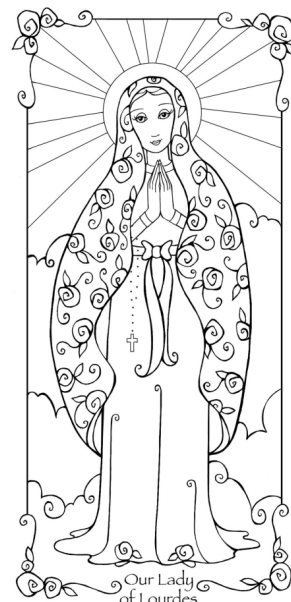




***World Day of the Sick ~ Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes 11th February***  
***Diwrnod Salwch y Byd ~ Dydd Gŵyl Ein Merch Fonheddig Lourdes Chwefror 11***

Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day.

***World Day of the Sick***, was first observed on February 11, 1993. February 11 is also the Catholic Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which a name is given to the Virgin Mary in honour of the apparitions that in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous. The Church canonized Bernadette as a Saint several years later.



***Mary, our Mother, in Christ you welcome each of us as a son or daughter. Sustain the trusting expectation of our hearts, succour us in our infirmities and sufferings, and guide us to Christ, your Son and our brother. Help us to entrust ourselves to the Father who accomplishes great things. Amen***

**Happy Retirement - Soon! ~ Ymddeoliad Hapus - yn fuan!**

Mrs Cathy Coppack, Bishop's Secretary, and Secretary to the Diocese, has announced that she will retire from her post at Easter. Cathy has served the Diocese in this role for over 21 Years, and is well known for welcoming and cheerful manner on the phone, and also as a fount of knowledge.

Cathy has always been interested in our school life, having three boys who all attended SRG. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement and thank her for her valued support.

*Mrs Rimmer*

**Shakespeare Festival ~ Gwyl Shakespeare**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2017, St Richard Gwyn students performed a Shakespeare extravaganza! There were superb singers, dazzling dancers, chanting cheerleaders; all topped off with a magnificent performance of "**The Merchant of Venice**" with performers aged 11-18! The night itself was simply incredible (or, as Shakespeare would say,...absolute!). The audience had their choosing of scrumptious cakes in the interval and could participate in a raffle full of fantastic prizes including a tomato growing kit! Truly a tremendous night; thank you to everyone for supporting us!



*Head Girl, Olivia Thorn*

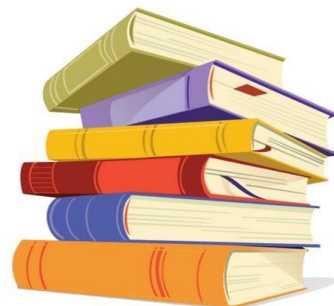
## FORMATIVE & RICH MARKING

- Assessment for Learning
- Assessment will be against the success criteria
- Feedback will be given on **What Went Well (WWW)** and advice will be given on **Even Better If (EBI)**. It is important that you respond to this.
- Time will be given for you to read and respond to the comments made by your teacher (DIRT)
- A comment will be made on the task in relation to Literacy and Numeracy



## SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

- Assessment of Learning
- Assessment measured against National Criteria
- KS3 measured against the NC Levels
  - a – Very secure in knowledge/understanding
  - b – Secure knowledge/understanding
  - c – Partially secure knowledge/understanding
- KS4 measured against GCSE/BTEC criteria
- KS5 measured against A-Level/BTEC criteria
- Assessment of closed tasks which use numerical or percentage score (e.g. simple tests/multichoice)
- Feedback will be given on **What Went Well (WWW)** and advice will be given on **Even Better If (EBI)**. It is important that you respond to this.
- Time will be given for you to read and respond to the comments made by your teacher (DIRT)
- A comment will be made on the task in relation to Literacy and Numeracy



## GENERAL MARKING

- Will recognise that you have completed a task as requested – class or homework
- A simple tick, initial, dating or sticker/stamp may be used
- Grades may be used, if appropriate
- Feedback using **WWW** and **EBI** may be used here
- Literacy and Numeracy skills will be assessed



## RAISING ATTAINMENT



### Letters Home This Week

Year 9 - *Parents' Evening* Miss Spence

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Year 9 Pantasaph

Tuesday 14 - Friday 17 February

Thursday 16 February **4pm-7pm**

Thursday 16 and Friday 17 February

**HALF TERM**

**Monday 20 - Friday 24 February**



## Confirmation at St David's, Mold ~ Bedydd Esgob yn Dewi Sant, Yr Wyddgrug

The Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled to take place at St David's, Mold on Saturday 1st July at 5.30pm. If you are a member of St David's Parish and you would like to start on a journey towards making a decision about receiving the Sacrament, please contact [clairesmith1600@gmail.com](mailto:clairesmith1600@gmail.com) as soon as soon as possible to express your interest and for more information. There is no upper age limit, but we do ask that you are Year 8 upwards.

