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Colleges Continually Improving Quality

Welsh Contingent Support WorldSkills UK Future Developments

Senior management and board members of Find a Future and the Association of Colleges (AoC) visited Coleg Sir Gâr for the WorldSkills UK Competition Review. The review, chaired by Barry Liles, Chief Executive and Principal of Coleg Sir Gar and Skills Champion for Wales, saw a contingent of passionate Skills Champions from around Wales gather to share learnings and support the future developments of World Skills UK Competitions.

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Inspiring work-based learning assessors

Almost 200 work-based learning assessors from across mid, south and west Wales shared best practice recently at the biggest conference of its kind to be held by the B-wbl Consortium - ready for Consortium's rebrand and new contract, which is scheduled to start 1 April 2015.

Among the key learnings on the day were: integrating the Welsh language, digital technology, ESDGC, literacy and numeracy.

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Learning plans for Cardiff International Sports Stadium

As part of an agreement between Cardiff Council and Cardiff and Vale College, the College will take control of Cardiff International Sports Stadium from the summer.

Land will also be leased to college partner, the House of Sport.

The partners propose to invest in new facilities and classrooms at the stadium, protecting it as a community hub and international athletics venue while expanding and improving the College's sport offer.

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Environmental Management: college recertified at highest level

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai has once again been declared as one of the greenest educational establishments in Wales after being re-certified the Green Dragon Level 5 - the highest level possible - for its environmental standards and green agenda.

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Coleg Gwent receives Quality Mark Award for Careers Guidance

Coleg Gwent's City of Newport Campus has been awarded the Career Wales Mark to acknowledge the continuous quality improvement in the provision of careers and the world of work programmes which provide students with valuable activities including work experience, skills events and organised visits from local business people.

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Energy Centre Officially Opened

GCS Training, the business training arm of Gower College Swansea, has officially opened a brand new Energy Centre at its new Hill House site in the company of Deputy Minister for Skills, Julie James.

The college aims to establish a Centre of Excellence for renewable energy at Hill House.

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Wales Rugby League and Coleg y Cymoedd launch new Rugby League Academy

Coleg y Cymoedd's list of sports academies grows with the launch of a brand new Rugby League Academy based at the Ystrad Mynach campus. Would-be Rugby League stars of the future are being given a chance to stake their claim to a place on the programme that combines training with a full time education.

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Lecturer's Amazonian eco-learning

Motor vehicle lecturer Hayley Southgate from the NPTC Group's Newtown Campus has been on an Amazonian adventure this Easter thanks to the educational opportunities provided by Plan-it Eco for workers in education. She plans to use her experience to inspire students on her return to consider our/their environmental impacts.

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Learner Progression

Careers Academy students at CAVC go from strength to strength

Two students at Cardiff and Vale College's Careers Academy are making their mark in a big way. Tereza Kavalova has won the Sir Winfried Bischoff Award for Career Academy Student of the Year alongside five university offers, whilst 18-year-old Megan Harrington from Cardiff – has been given the opportunity of work experience in the London headquarters of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, the world's largest law firm.

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Congratulations! Learner Success

Student elected as Welsh officer for NUS Wales

Siôn Davies from Coleg Sir Gâr is the first student from the further education sector to be elected as Welsh officer for the National Union of Students Wales. Studying A-levels including Welsh, Siôn is also the first ever second-language Welsh speaker to be appointed the post.

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Coleg Gwent student awarded Access to HE Learner Prize at Palace of Westminster

Coleg Gwent nursing student, Jamie Maidment, who had no previous academic achievements, has been awarded this year's Keith Fletcher Memorial Access to HE Learner Prize at the Palace of Westminster.

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Teamwork awarded in Global Enterprise Challenge

Enterprising Business students from Coleg Gwent Crosskeys Campus have been awarded the Ian Bennet award for their team work, having developed an app as part of the Global Enterprise Challenge (GEC).

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Coleg Gwent success in Money for Life Challenge

Three teams of students from Coleg Gwent have made the Wales National Final of the Money for Life Challenge, which is being held at the Doctor Who Experience in Cardiff on 28th April.

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Coleg Ceredigion trio shortlisted for film festival

Three Coleg Ceredigion media production students have had their work shortlisted for one of Wales' most prestigious film festivals for young talent, the Zoom International Youth Film Festival.

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Student film through to the Urdd National Eisteddfod

Coleg Ceredigion media production student Osian Pearson is set to represent Ceredigion at the National Urdd Eisteddfod in May, having won the Art, Design and Technology category for Ceredigion.

