



GWYN NEWS

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

31 March 2017/ Mawrth 2017

Headteacher's Message ~ Neges y Pennaeth

Thank you for the welcome I have received since officially taking up my post at the start of the week.

So far, I have had an individual meeting with each of the eighty members of staff in order to get to know them and the school as quickly as possible. I have been very impressed by their loyalty, dedication to the students and determination to improve the school. During Year Group assemblies this week I have also been able to introduce myself to the students. They are polite, respectful and ready to learn. The school has moved on since last year's judgement but, as staff and students confirm, it remains a caring Catholic community that all value and enjoy. I have greatly enjoyed my first week and look forward to leading the school back to its place among our finest schools. In this, I am encouraged by the talent and potential of the staff and students I have met. My priority over the next few weeks will be to ensure the best possible exam results for our Sixth Form and Year 11 students in their exams in May.

I will be inviting parents to a meeting after the Easter break and look forward to seeing you there.

Mr P Heitzman

Smarten Up for Summer! ~ Gwisgwch yn Smart am yr Haf

Smart uniform is a **must** for every student.

It shows that we have pride in ourselves and in our school and sets a business like tone for the working day.

Here are some reminders of what is expected:

- School trousers, no jeans or leggings.
- School shoes, no trainers inside of the building
- Ties and blazers to be worn.
- No outdoor coats inside of the building.

Well done to those pupils who always look smart. You are leading the way!

If your uniform is not quite right then you should take action now so that we all begin the new term as smart as possible.



Mobile Phones ~ Ffonau Symudol

Mobile phones seem to have become an essential of our 21st Century lives. However their use must be restricted in school.

Please be reminded that mobile phones **must be switched off during the whole of the school day**. Staff will challenge pupils seen using a mobile phone on the premises and it will be confiscated. Where this is a first offence the phone will be returned to the pupil at 3.30pm but on further occasions parents will need to come to collect it.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Choosing to Study MFL ~ Dewis Astudio ITM

Miss Amos' French classes last week had a visitor in to discuss the importance of languages in a globalised work market. Tim Penn, who runs an established and successful business, spoke to them about how to 'internationalise' their career prospects after leaving school. He explained how continuing to speak a modern foreign language could help to widen their opportunities, gain more career security and even earn more money. He also explained how their language skills would help to grow the economy here in Wales. Mr Penn was very complimentary about our students, stating that their behaviour and contributions to the discussion were excellent. Also attending was Assistant Headteacher Mr Rowlands. He said 'It was fascinating to hear about the wonderful opportunities available to young people who choose to study a language. It certainly provides many possibilities in deciding upon their career path'.



**A successful week of Netball for our SRG girls
Wythnos Llwyddiant Pêl-rwyd i'r Merched SRG**

Year 7 took part in a Flintshire Schools play night hosted by SRG, with the aim to get more girls into local netball clubs and competing at a higher level. The girls played fantastically with Sian Jones 7H taking on the role of captain for the evening, leading the girls to win 3 out of their 4 matches.



Year 12, with the help of Lauren Griffiths (yr 11) also enjoyed some great fixtures this week in preparation for their PE AS Level Moderation. The girls won their matches against The Alun and Castell Alun, but unfortunately lost against Maes Garmon.

St Richard Gwyn girls netball have had a fantastic season representing their school with lots of success right across the year groups. Although netball might be over for another year, we look forward to all the summer rounders and athletic competitions that will be starting after the Easter Holidays.

**Sixth Form at St Richard Gwyn
Chweched Dosbarth yn Sant Richard Gwyn**

Our current Sixth Form students have been sharing with Year 11 students their experience of the high quality of teaching and learning that takes place at AS and A2 level. Representatives of all the subjects on offer provided information to 11H and 11Q on Thursday and will do the same with 11M and 11S on Monday and 11F and 11B on Tuesday next week. This follows on from assemblies given earlier in the week that celebrated the excellent examination results that are achieved at A level at St Richard Gwyn. Application forms for our sixth form are available on the school website or from Mrs Jones, Mr Sciambarella or Mr Rowlands.



Catenian's Public Speaking Competition

Year 12 student Corey Jones took part in The Catenian's Public Speaking Competition at St Anselm's College, Birkenhead last Friday. He performed extremely well against strong opposition from eight other schools. St Richard Gwyn was the only Welsh school to take part in the event. It was an enjoyable evening and a great experience for Corey.



More Able and Talented Bid Success



Congratulations to Miss Larkin, Miss Daniels and Mr Hughes for being successful in getting their bids accepted by the Flintshire MAT network this week. This will enable St Richard Gwyn students, as well as those from other Flintshire schools, to visit the Globe Theatre for a tour, workshop and performance and also be involved in the development of a Geographical Information System.

DIARY DATES

Governors' Standards & Performance Committee Meeting
Governors' Termly Committee Meeting

Monday 3 April 5.30pm
Tuesday 4 April 6.00pm

Attendance Matters! Attendance for this week for whole school is 94%.

Year	H	Q	M	S	F	B	Year Group
7	99% 😊	92%	92%	98% 😊	96% 😊	95%	96% 😊
8	99% 😊	99% 😊	96% 😊	91%	97% 😊	94%	96% 😊
9	90%	92%	86%	87%	86%	93%	90%
10	95%	99% 😊	87%	87%	96% 😊	98% 😊	95%
11	91%	95%	97% 😊	92%	87%	97% 😊	93%

Our overall attendance remains below our target so there is work to be done.

REMEMBER the winning equation: Presence + Participation = Achievement

Year 7 have made a big improvement this week as they are 3% ahead of where they were this time last week.

Well Done Year 7! Year 8 are consistently on target Bendigedig! Our star performers this week are 7H, 8Q and 10Q who are all on 99% attendance Very well done!!

Mrs Green