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### Strategic Developments

#### **Vacancy: Chief Executive**

ColegauCymru is looking to appoint a new Chief Executive. The successful applicant will be responsible for leading ColegauCymru to ensure the sector's views are heard, the benefits of FE are promoted and its interests effectively represented. The post-holder will work closely with sector leaders and key stakeholders, especially the Welsh Government.

Closing date: midday Monday, 15 June 2015.

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#### **A Step Forward in Mainstream the Welsh Language in Colleges**

Mainstream the Welsh language in further education colleges is one of ColegauCymru's strategic goals and to this end, two resources were launched at the Eisteddfod with the First Minister Carwyn Jones AM on Tuesday, with the hope of more to come.

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#### **Launch of Busnes@LlandrilloMenai**

A major step forward in services to business in the region was launched last week by Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, at a bustling business breakfast at Coleg Llandrillo's Orme View Restaurant in Rhos-on-Sea.

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### Quality Colleges

## Top performing colleges and learners awarded

At a glittering ceremony at Venue Cymru, Llandudno on 21 May, outstanding college learners and teachers were recognised, and six colleges were awarded for driving improvements that benefit learners.

The winners:

- Building International Partnerships: [Coleg Gwent](#)
- Promoting Equality and Social Inclusion: [Pembrokeshire College](#)
- Outstanding Sport Development: [The College Merthyr Tydfil](#)
- Promoting Welsh and Bilingual Learning: Coleg Sir Gâr
- Teaching and Learning: Coleg Cambria
- Use of Technology: Coleg Sir Gâr
- Innovation in Further Education: Bridgend College and Coleg Cambria
- Learner of the Year: Caroline Read, [Cardiff and Vale College](#)
- Teacher of the Year: Mary Richards, [Coleg Sir Gâr](#)

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## Pembrokeshire College lecturer shortlisted for national teaching award

Jo Bradshaw, a welding lecturer from Pembrokeshire College has been selected to represent the region at this year's New Directions Education Inspirational Teaching Awards.

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## Student Progression

### Viva España

Two NPTC students will be putting their Spanish skills to good use this summer after receiving unconditional offers by two leading universities.

Amy Harvey is off to Barcelona to study Performing Arts and Lauren Williams will study Romance Languages (French and Italian) at Aberystwyth University (with a £1000 bursary!) after an intensive Spanish course in Spain over the summer.

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## Film student gets premiere work experience

A student from Coleg Gwent recently worked on a short film for the British Film Institute's (BFI) Film Academy. Media student, Tara Williams was selected to attend the BFI to work with a team of candidates from across the UK, to produce a short film.

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## Congratulations! Learner Success

### Helping to create Team Wales at Skills Competition Wales

Students at Coleg Sir Gâr have outshined themselves winning 20 medals which include 11 gold medals, in a range of subject areas as part of Skills Competition Wales.

This year, 636 students from Wales have taken part in Skills Competition Wales which are a development platform for students to progress to UK regional competitions where 95 students from Coleg Sir Gâr are entered this year.

Coleg Sir Gâr is also mentoring four students from a total of ten from Wales, who are training for a place in the UK squad to compete at WorldSkills in Brazil, representing hairdressing, construction metalwork, plastering and dry wall systems and site carpentry.

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### **Young people from Newport win UK-wide money management competition**

A team of 17 - 23 year olds from Acorn Learning Solutions, supported by ColegauCymru, claimed victory at Grand Final of the Money for Life Challenge, a money management competition run by Lloyds Banking Group

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### **Coleg Ceredigion students shine at Urdd Eisteddfod**

In the first year of establishing a college Urdd aelwyd, Coleg Ceredigion students secured first prizes in a number of competitions at the recent Urdd National Eisteddfod in Caerphilly.

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### **Construction Students Excel in Welsh Heat**

Trainees from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, which comprises Coleg Llandrillo, Coleg Menai and Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor, scooped a range of medals in the Welsh round of CITB's prestigious SkillBuild competition.

The Wales heat is one of 13 taking place across the UK, with the top 10 competitors from across the country going through to the national finals at the Skills Show at Birmingham's NEC in November 2015.

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### **Business Idea is a Winner**

Two students from NPTC Group of Colleges have made it through to the Barclays 'Built for Business' final at Barclays HQ in London next month.

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### **Cardiff and Vale College team are Vale Boccia champions**

A team of Vocational Access students from Cardiff and Vale College have won the Vale of Glamorgan Adult Boccia Championships.

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## **Women in Property**

Higher education learner at Coleg y Cymoedd, Tina Hinder, joined six other students studying on built environment degree courses on the shortlist of the regional heat of the ninth Association of Women in Property (WiP) National Student Awards.

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## **Learning Opportunities**

### **Sir Gâr students represent UK in Belgium**

Public services students from Coleg Sir Gâr have represented Wales and the UK at the Your Europe, Your Say event in Belgium.

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## **Celebrity chef James Sommerin visits Cardiff and Vale College**

Michelin starred chef James Sommerin came to Cardiff and Vale College this week to check that the work of hospitality students meet the needs of their potential employers.

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## **Students hit the catwalk**

Coleg Gwent students brought a touch of Hollywood glamour to the Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone recently with a two-night sell-out end of year catwalk show.

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## **Colleges in their Communities**

### **Environmentally Friendly Students**

Students from NPTC Group of Colleges Sport and Public Service took part in the fourth annual Big Beach Clean-up with M & S employees also joining in along with The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea.

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## **Hairdressing Students Volunteer at Hospital**

Coleg Gwent hair and beauty students have been volunteering their skills at St Woolos Hospital, with a make-shift-hair salon.

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### **Students create 'soleful' homes for birds**

Coleg Gwent students have recently found an innovative way to recycle old and unwanted work boots, by turning them in to bird boxes, which they plan to sell and raise money for charity.

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## **Dates for the Diary**

### **Art & Design Shows**

Open to the public: From 27th May and throughout June, Coleg Sir Gar's Carmarthen School of Art is a hosting range of end of year shows and exhibitions from further education to degree level.

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Coleg Sir Gâr's degree fashion show will this year be held at Newton House, Llandeilo on June 19.

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