



GWYN NEWS

Ysgol Uwchradd Catholig ST RICHARD GWYN Catholic High School

22 December 2017 / Rhagfyr 2017

***Wishing you peace and happiness at Christmas.
Gan ddymuno heddwch a llawenydd i chi y Nadolig hwn.***

Dear Parents

As we draw to the end of a year of great progress and achievement, I would like to thank the staff and students for their contribution to the school. Their hard work led to record breaking exam results this Summer and a very positive Estyn report earlier this term. Our year 7 pupils have settled in very well and the Sixth Form continues to flourish. Recently, our Year 10 students organised a very successful Christmas Fayre and managed to raise a fantastic £800 for Hope House Children's Hospice. Staff and students have also been active in support of Operation Christmas Child collecting 123 shoeboxes and raising £300 towards the cost of posting the shoeboxes. Earlier this month, we welcomed many parishes and members of the SVP to our school for Mass and a meal. The evening was enjoyed by everyone and was a lovely start to Advent. Everyone here is looking to the future with great confidence.

On a personal note, I have greatly enjoyed this first year at St Richard Gwyn. I have been made to feel very welcome. Beyond that welcome, I have come to realise that the school is a special place in a number of ways. To be here is to experience a very powerful sense of Catholic Community built by a committed and close knit staff team, incredible students and supportive parents. Even more unique to St Richard Gwyn is the extent to which it is at the heart of its local community, particularly our parishes and partner primary schools. The school inspires great pride and affection in the generations educated here. As parents and grandparents, they remain closely involved in the mission and ethos of the school.

Thank you to everyone for your support and for sharing with us your delight in the progress the school is making. On behalf of all the staff and students at St Richard Gwyn, I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas.

P Heitzman

Carol Singing At Croes Atti Canu Carolau yn Croes Atti

A group of Year 9 and 12 students, together with Fr Fretch, Mrs Jones and Mr Rowlands, visited Croes Atti Residential Care Home last Friday to sing Christmas Carols and Hymns. It was a wonderful occasion for all involved with plenty of laughter and joy. It was a great privilege for the group to spend time with such lovely people, two of whom were aged 101 years old. The singing ended with another action based version of the Twelve Days of Christmas, enjoyed by all.



Christmas Reflection Myfyrdod Nadolig

Last night with parents and this morning with students and staff we explored the story of Christmas through prayer, song, drama and readings in our annual Christmas Reflection. Our extremely talented students challenged all of us to focus on the real meaning of Christmas by remembering and celebrating the fact that just over two thousand years ago, God became man in Jesus and everything changed, nothing was to be the same again. It was a joyous and inspiring celebration for all who participated.



School re-opens

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Tuesday 9 January 2018

Mass Times for Christmas

Church Of The Immaculate Conception, Flint

Sunday 24 December

Mass at 8.30am and 10.30am

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

First Mass of Christmas 5pm,
Carol Service 9.30pm, followed by
Vigil Mass of Christmas 10.00pm

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

Christmas Mass 9am
Polish Christmas Mass 10.30am

**Blessed Sacrament & Blessed Trinity,
Connah's Quay & Queensferry**

Sunday 24 December

Mass at 9.30am Queensferry
Mass at 11.00am Connah's Quay

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

Children's Mass Connah's Quay
Sunday 24 December Mass 5.30pm

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

9.30am Queensferry
11.00am Connah's Quay

St Winefride's Church, Holywell

Sunday 24 December

Mass at 9.30am

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

Children Carol Service 5.15pm, followed
by Vigil Mass for children 6pm
Carol Service 10.30pm followed by
Midnight Mass of Christmas 11pm

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

Solemn Mass 9.30am

St David's, Mold

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

Christmas Mass 5.30pm and 9pm

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

Mass 10.00am

Sacred Heart, Hawarden

Sunday 24 December

Mass at 11.00am

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

Christmas Vigil Mass 8.30pm

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

Mass 11.00am

St Anthony of Padua, Saltney

Sunday 24 December

Mass at 11.00am

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

Carols followed by
Family Christmas Vigil Mass 6.45pm

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

Mass 10.00am

Our Lady of the Rosary, Buckley

Sunday 24 December

Mass at 9.00am

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

Children Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Carols 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

Monday 25 December Mass 9.00am

No evening Mass

Tuesday 26 December –St Stephen's

Day

Mass 10.am



FEDERATED ICT TECHNICIAN

(Based at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, Flint)

3.4 Technician 3 – ICT 2 £21,269 - £24,175

37 Hours a week. Full time post holidays will not be permitted during term time.

We are looking to recruit a Federated IT Technician as ICT technical support for primary and special schools across the Authority. Technical support is provided both remotely and through onsite visits. The post, one of six within the Authority, offers an opportunity to gain experience in an education environment and to enhance your current skills and knowledge.

You will be educated to HNC / Level 4 in an appropriate discipline with relevant experience or able to demonstrate substantial relevant experience including provision of technical support. Experience of working in a technical environment is required involving use of, and ideally provision of support for, servers, storage, user devices plus system and application software as well as electronic communications.

The Federated ICT Technician will work on a range of tasks both individually and in partnership with the Authority's ICT Traded Service and external service providers. It is essential that the Federated ICT Technician builds a trusted and valued relationship with school staff and service providers.

Candidates must have a full driving licence and access to a vehicle. Travelling expenses will be paid in accordance with Local Authority policy.

The post holder will be subject to Enhanced DBS clearance.

The closing date for receipt of application is **12:00pm Monday 8 January 2018.**

An application pack can be downloaded from www.eteach.com

Please send a covering letter and completed application form to:

kathryn.jones@strichardgwyn.flintshire.sch.uk

Christmas Hampers

Hamperi Nadolig

Over the last few weeks the SVP group have been organising the collection of donations for our Christmas hamper appeal. Every year we collect donations of food to make up hampers to go to the needy in our local parishes. The SVP group have been going to forms to encourage our students to bring in donations, giving advice on what to bring in, wrapping boxes in Christmas paper, collecting donations and making up the hampers. The local SVP President had hoped that our school could get as many as 20 hampers. When we finished we found we had made up 32 very full hampers. These have now been sent around the parishes. The SVP group would like to thank the whole school community for their care and generous support. Thank you and merry Christmas.

Mr O'Regan



Science Trip

Ymweliad Gwyddoniaeth

On Thursday 14 December, 15 girls from years 8 and 9 participated in a SMART material day at Glyndwr University. Throughout the day the girls completed a range of workshops based around SMART materials (materials that have properties that can react to external stimuli). The girls were given the opportunity to discover and use the different types of materials used for taking fingerprints at a crime scene. They looked at how a fun SMART material marketed as 'grow your own snow' works and also had the opportunity to find out more about career options after education.



Exam information

Gwybodaeth Arholiadau

Year 10 Mock Exams

Advance warning: Year 10 will have a Mock Exam Week, starting Monday 29th January. More details will be given in the new year.

Year 11 Mock Exams Results

Year 11 will have their mock exam results on Friday 12 January. Re-sit mocks will take place after school during the week beginning Monday 15 January. Students will be informed if they are re-sitting an exam.