### Year 10 Mock Timetable 14 - 17 February

Tuesday 14 February	Wednesday 15 February	Thursday 16 February	Friday 17 February
Maths Numeracy 1hr30m 9:05 – 10:35	English Language 2h 9:05 – 11:05	Option B 1hr30m 9:05 – 10:35	Mathematics 1hr30m 9:05 – 10:35
Break		Break	
Biology 1hr 11:00 – 12:00	Break for Y10 11:05 – 11:20	Welsh 1hr 11:00 – 12:00	Physics 1hr 11:00 – 12:00
	Chemistry 1hr 11:30 – 12:30		
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Option C 1hr30m 13:55 – 15:25	Academic Review	Lesson 5 13:30 – 14:30	Option A 1hr30m 13:55 – 15:25
	RE 1hr20m 14:00 – 15:20	Lesson 6 14:40 – 15:30	

### Which Way Now? Pa Ffordd Nawr?



In many parts of England and Wales, groups have been set up to assist young people over 18 to discern what God's plan is for their future. Wrexham will be setting up our own Discernment Group starting Spring 2017, (dates to be confirmed.) This will take the form of 3 residential weekends at the Poor Clares and Loreto Centre, along with spiritual guidance in between. It is hoped that the young people who take advantage of this will be better placed to discover God's purpose for their lives and help facilitate your next steps. For more information speak to Fr Luigi or email Diocesan Youth Worker on:

[chrisshumphreys@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisshumphreys@hotmail.com)

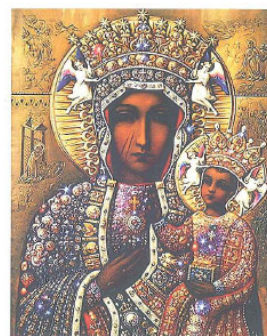
## Wrexham Diocesan Pilgrimage To Poland 2017



**25th—30th September 2017**

By Air from Manchester

From  
**£595<sub>pp</sub>**  
Half Board



The pilgrimage will include visiting:

- National Shrine of Czestochowa
- Wadowice Basilica
- Sanctuary in Calvaria
- Shrine of Divine Mercy
- Auschwitz Museum
- St John Paul II Museum

**Limited Spaces  
Available**

**ENQUIRIES:**

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## Headteacher's Message

*I write to you at the end of a particularly special fortnight in which it has been my privilege to observe over fifty members of the teaching staff working first hand in their classrooms to lead our students in their learning and in securing their progress and attainment. This has been a fascinating and crucial opportunity to follow students around, predominantly those in Year 9, whose important Option choices are soon ahead of them. It has been delightful to witness the hard work of all staff including admin, technicians, teaching assistants and students and the outstanding interpersonal relationships which colour and characterise all their transactions in their classrooms, and which are bound together in prayer, which is integrated into every lesson.*

*Particular aspects of students learning which I was looking to establish and clarify was that students are really clear about their **learning targets** and their **current progress** towards those targets, and - on top of these elements - being aware of what they need to do further to reach their targets. This has been resoundingly demonstrated in nearly all the classrooms which I visited. I found all the students very willing and able to chat about their work and the direction in which they are clearly heading. The sharing of targets has been an important feature of our work in this half term, and is absolutely definitely proving a great motivator for the vast majority of students who care about their learning progress and becoming the best that they can be.*

*It has also been pleasing to note that more and more students are beginning to respond closely and specifically to the **feedback** teachers give them in class and with homework, going back over their work and improving it - both in terms of their knowledge and understanding, and also their all important literacy and numeracy skills. You can be very reassured as parents and carers that students have every opportunity and encouragement to be clear about where they are heading, know how to retrace their steps and improve their prospects, and put themselves in the best position for academic success.*

*Across the fortnight, standards of attendance have shown signs of an upward trend, which is so very important. I thank you for your support both in matters of attendance and in general as we strive for excellence in everything we do here at St Richard Gwyn it does. We have an important visit from **Estyn** in the coming week, which finishes on Thursday, when the **Year 9 Parents Evening** will be held.*

*Please keep all in the St Richard Gwyn community in your prayers. Thank you.*



### Attendance Matters!

Attendance for this week for whole school is 94%.

Year	H	Q	M	S	F	B	Year Group
7	97% 😊		92%	94%	98% 😊	90%	94%
8		99% 😊	94%	92%	97% 😊	93%	95%
9	93%	95%			89%	99% 😊	94%
10	97% 😊	97% 😊		94%	97% 😊	94%	96% 😊
11	88%	94%	97% 😊	92%	98% 😊	91%	93%

Attendance this week shows a significant improvement on last week. Hopefully the worst of the colds, and flu are behind us and we can work towards achieving our attendance target of 96%. This matters.

**Well done to Year 10 who have the best attendance this week,  
with three Form classes being above target Da iawn!!**

**REMEMBER the winning equation: Presence + Participation = Achievement**