

Cymraeg - Welsh

Croeso i'r Adran Gymraeg / Welcome to the Welsh Department.

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In the Welsh department at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, our focus is on supporting the pupils to speak and converse in Welsh. In order to fully appreciate a language, it is vital that pupils are able to have conversations in Welsh in a variety of different circumstances. This emphasis helps pupils to improve their confidence when speaking, not just in Welsh, but in any language. Welsh is a subject which isn't just important within the Welsh classroom and in the school environment. The department gives pupils plenty of opportunities to go on a variety of educational visits and experiences. Year 9 pupils have a event focused upon Cymraeg yn y Dyfodol (Welsh in the Future). The Welsh department also plays a big role in Enrichment Week, with year 7 and 8 pupils visiting the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. Many pupils take up the excellent opportunity to go on these visits, enabling them to use their Welsh outside of the classroom environment and visit the many places where Welsh is embraced and used.

KS3

Throughout their learning journey, pupils not only learn the language, but learn about Welsh culture as well. One of the highlights of the school calendar is the school Eisteddfod for year 7 and 8 pupils. The Eisteddfod is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the wealth of talent within the school in a Welsh context. The house that gains the most points wins. In the run up to this event, pupils learn about Welsh culture and what it is to them and all departments in the school join in with Welsh themed activities and competitions.

Blwyddyn 7 – Year 7

- Croeso i'r Ysgol – *Welcome to the school*
- Croeso i'r Iaith – *Welcome to the language*
- Diwylliant Cymru – *Welsh Culture*
- Gwyliau – *Holidays*
- Teulu – *Family*
- Fi Fy Hun - *Myself*

Blwyddyn 8 – Year 8

- Disgrifio eraill – *Describing others*
- Anifeiliaid Anwes – *Pets*
- Diwylliant Cymru – *Welsh Culture*
- Ardal – *Area*
- Ffasiwn a Siopa – *Fashion and Shopping*



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Blwyddyn 9 – Year 9

- Hamddena – *Leisure time*
- Enwogion Cymru – Famous Welsh People
- Asesiad Grŵp Llafar – Group Speaking Assessment
- Technoleg – *Technology*
- Byd Gwaith – *World of Work*

KS4

The GCSE results of the Welsh department have been very good, with 63% of pupils achieving a C+ grade in 2019. The number of pupils achieving the highest A/A* grades is at its highest ever with 25% of pupils attaining these grades in 2019.

The GCSE Welsh Second Language specification enables learners to understand and use the language for a variety of purposes and audiences. It develops learner's language learning skills and strategies in order to enable them to communicate and interact confidently and spontaneously in relevant situations and specified context. Pupils complete one of the GCSE speaking examinations in year 10 and then complete a second speaking examination in the April of year 11. They then sit two Welsh written exams in the year 11 summer term. The topics studied are outlined in the WJEC course syllabus.

Blwyddyn 10 - Year 10

- Sports
- Healthy Living
- Problems of the Youth
- Our Area
- GCSE Unit 1 Speaking Examination Preparation
- Past Tense Holidays

Blwyddyn 11 – Year 11

- Our Environment
- World of Work
- Third Person Revision
- GCSE Unit 2 Speaking Examination Preparation
- GCSE Unit 3 & 4 Written Examination Preparation

