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Strategic Developments

Colleges Seek Creative Solutions in Hard Times

Times are hard and colleges are looking for creative solutions in order to continue to help companies and individuals to move forward with new skills and ideas when there's less money to go around. That is the key focus of the ColegauCymru / CollegesWales annual conference, which opens on 21 May in Llandudno.

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FE Sport Survey

The first ever Further Education Sport Survey is underway.

This is an important milestone in ensuring that the ambitions of colleges in Wales and our project partners in Sport Wales are fulfilled. Our aim is to create a step change in the engagement of students in physical activity and sport in the coming period.

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Coleg Gwent now offers Veterinary Nursing Foundation Degree

The School of Landbased studies at Coleg Gwent will be teaching a Veterinary Nursing Foundation Degree (FDSc) from September 2015, following the seal of approval by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

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Coleg Gwent joins forces with Cardiff City

Coleg Gwent has formed a new partnership with Cardiff City FC Community Foundation to launch a pioneering Football Performance Centre (FPC) which will open in September 2015. Coleg Gwent and Cardiff City Community Foundation, along with educational partner TVS Education, will work together to provide football fanatic students with a well-rounded education to go to university.

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Young programmers develop Welsh language apps

Students from Coleg Meirion-Dywfor's Computer Coding Club are about to embark on an exciting project to create three brand new Welsh language Android apps for smartphones and mobile devices.

The project has been funded by a Welsh-language Technology and Digital Media Grant of over £15,000 from the Welsh Government.

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Quality Colleges

Business tutor for Coleg y Cymoedd shortlisted for national award

A tutor in business at Coleg y Cymoedd has been shortlisted for a national award celebrating inspiration within the education sector. Kim Purnell, who works at the Nantgarw campus of Coleg y Cymoedd has been selected as one of three finalists at the New Directions Education Inspirational Teaching Awards.

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CAVC Director up for prestigious business award

Paul Kift, Cardiff and Vale College's Director of Business Development, has made the shortlist for a prestigious Institute of Directors Award.

He is in the running for the coveted title of IoD's Director of the Year in the Director of a Social Enterprise or Charity category.

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Learner Progression

Magnificent Seven head to Oxbridge

Seven Gower College Swansea students have been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge Universities this year.

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Move Over Stella McCartney

Pembrokeshire College student Beth Lewis from Hakin, has secured her place to study Fashion and Design, Women's-wear at the world renowned Central Saint Martins, London. The application process was not for the faint hearted, 5,000 worldwide Stella McCartney and John Galliano wannabes applied (both notable former students),

100 shortlisted and 40 invited to the school for an interview.

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Llandrillo Student to Join Academic Giants

A Grŵp Llandrillo Menai student Ted Simonds, who is studying on the International Baccalaureate programme at Coleg Llandrillo's Rhos-on-Sea campus, has been offered an unconditional place at one of the UK's most prestigious new educational establishments, the New College of the Humanities (NCH). The institution will be covering most of Ted's £18,000 fees.

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Congratulations! Student Success

SkillPLUMB competition: best in Wales named

21 year-old Coleg Sir Gâr apprentice Daniel Doughty has been named best in Wales at the first SkillPLUMB heat of 2015.

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Salon Cymru Barbering First Prize

Pembrokeshire College hairdressing student, Jake Morgan has proved he has what it takes to stand out in the industry after taking home first prize in the 'Barbering' competition at the prestigious Salon Cymru 2015 competition.

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UK fashion competition draws out talent for diversity in design

Two students at Coleg Sir Gâr have been shortlisted for a UK competition which celebrates diversity in fashion.

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Aromatherapy, Reflexology and Nails Competitions

Coleg y Cymoedd hosted the Skills Competition Wales challenges for Aromatherapy, Reflexology and Advanced Nails at its Nantgarw campus, welcoming learners from Coleg Cambia, Pembrokeshire College, Coleg Gwent and Coleg Sir Gar.

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Creative Writing Skills Reward

Five Grŵp Llandrillo Menai A-level students from the college's Rhyl Sixth Centre are celebrating after succeeding in a national poetry competition, and will now have their poems included in a book.

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Focus on Sport

Girls' squad gets a taste of international rugby

The women's rugby academy at Coleg Sir Gâr recently took part in a training session with the Chinese international women's sevens rugby team as part of their UK visit.

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Winner of UK 'Ability Counts' championship

Congratulations to the Gower College Swansea Independent Living Skills football team who have won the 'Ability Counts' UK championships at St George's Park, Burton on Trent, following on from their regional win.

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Sports and Public Services Awards Evening 2015

Top flight rugby professionals Justin Tipuric and Dafydd Howells from the Ospreys joined in the celebrations at NPTC Group of Colleges' annual Sports and Public Services Awards recently.

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David Dein scores a hit with learners at Coleg y Cymoedd

Business and sport learners at Coleg y Cymoedd's Nantgarw campus were given an insight into the successful career of football entrepreneur and businessman David Dein.

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Learning Opportunities

Cardiff and Vale College's Aero Challenge

Pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr have proven that they are the aircraft engineers of the future, winning Cardiff and Vale College's Aero Challenge against seven local schools.

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Software entrepreneur inspires IT students

Software developer Adam Curtis, who created and now manages the Clockwork Bear agency in addition to founding Hoowla, an online conveyancing software for solicitors, recently returned to his former college, Gower

College Swansea, to inspire IT learners.

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Hair contest at the movies

Inspired by the movies, hairdressing students at Coleg Gwent's City of Newport Campus brought their latest looks to the catwalk in their annual charity show alongside local employers and industry award winners.

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