

## newyddion ColegauCymru #180 CollegesWales Enews 20 Ebrill / April 2015

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### College Quality

#### **FAW stamp of approval for Cardiff and Vale College Football Academy**

Cardiff and Vale College's Football Academy has been given a significant stamp of approval by the association responsible for governing football in Wales, the FAW, with the college named a FAW Focus College.

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### Colleges' Investments

#### **Creating Opportunities in Hard Times: ColegauCymru Conference**

ColegauCymru invites you to its annual conference on 21 May at Venue Cymru, Llandudno to consider creative opportunities in hard times.

The programme features a very strong line-up of speakers, with fresh perspectives and strategic developments presented by:

- Fanshawe Community College, Canada
- Two major industry developments - Tidal Lagoon Power and Horizon Nuclear Power
- FSB Wales
- The Welsh Government's Deputy Minister for Technology and Skills.

There will be also be an opportunity to explore creative solutions and discuss good practice in the conference's eight

workshops, each led by senior representatives from key stakeholders and colleges in Wales and beyond, with a number of case study sessions presented by organisations that have won prestigious awards.

[Click here for the programme in full, together with details of the eight workshops and the booking form](#)

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### **College puts learners at forefront of cost-cutting measures**

Coleg y Cymoedd has committed to putting its learners at the forefront of a new strategy in the face of severe budget cuts to the sector.

The college has agreed to release 41 full-time equivalent members of staff on a voluntary redundancy basis as part of a bid to combat the huge budget cuts facing the further education sector in Wales and save the college around £1.3million annually. [More>>>](#)

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### **Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology learns about innovative approach at CAVC**

Julie James, Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology has visited Cardiff and Vale College to see how CAVC is forging a new direction in generating income.

The last 18 months has seen CAVC establish an entirely new Commercial Services team. It works across four key activity areas to grow the College's business: Employer Partnerships; Research, Planning and Bids; International and Retail.

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## **Student Progression**

### **Technical Theatre students head to RADA**

Two Technical Theatre students from Gower College Swansea are celebrating after being accepted by the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

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### **Scholarship from Gray's Inn to the Bar**

Former Gower College Swansea Access student Simon Hussellbee has fought off stiff competition to secure a scholarship from the prestigious Gray's Inn of London, which will enable him to complete his Bar Professional Training Course.

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### **Grwp Llandrillo Menai Students Win University Scholarships**

Six young people studying for their A Levels at Coleg Merion-Dwyfor's Dolgellau, Glynllifon and Pwllheli campuses have gained over £10,000 in university scholarships for September 2015.

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## Congratulations! Staff and Student Success

### Tutor's Digital Award for Schools' Robotics Project

A Grŵp Llandrillo Menai computing lecturer has scooped a digital award for organising a 'Robot Wars' event, which consisted of sixth form pupils from local secondary schools battling it out to be named champions.

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### Manufacturing award for college engineering student

Gower College Swansea Engineering student Amadou Khan picked up an award at the prestigious EEF Future Manufacturing Awards at Cardiff City Stadium recently.

Amadou took Bronze in the Pathway to Apprenticeship (PTA) Student of the Year category.

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### Amnesty shortlist for student photo

A Coleg Sir Gâr student has reached the final three of the 'Upper Secondary and Further Education Photography' category of Amnesty International's popular Youth Awards.

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## Focus on Skills Competitions Wales

### Hairdressing success

21 year-old Coleg y Cymoedd student from Pontypridd, Christopher Miller, has won the Skills Competition Wales final in hairdressing - advanced level, as part of a Welsh Government-backed initiative to boost skills levels across Wales.

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### Gold award for service

An 18 year-old Coleg Sir Gâr student has won the Skills Competition Wales final in Restaurant Service as part of a Welsh Government-backed initiative to boost skills levels across the country.

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### Construction Skills

Construction students from all over North Wales have been battling it out at the regional heats of the Skills Competition Wales Construction competition, which was held at Coleg Menai's Llangefni campus.

76 students from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's and Coleg Cambria's campuses took part in the heats which involved Brickwork, Plastering, Plumbing, Site Carpentry and Bench Joinery, Painting and Decorating, and Electrical competitions.

The twelve highest scorers from the North Wales heat, and the forthcoming South Wales heat, will go on to compete in the Skills Competition Wales Regional Final at Coleg Cambria at the end of next month.

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## Learning Opportunities

### Careers Wales and Coleg Menai Gearing Up for Training Skills and Work on Anglesey

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Menai and Careers Wales this week launched CodiSTEM, an ambitious careers, information and training event to be held at the college's Energy Centre, Llangefni campus on 29/04/15.

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### College celebrates 60 years of campus history

Staff and students at Coleg Sir Gâr celebrated the 60th anniversary of the college's Ammanford campus where current principal Barry Liles reflected on its history and the time he studied there as an apprentice.

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