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Strategic Developments

Pioneering Study Gives Insight into Sport and Physical Activity Levels Among Young People

In a first of its kind piece of research, Sport Wales has given college students in Wales a voice to shine a light on the sport and physical activity habits of teenagers and young adults

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Congratulations! Learner Success

Wales at the Skills Show's WorldSkills UK Finals

Wales achieved phenomenal success at this year's WorldSkills UK Finals, held at the Skills Show in Birmingham last week.

Wales went to the Skills Show with its largest team to date and half came back with awards.

39 were recognised with medals and awards on the UK stage, including five gold medals coming back to Wales' colleges.

In addition, Inclusive Skills competitions were held for the first at the Skills Show for learners with learning disabilities. Wales gained a further five awards from the Inclusive Skills competitions, bringing the total number of awards to 44.

Twenty from Wales have made it through to the WorldSkills UK squad, with hopes of being selected to compete for the UK team in WorldSkills Abu Dhabi in 2017.

More information on the winners is still coming in. For a flavour of Wales' success, take a look at Gower College Swansea's news, where two students brought home medals. [More>>>](#)

Coleg Ceredigion students achieve award for excellence

GCSE and Pre-GCSE students at Coleg Ceredigion have been awarded the Reaching Wider North & Mid Wales Partnership Award for Excellence in recognition for their Critical Thinking and Team-working skills.

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National Chef of Wales finals

Former Coleg Ceredigion Catering student, Nathan Davies, head chef at Aberystwyth's Belle Vue Royal Hotel, will be joining other elite chefs to compete in the final round of the National Chef of Wales contest in the new year.

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Textiles student wins National Museum competition

Inspired by the work of her great grand-mother during WW1, a textiles student at Coleg Sir Gâr's Carmarthen School of Art has won the National Wool Museum student competition, based on the theme of make do and mend.

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Welsh adult learners celebrate their success

The Welsh for Adult Learners 2014/2015 Awards Ceremony was held at Coleg Gwent recently and hosted by Welsh TV presenter and celebrity Nia Parry.

The ceremony took place at the Pontypool Campus of the college where the Gwent Welsh for Adult Learners Centre is based.

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Silver EEF award for engineering learner

Orry Franklin, an Engineering and Construction Craft student at Mitec, Pembrokeshire College, won the silver EEF award for the Enhanced Engineering Learner of the Year 2015.

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Learner Progression

Entrepreneur and focus of Channel 4 show returns to college

Carwyn Lloyd Jones, of Timber Design Wales based in Bow Street near Aberystwyth, a former Coleg Ceredigion student who featured recently on the hit Channel 4 show, George Clarke's Amazing Spaces, returned to college last

week to present his designs to furniture making students.

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Ex-Student Union President Starts Own Marketing Company

One of Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's ex-Student Union Presidents, who set up her own digital marketing company in the summer, has seen it go from strength to strength in a matter of months.

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Colleges in their Communities

Local employers visit Cardiff and Vale College to recruit the next generation of talent

17 employers from the hair, beauty, spa and complementary therapies industry in South Wales have paid students at Cardiff and Vale College a visit in a bid to recruit the next generation of talent.

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Dementia friendly salon at college

Level 3 hairdressing students from NPTC Group of Colleges' Brecon Campus have become Dementia Friends. Following training by the Brecon Dementia Friendly Community, the NPTC Group's Brecon salon is now a dementia friendly salon and will become part of the Brecon dementia friendly community.

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Learning Opportunities

Learner ambassadors hope to get a foot in the door in business

Business learners from Coleg y Cymoedd are hoping to use their experience volunteering at SkillsCymru, Wales' largest career and skills events, to help build a future career in business.

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Students get set for Trading Places Enterprise Competition

For the fourth year running, students from The College Merthyr Tydfil will have the opportunity to participate in the Trading Places 'apprentice-style' enterprise challenge.

Co-ordinated through the South-East Wales Regional Enterprise Hub, the competition will see the students compete in a series of business and enterprise activities and tasks, prior to running their own pop-up shops in the Morgan Arcade, Cardiff.

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Students help document community history with National Botanic Garden

Coleg Sir Gâr students have been working with the National Botanic Garden and the LLanarthne community to capture memories of a bygone era as part of the Garden's £6.7m Heritage Lottery-funded Regency Restoration project.

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Student Collaborate on Police DVD

A DVD aimed at educating young people of the consequences of playing with fire has been launched. "Chwarae'n Wirion" (Playing Stupid) is a DVD based on a sketch which has been written and performed by students at Coleg Meirion Dwyfor in Pwllheli.

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Schools Shakespeare Festival

NPTC Group of Colleges' acting students have joined over 35,000 young people from across the UK to perform abstract productions of William Shakespeare's famous plays as part of the 2015 Schools Shakespeare Festival.

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Travel and Tourism students experience World Travel Market

15 Travel and Tourism students from the College Merthyr Tydfil recently visited the World Travel Market to experience an array of food, drink and traditions from each country in the world.

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