



St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

PROSPECTUS 2017/18

A forward thinking faith school,
welcoming children from
all backgrounds





Welcome Croeso

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School is a happy, welcoming community. We are proud of our rich history and enduring values. I hope that this prospectus will give you a flavour of how our Christian, caring ethos prepares all students for a life lived to the full.

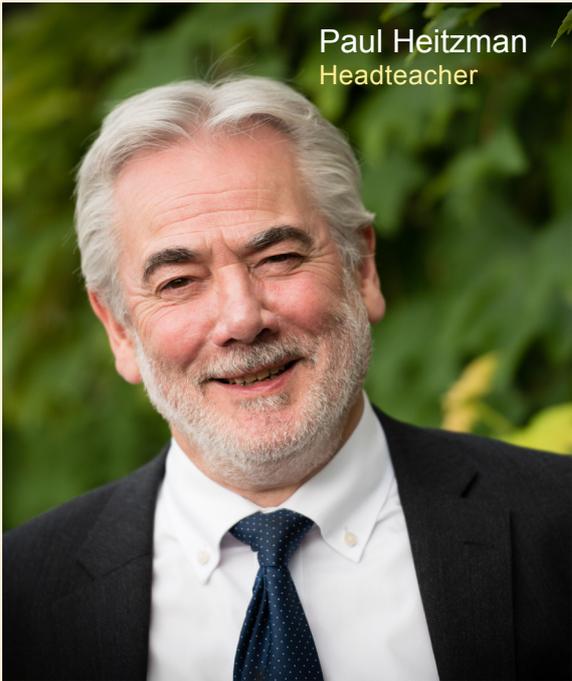
We are proud of the achievements of all our students, regardless of their ability. Our school curriculum, up to and including our successful sixth form, is carefully planned to meet the learning needs of all. Students are expected to work hard, to behave well and to achieve.

Pastoral care is an area where the distinctive, Christian nature of St Richard Gwyn shows itself. Students are encouraged to care for each other and our mission to serve others is at the centre of school life. Students respond very well to the high quality of care, positive relationships and the powerful sense of community.

St Richard Gwyn is at the centre of a wide and very supportive community. Last year our students came from more than twenty different primary schools. Our students are recognised and valued throughout the County.

Everyone at St Richard Gwyn has worked hard to enable us all to face the future with great confidence.

I encourage you to visit during open evening or at any time to experience the school for yourself.



Paul Heitzman
Headteacher





Our Aim Ein Nod

We are an ambitious and forward thinking school, looking to provide an education promoting personal growth, high academic standards and the pursuit of excellence.

The school enables our students to have a smooth, positive transition to secondary school. We work closely with primary schools to get to know your child and to understand their social needs as well as their academic ability. This personal and proactive approach ensures teaching provision is tailored to the individual. From the start, our focus on wellbeing enables staff to forge strong relationships with our new students.





Our Curriculum Ein Cwricwlwm

Our stimulating curriculum meets the learning needs of every student to maximise their academic potential and develop in them a love of learning to inspire them throughout their lives.

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum offering a wide range of educational experience, structured to enable each student to achieve their full potential. We look to provide an education which reflects the fast pace of change in the world, looking to the future with skills rooted in traditional values.

We champion every student's right to equal access in all aspects of school life. We encourage all students to value themselves and others so they can achieve and thrive. We work closely with families to provide the in-class support the individual learner needs.





Our pastoral care Ein gofal bugeiliol

Respect for all, inclusivity, honesty and care are the key elements in making us a safe and nurturing environment that is driven by Gospel values.

The behaviour of our students is exemplary and bullying is unacceptable in our community, with any issues dealt with swiftly. The very high standard of uniform reflects the pride that all our students have in their school.

The care and support provided for all students includes a Director of Learning for each year group, a Learning Coach for each form class and other key staff including the School Chaplain.

We have an ethos which supports our school family with strong beliefs that challenge our young people to be the very best that they can be in all aspects of their lives. Our aim is that they are able to take these attitudes out into the world beyond school and use them as a guide for life.





