from Chester to London we soon got to know each other well. We had a brief amount of time to explore London before boarding the Eurostar. While in Paris, we didn't get too much time to explore but we did get a taste of how much food and drink cost in a Parisian train station. Following this, we caught a double-decker train from Paris to Strasbourg and eventually we all arrived, very tired and ready for tea. For this, we went to a local Pizzeria and sampled some excellent food before returning to the hotel.



Thursday dawned bright and sunny with everyone feeling "très bon!" This would be the day where we would visit the European Union to partake in the Euroscola day along with 452 students from across Europe. We began by having an "EU breakfast" before entering the main hemicycle to be introduced to every single country by representatives. Kinga, along with another two girls from our group of 24 introduced the United Kingdom in French and Italian, all three did an excellent job. We were then introduced to the voting system and had the opportunity to ask questions about the EU and their approach to certain issues. Following lunch, we were all separated into our debate groups with Kinga and Simon being in the Freedom of Information and Active Citizenship group while Tom attended Food Waste. We separated into Plenary Debate groups where we had lively discussions with other young people from across Europe. We eventually presented all of our findings to the group of 452 and took place in a vote to see whether our proposals which were raised would be passed or not. At the end, we listened to the European anthem (With Kinga waving the UK flag) and scattered to have a night out in Strasbourg.

The final day was another beautiful one in Strasbourg and we all got a chance to shop for souvenirs before visiting the Cathedral as a group. We had a chance to climb the stairs of the Cathedral and the panoramic view from the top was staggering. Eventually, we caught the train from Strasbourg to Lille Europe before one more Eurostar trip to London and another chance to look around (including visiting Platform 9 ¾). When we did arrive back in Chester we were all shattered but it was well worth it as we absolutely loved the trip. We'd like to thank Vanessa as well as the two teachers from Prestatyn High and Maes Garmon who accompanied us on the trip. Nous aimons la France!

Simon Joy, Kinga Stabryla, Tom Davies Year 12

Year 10 Health Day

Year 10 had their usual timetable suspended yesterday to enable them to focus in issues relating their health, well being and life choices. We welcomed Bethan Jones from Tŷ Hafan , who led the group on healthy relationships; P.C. Sinclair, our SLO (Police School Liaison Officer) presented information about sexual grooming and internet safety; Julie Sproston our School Nurse led sessions about gender related cancer issues and Emily from CAMHs raised students awareness of body image and eating disorders.

Steve Duffy and he Choose Life team in conjunction with Sean Regan (Young Peoples Drug and Alcohol Team) led a powerful session about the divesting effects of drug taking as reformed addicts shared their life stories with our students. A big thank you to Mrs Grundey for presenting important issues relating to sex education and Mr Molyneux for delivering some valuable sessions on self esteem. Students impressed our visitors with their behaviour, the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the day.

Well done Year 10 and thanks to all who contributed in any way!



Holy Week & Easter Parish Services

The times of the Masses and services at **The Blessed Sacrament, Connah's Quay** are:

Thursday	17 April	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	18 April	3.00pm	The Lord's Passion
Saturday	19 April	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	20 April	9.00am	Mass Queensferry
Sunday	20 April	11.00am	Mass Connah's Quay

The times of the Masses and services at **The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Flint** over Easter are:

Thursday	17 April	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	18 April	10.30am	Walk of Witness
Friday	18 April	3.00pm	The Lord's Passion
Friday	18 April	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	19 April	10.00am	Confessions
Saturday	19 April	12 noon	Polish Food Blessing
Saturday	19 April	8.30pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	20 April	10.30am	Mass
Sunday	20 April	12 noon	Polish Mass

The times of the Masses and services at **St David's, Mold** over Easter are:

Thursday	17 April	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	18 April	3.00pm	The Lord's Passion
Saturday	19 April	8.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	20 April	10am	Mass

Past Pupil Visit

We were delighted this week that Dr Ben Snowden, a past pupil of St Richard Gwyn, agreed to come back in to school to speak to our Year 12 students. Ben spoke about his time at school and gave us the details of the journey that he undertook in order to become a doctor. His story was both interesting and inspirational. Ben was enthusiastic to share his experiences of sixth form and university life in order to provide guidance and information for our Year 12s. His presentation contained photographs of past pupils and staff. Mr Rowlands was very keen to discuss the 'paperclip challenge' from Ben's final year here. All of the Year 12 students present benefited from the talk in a variety of ways and would like to thank Ben for coming in and look forward to his next visit.

Shannah Cole



AN EVENING OF
MUSIC

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School
Music Department Spring Concert

Tickets available at Pupil Reception at Lunchtimes

7:00pm
10TH APRIL

Concessions/
Children: £2
Adults: £4