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Learners earn a feast of medals at Culinary Championships

Eight Coleg y Cymoedd Hospitality and Catering learners and came away with 16 medals at this year's Welsh International Culinary Championships & Cake Cymru competition at Grwp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Llandrillo.

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Focus on Skills Competitions Wales

Wales Final in Games Development/3D Modelling

Students from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai have swept the board at the Wales final of the Skills Competition Wales – Games Development/3D Modelling competition, with a Coleg Menai student gaining gold and Coleg Llandrillo students winning silver and bronze.

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Wales Final in Mechanical Engineering (CAD)

Gower College Swansea hosted the SkillsCompetition Wales final in Mechanical Engineering (CAD) recently, with sponsorship from TWI, Quartzelec, Express Metals and Mechatronics, and support from Autodesk and college lecturers.

The winners were: Alex Dighton from Coleg y Cymoedd (Gold), Joseph Dickerson from Gower College Swansea (Silver) and Rhys Samuel from NPTC Group (Bronze).

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Gold in Health and Social Care

A 17 year old from Coleg Sir Gâr has won the health and social care final of the Welsh Government-backed initiative - Skills Competition Wales, which is aimed at boosting skills levels across the country.

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Patisserie Joint Gold

Coleg Sir Gâr student Oscar Ware and Coleg Ceredigion student Kieran Edwards have won joint gold in the Skills Competition Wales final in Patisserie.

They will both have an opportunity to compete at the WorldSkills UK Confectionery and Patisserie Competition with the aim of representing Team Wales at this year's Skills Show in Birmingham in November.

[More on Oscar Ware>>>](#)

[More on Kieran Edwards>>>](#)

Wales finals in CNC engineering

Two NPTC Group mechanical engineering students/apprentices have finished first and second at a Skills Competition Wales final in CNC engineering.

Darryl Scorey, an apprentice with Formagrind in Llandarcy, came first in the turning competition with his dumbbell picking up top marks. Fellow student, Geraint Griffiths, an apprentice with Wallcolmonoy in Pontardawe, came second in the milling section.

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Work Opportunities

Coleg Ceredigion student produces Welsh music video

A Coleg Ceredigion student has recently completed production on a promotional music video for one of the most original names in Welsh folk music. Hedd Morus, who studies media production on the Aberystwyth campus, filmed the short promo on location and subsequently edited the film as part of his studies. Gwilym Morus, who sings and plays on the track, appears in many of the scenes in the video through specialist post-production editing effects.

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Lights, camera, action: Students produce their own TV Show

Coleg Gwent Creative Media Production students from Crosskeys Campus have been gaining real life experience of producing a live TV show.

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College Rocks: Music students go on tour

Coleg Gwent Music students from Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone have been gaining real life experience of what it's like to be a rock band on tour.

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College make-over by learners

NPTC Group learners in Painting and Decorating have given a college training room a top-class make-over.

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Learning Opportunities

Coleg Gwent students celebrate the Commonwealth

Independent Living Skills (ILS) students from Coleg Gwent's Crosskeys Campus recently joined 1,000 young people from across the UK for Commonwealth Day at Westminster Abbey. The students were invited for their work on Commonwealth Youth Projects throughout the year

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Learners have High Hopes for Real Valleys

Celebrating the special one-off episode of BBC Wales' classic comedy High Hopes – to be broadcast as part of the Real Valleys season – the BBC's Creative Services Team hosted two master classes at Coleg y Cymoedd where they set learners the challenge of creating promotional trails using real life criteria.

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CITB Building Success

NPTC Group of Colleges has been challenging the skills of its Level 1 students in a brickwork and carpentry competition.

Hosted by Cyfle and in partnership with Swansea Bay Construction Group, the college invited local construction firms AS Wellington, Morganstone, John Weaver Construction and Jistcourt to judge the competition and to make presentations on the world of work.

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Designer offers insight into marketing products in the digital age

Coleg Ceredigion's Furniture Design, Making and Restoration students have been introduced to the work of Jam Furniture and an insight into the industry and the world of digital marketing thanks to a session with Jam Furniture's Ben Cramp.

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Dates for the Diary

Painting exhibition

7 Painters/7 Peintwyr is the title of an exhibition which includes work from two former Coleg Sir Gâr students, Beth Marsden and David Kilvington.

It is on show at the college's Henry Thomas Gallery at the college's Jobs Well Road campus, Carmarthen until April 17.

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