Our community

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We are an exciting, inclusive, faith school, welcoming children from all backgrounds. Our community is open to all who seek to further their education within this context. We build and strengthen our community through the positive relationships we have with each other.

Our mission is to provide a rigorous and broad education in a Christian environment. Our dedication to the Catholic faith, embracing the Gospel message, underpins the whole work of this happy school. We aim to develop the self-esteem, dignity and respect of all members of our community.

St Richard Gwyn fully respects the beliefs of parents and children of all denominations and faith backgrounds.





Our sporting activities

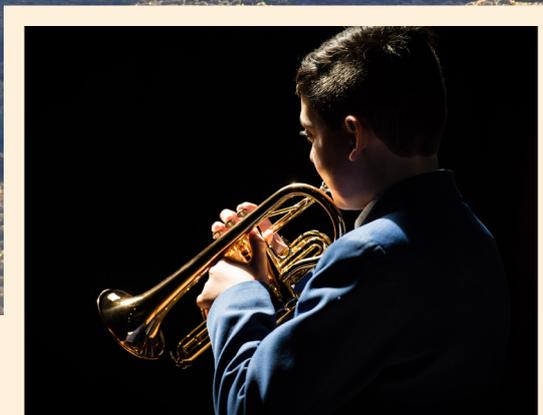
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Physical Education facilities and teaching enable a wide range of activities to be offered, including athletics, gymnastics, badminton, tennis, hockey, netball, rugby, football, basketball, cricket, rounders, softball and fitness training. Boys and girls are encouraged to participate fully in all activities and, in particular, to develop their skills in extra-curricular matches and practices. High standards and expectations inspire students to achieve excellent levels of performance.

By giving students increasing responsibility, through teaching of leadership and officiating standards, we develop valuable life skills. We promote the Healthy Schools' agenda in which young people are motivated to choose activities which will promote their well-being. Frequent tours in Europe help develop a sense of adventure and prove an enjoyable way of learning about the universal language of sport.





Our enriching experiences

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We offer many extra curricular activities at lunchtime and after school. These include numerous sporting activities, a variety of music groups, drama productions, theatre visits, departmental clubs, street dance, prayer groups, St Vincent de Paul Society group, retreats, Together Creating Communities group and many more. In recent years, students have had the opportunities to visit Iceland, Spain, The Battlefields of World War One, Madrid, New York, Malawi and Geneva.

We also have an annual House Competition. Our three houses are Beuno, Dewi and Gwen. Throughout the year our House Competition includes events such as the Eisteddfodd, Sports Day, St Richard Gwyn's Got Talent and Readathon. Through participation in these events and others, students gain merit points for their House. All students are given opportunities to widen knowledge of their culture, on a local or national level. All departments across the school regularly complete tasks to help promote students' understanding of what it means to be Welsh.

We also celebrate the gifts and talents of our students in our annual Achievement Evening.



Our sixth form

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The Sixth Form plays a key role in the life of St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School as an 11-19 provider of education.

Since 2013 St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School and Flint High School have worked in partnership to provide Sixth Form students with a choice of more than 30 A Level and BTEC subjects. St Richard Gwyn has a history of excellent results and providing students with the highest quality Sixth Form education, now shared with our neighbouring school. In this collaboration, students benefit from the ongoing support and guidance of their home school, together with the flexibility expertise and resources which two schools can offer.

As valued ambassadors for the school, sixth formers gain leadership experience as prefects and peer mentors. They are naturally at the forefront of many of the school's community, sporting, religious and cultural activities. We are justly proud of our Sixth Form students' achievements as they prepare for life at university and in the world of work.





Our future success

Ein llwyddiannau'r dyfodol

We are implementing many new initiatives to secure the future success of our school. We continue to celebrate the achievement of our students in many ways. We provide opportunities for our students to become mature, confident, independent learners, well prepared for life outside of school. We are planning imaginatively for the present and developing positive strategies for a successful future which will enable our students to be the best they can be.





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