



# GWYN NEWS

## St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

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INSPECTION 2008



Week Ending 28 September 2013

### Diary Dates

**Year 11 Savio  
House Retreat**  
2-4 October

**Governors' Personnel  
Meeting**  
Tuesday 8 October  
6pm

**Open Evening**  
Thursday 10 October  
6.30pm

**St Richard Gwyn Mass**  
Friday 18 October  
2pm

**The Church of the  
Immaculate Conception**  
Sunday 29 September

**Confirmation Candidates**  
are in our prayers as they  
receive The Sacrament of  
Confirmation on Sunday.

### Welsh Phrase

**Rwyf yn gwneud Gwaith  
Cartref pob dydd.**

*I do homework every day.*

**Next Week-Timetable**  
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### Year 7 Emmaus Days

All our Year 7 students enjoyed their Emmaus Day last week. The Students met Fr Paul who welcomed them to Pantasaph and led a prayer of blessing. The students spent the first part of the day investigating the theme of 'Building Community' by participating in games, video and discussion activities. The weather was ideal for the pupils to enjoy the grounds of Pantasaph during their lunch break and after an exciting 'tower building' session they boarded the coaches for Holywell. The pupils spent an hour at the Well learning the story of St Winefride and taking part in a healing liturgy before returning to school.



### Year 11 Charity Campaign

Over the last two weeks, Year 11 have been really busy fund raising for a charity that means a lot to us as a year group. A Year 11 student's mother is raising money to buy a, Vein Finder, for Glan Clwyd Cancer Unit. We are delighted to have been able to support this and the students have excelled themselves in the organisation of many events.



There have been several cake sales, a sponsored Boys v. Girls netball match (pay to view!), guess the number of sweets in a jar, beat the goalie, a sponsored onesie walk and two days of inter-form dodge ball competitions. The highlight for some was when Mr Carter entered into the spirit of things and charged students and staff to throw cream pies at him.

Next week it is business as usual, back to hard work and study as the money rolls in. We will publish the total amount raised as soon as we can. A huge thank you and congratulations for all your hard work and support! Diolch am gefnogi!



### With our Deepest Sympathy

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs Helen Sadler. Helen was foremostly parent of three current/past pupils of our school. Along with Mr Sadler she was a faithful, strong parent who avidly supported her children's education.

In addition Helen was a member of the school's Governing Body and at all times demonstrated a lively informed interest in the school. This commitment surely grew out of her own time spent as a pupil of the school. At school Helen will be remembered as a gentle but sparkling character, a member of the Flynn family who were always staunch supporters of our school. Please keep in your prayers Mr Sadler, the children, Mrs Flynn and all the family. May the soul of Helen Sadler rest in peace.



## Year 7 Mass of Welcome

On Thursday this week we celebrated our Year 7 Mass of Welcome. It was wonderful to see a packed Theatre with students, teachers and parents joining in with a most joyful celebration. Fr Shaji, our school chaplain, presided at the Mass. Year 7 were at the heart of the celebration providing readers, singers and musicians to lead us in our worship

## Sport News

### Year 9 Netball

Thursday night a squad of Year 9 girls went to the Flintshire Playnight at Connah's Quay. They played six matches, won five and narrowly lost one. They played brilliantly and did themselves proud.

### Welsh Cup Football

#### Year 11

After reaching the quarter finals two years ago, our Year 11 got off to a winning start at home against Castell Alun in the Welsh Cup. A brilliant team performance saw the boys win 6-2 with goals from William Leonard (2), Callum Bates (2), Iwan Williams and Aymen Omer. We now face Mold Alun in round two.

#### Year 9

Despite a spirited comeback in the second half, our Year 9 team were beaten 3-1 by Mold Alun. After a disappointing first half the boys were much more positive after the break and a goal from Brian Dobson levelled the game. Two late goals from Mold saw them go on to win 3-1. We now compete in the Flintshire School's play night on Tuesday next week.

## Information Evening

Parents of students in all Year groups are invited to a very valuable information and advice evening given by outside agencies on,

### Internet Safety

### Drug & Alcohol Awareness

**Monday 7 October 2013**

**6.30pm**

## Parents information

### How to help your child succeed.

Do you want to know more about how to help your child succeed?

We extend a warm invitation to parents to our Information Evenings. These evenings will provide advice on how you can support our child in their learning and are designed to meet the needs of specific Year groups.

### Yr 10 Parent Information Evening:

**Mon 30 Sept 6.30-7.30**

## Governors' Annual Report to Parents 2011-12 & 2012-13

The Governors' Annual Report to Parents will be available from school on the school website as of Monday 30 September 2013. The meeting of the Annual Report to Parents is on Monday 21 October 2013 at 6pm.

This meeting will only take place if 30 parents or more give written notice they wish to attend. If you would like a copy of the report and wish to attend the meeting please contact the Clerk to Governors, Mrs Tracy Frost at the school.



## Working in partnership

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School and Flint High School work in partnership to provide Sixth Form students with an offering of more than 30 A Level and BTEC subjects to choose from. Each school has a history of outstanding results and providing students with the highest quality Sixth Form education. Students benefit from the ongoing support, guidance and challenge of their home school and the wider subject choice together with the flexibility, expertise and resources which two schools can offer.

## 6 OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday 16 October**

**At St Richard Gwyn  
Catholic High School  
6:00p.m.**

*An opportunity to meet subject staff  
For students and parents.*



## OPEN EVENING

Thursday 10 October 2013 6.30 Headteacher's talks at 6.30 and 7.15

## OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 15 October 2013 Tours at 9.30 and 11.15

Please contact Director of Admissions, Mrs Julie Green, to book a place.



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