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### Resources

#### **CaMDA: A Big Step Forward for Skills and Training in South Gwynedd**

The future looks bright for skills training in south Gwynedd following the official opening last week of CaMDA - Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's brand new £4.5 million pound Construction and Engineering Centre at Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor's Dolgellau campus.

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#### **Investment for Railway Training Centre of Excellence**

Coleg y Cymoedd is set to establish a Railway Training Centre of Excellence for apprenticeships in South East Wales after a £3.1 million investment to its rail facility.

The investment by Welsh Government to the rail facility at Coleg y Cymoedd will include new classrooms and workshop training facilities to meet the needs of railway engineering training, with a particular focus on electrification.

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#### **2020 Vision: Coleg Sir Gar Invests in Future Learners**

Coleg Sir Gâr has launched a £1.5 million learning hub, a specially designed contemporary learning zone designed to meet the learning and support needs of the 2020 student with the very latest learning resources and digital technology.

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## Quality Colleges

### International Award

Coleg y Cymoedd has won an award for its international work with students. The award was presented at the International Awards Ceremony at the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff.

The annual awards reward excellent teaching with an international dimension in Welsh schools and colleges. The awards are organised by British Council Wales and sponsored by the Welsh Government as part of the British Council International Education Programme.

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### Marketing award for college library

Coleg Sir Gâr's library services team was highly commended at the Marketing Excellence Awards for its innovative use of technology and for pro-actively promoting its new service to library users.

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## Progression

### Progression success for Armed Forces Prep students

Three students about to graduate from Gower College Swansea's Armed Forces Preparation course are joining the Royal Navy.

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## Congratulations! Learner & Staff Success

### Animal lecturer's Crufts success

An animal studies lecturer at Coleg Sir Gâr and practising veterinary nurse, Nicola Hopkins, won third place at this year's Crufts as part of the Welsh team in the inter-regional obedience competition.

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### Rugby Academy scoops WRU Elite Colleges League Trophy

Gower College Swansea's Rugby Academy has scooped the WRU Elite Colleges League Trophy, having won all but three games this year.

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### **Mexican Menu Wins Young Chef Cup**

17 year old hospitality and catering student from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Menai's, Stephanie Emily Frances Liebenburg, has won the prestigious Rotary Club Young Chef District Final which was recently held at Coleg Cambria, Wrexham.

Her win takes her to the RIBI Regional Final, at Hopwood Hall College, Manchester.

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### **Enterprise students scoop Ian Bennett Award**

A team of students from Gower College Swansea scooped the Ian Bennett Award at the Global Enterprise Challenge Grand Final in Cardiff last week.

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### **Eleven teams selected as National Finalists of UK-wide money management competition**

Teams reach National Final of the Money for Life Challenge, a money management competition run by Lloyds Banking Group, with CollegesWales and Youth Cymru.

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## **Focus on Skills Competition Wales**

### **Skills Competition Wales: Milling and Turning**

Students at Grwp Llandrillo Menai notched up a number of successes in two engineering competitions: milling and turning.

Connor Jakubiec, a student at the newly Launched CaMDA Centre, Dolgellau was placed first in the Milling Competition, with Mason Hughes of Coleg Menai placed third.

Rheinallt Hedd from Coleg Menai came second in the Turning competition, with Luke Burton from Coleg Llandrillo placed third.

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### **Skills Competition Wales: Carpentry**

Winning first place at the Skills Competition Wales South Wales Regional round in carpentry was Coleg Sir Gâr carpentry student Thornton Boswell.

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## **Skills Competition Wales: Patisserie**

Gower College Swansea Catering student Charlotte Walker has taken Silver at the Skills Competition Wales Patisserie final.

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## **Colleges in their Communities**

### **Skills support for local aid organisation**

Textile students from NPTC Group of Colleges are giving up their lunchtimes to up-cycle items to sell on behalf of Port Talbot and Afan Women's Aid (PTAWA).

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### **Building European farming connections**

Coleg Sir Gâr's Gelli Aur campus recently welcomed a visit from MFR Les Dronières agricultural college in France with the hope of cementing student placements.

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## **Celebrating Apprenticeships Week**

### **Apprenticeship Week: introducing school pupils to apprenticeships**

Coleg Ceredigion held a one-day workshop for school pupils to try their hand at Construction skills

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### **Quality Skills Alliance Annual Awards celebrate apprenticeship achievement**

Thirteen of the finest apprentices working in Wales have had their hard work and dedication celebrated at a special awards ceremony in the spectacular surroundings of the National Museum, Cardiff.

It was the first-ever Annual Awards ceremony held by the Quality Skills Alliance – a consortium of work-based learning providers made up of 24 partners and subcontractors.

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### **College Merthyr Tydfil Celebrates Achievements of Apprentices**

The College Merthyr Tydfil's culmination of its numerous activities for Apprenticeships Week was an awards ceremony to celebrate the achievement of the college's work based learners and the companies that invest in apprentices.

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## Learning Opportunities

### Politics students meet prospective Parliamentary candidate

Students from Coleg Gwent' Crosskeys Campus Politics Society have put forward their views and questions to Ruth Jones, Labour parliamentary candidate for Monmouth, at her recent visit to the college.

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### Student Helps to Celebrate 750 Years of Parliament

Thanks to his work with the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP), International Baccalaureate student at Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Llandrillo, Ted Simonds, was invited to join 40 members from both Houses of Parliament, representing the whole of the UK, at a special event to commemorate the 750th anniversary of parliament recently.

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### Cardiff and Vale College students have an app for that

Students at Cardiff and Vale College have been given training and advice on how to set up and market their own smartphone apps.

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