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Dear Families,

From September 2023, students in Year 7 and 8 at St Richard Gwyn will start the new Curriculum for Wales. Details from Welsh Government can be found at <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-parents> and a video explaining the curriculum changes at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCMLnc8IMxE>. At the core of Curriculum for Wales are the four purposes which support learners to become:

- ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

At St Richard Gwyn we have, over the last three years, carefully created our new curriculum to enable your child to realise the four purposes. We have planned for the four purposes to align with our mission as a Catholic school and our vision below encapsulates this.



We are excited to launch our new curriculum in September. At its core, is tailoring the learning to the needs of the children at St Richard Gwyn. We work closely and systematically with primary schools to gather a wealth of information to ensure a smooth and seamless transition, not just in terms of a student's well-being and pastoral needs, but also to gather vital information about the primary curriculum and a student's academic performance. This means a continuum from primary school in which our curriculum provision builds on prior learning and experiences.



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We have planned a curriculum which:

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- supports the Catholic mission of the school;
- meets the needs of the students in SRG;
- is challenging and ambitious for all;
- carefully sequenced in order to build on previous knowledge and skills;
- allows opportunities for learning to be applied in new scenarios;
- provides knowledge and skills for pupils to achieve excellent outcomes.

Students in Year 7 and 8 will study the following subjects, all of which are part of an Area of Learning and Experience set out in Curriculum For Wales Guidance:

| Language, Literacy and Communication | Maths and Numeracy | Science and Technology | Humanities | Expressive Arts | Health and Well-Being |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------|
| English | Maths | Science | RE | Art | PE |
| French | Numeracy | Design | History | Music | Food and Nutrition |
| Cymraeg | | Digital Technology | Geography | Drama | Personal Social Education |
| | | | Personal Social Education including RSE | | |

Outlines of what your child will be studying in each subject will be captured in the unit overview sheets which will be published on our website in September. These will be updated at the beginning of each unit.

One key change in the new Curriculum for Wales is the reporting of National Curriculum levels. These will no longer be gathered or reported to parents. Instead, schools will use a range of methods to assess a student's progress. At St Richard Gwyn, we have carefully designed learning objectives for each subject and your child's progress will be measured against these. Parents will receive information about their child's progress as well as clear direction as to what students can do to close any gaps in knowledge or skills. Students reaching the objectives will be given direction on what they can do to further deepen their learning.

If your child is in Year 7 or 8 in September 2023, they will study the reformed GCSE when they reach Year 10. Details about the new GCSEs can be found here <https://qualificationswales.org/news-views/learners-in-wales-to-study-new-made-for-wales-gcses-from-2025/>. However, further details will be shared with students and parents separately as further details emerge.

You may have questions about the new Curriculum for Wales. The link here <https://forms.gle/UpxcUaNoMdSBfwJn7> will take you to a google form where you can ask any of these questions. If you provide contact details in your form, we will contact you as quickly as possible to answer your queries.

I wish you and your family an enjoyable and restful summer.

Mr Matthew Davies (Assistant Headteacher)



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