

Christ the Word Catholic School, Rhyl.

During 2017, Denbighshire County Council and the Diocese of Wrexham went through the formal consultation process regarding plans for a new 3-16 Catholic school in Rhyl, this involved the neighbouring schools Ysgol Mair (primary) and Blessed Edward Jones High school becoming one. The initial driver for change was the need to improve the teaching and learning facilities at both schools.

The new school will open on 1st September 2019 in a brand new building on the current site of both schools and the existing schools will close. This is the first faith school in Wales funded through the 21st Century Schools programme.

On the 29th June 2018 the Bishop of Wrexham announced that the new school would be called; Christ the Word Catholic school - Ysgol Gatholig Crist y Gair.



The primary section of the new school will be for 420 full time pupils with an admission number of 60. The secondary element of the school will be for a minimum 500 pupils, therefore a four form entry, with an overall admission number of at least 100. This will create a minimum of an additional 40 places in addition to the 60 already admitted to the school in the primary sector.



What will be in the new building?

The new building will include;

- a chapel
- four court sports hall
- main hall and a smaller hall

- drama studio
- all weather pitch
- specialist classrooms such as music, design technology, science etc.



The shadow governing body was appointed in 2017 and has started preparing for the new school, this included the appointment of a new headteacher. The new headteacher has been appointed and will take up the post on September 1st, however it is hoped that the headteacher will take up post earlier. When Ysgol Mair and Blessed Edward Jones schools close, pupils from those schools will automatically be transferred to Christ the Word Catholic School in Rhyl unless other arrangements have been made.

Key Milestones

- June 2018 - Construction on the new build to begin
- September 2018 - Admission round opens for the September 2019 applicants
- January 2019 - Headteacher appointed
- September 2019- New school opens
- April 2020- Whole site complete