

## newyddion ColegauCymru #178 CollegesWales Enews 24 Mawrth / March 2015

**Croeso i rhifyn#178 o e-newyddion ColegauCymru - sydd yn eich cyrraedd ddiwrnod yn hwyr yr wythnos hon diolch i drafferthion technegol!**

Mae enewyddion ar gael yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg fel ei gilydd. [Cymrwch gip ar y rhifyn Cymraeg yma.](#)

Rydyn ni wrthi ar hyn o bryd yn diweddarau'r bas-data o danysgrifwyr. [Cysylltwch](#) da chi os hoffech dderbyn y rhifynnau Cymraeg. Cewch ddewis p'un ai i danysgrifio i'r Gymraeg a'r Saesneg neu i un iaith yn unig.

**Welcome to edition#178 of the CollegesWales e-news - which reaches you a day late this week thanks to technical difficulties!**

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### Strategic Developments

#### **ColegauCymru annual conference 2015: Creative Solutions in Hard Times**

On: Thursday 21 May 2015

At: Venue Cymru, Llandudno

This year's conference will focus on finding creative solutions in a difficult financial climate. We'll hear from the world of business as well as discussing good practice from colleges in Wales and beyond, with sessions led by organisations that have won prestigious awards.

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#### **College Hosts European Sector Skills Conference**

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai hosted the launch of the new European Advanced Diploma in Tourism and Catering (EQF Level 5) last week, as part of a four-day 'Eurhodip' meeting, where 36 delegates from across Europe deliberated the vocational education and training system for tourism and catering across Europe.

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#### **Government funding secured for learner journey**

Cardiff and Vale College has become the first further education institution to receive an Invest to Save loan from the Welsh Government.

The College will receive £775,000 to enable it to take forward its Learner Journey project.

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## Student Progression

### Nuclear Award to Hatti

Former Pembrokeshire College student Hatti Sonley has been awarded Nuclear Supply Chain Apprentice of the Year at the recent National Skills Academy for Nuclear awards ceremony.

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### Cricket star student heads to Australia

Rising cricket star - and Gower College Swansea student - Aneurin Donald is heading to Australia after being selected for the England Development Programme (EDP) tour.

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### Oxbridge offers for Valleys learners

Three learners from Coleg y Cymoedd have received Oxbridge offers. Physics, biomedical science and law are their university goals.

The learners were congratulated by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology, Julie James, on a visit to the college's Nantgarw Campus.

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### Work placement in Tanzania, then home to confirmed job

This August, childcare learner at Coleg Sir Gar, Sioned Thompson, will be on a four-week placement in a hospital in Tanzania through the volunteering initiative, Gap Medics, before starting work as an auxiliary nurse in Carmarthen after she finishes college.

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## Congratulations! Student Success

### School links learners provide a stylish finish in competitions

The final for the AHT (The Association of Hairdressers and Therapists) was held in Blackpool and two of Coleg y Cymoedd's school links learners scooped places in the top four in the UK.

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## **Winner: Wales final autobody repair competition**

NVQ student Jack Linstead from Coleg Gwent has won the Skills Competition Wales final in Autobody Repair intermediate level and will go on to compete in Worldskills UK.

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## **Skills Competition Wales: nail enhancement**

Carly Stirling, from Coleg Sir Gar has won the Skills Competition Wales final in nail enhancement - advanced level.

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## **Electrical Installation Winner**

Coleg Gwent student Daniel Griffin will compete in the WorldSkills UK Electrical Installation Competition held later this year following his recent win in the Wales-wide round.

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## **Skills Competition Wales: Popular Music**

Gower College Swansea won gold and bronze at the recent SkillsCompetition Wales Popular Music regional heat.

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## **Working with Business**

### **Debenhams' apprenticeship partnership with Grwp Llandrillo Menai**

The partnership between Grwp Llandrillo Menai and Debenhams has been celebrated with a ceremony to mark apprentices' successful apprenticeships completion.

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## **Celebrating Apprenticeship Week with Local Employers**

Gower College Swansea joined up with the Lifelong Learning & Employment Training Service (LLETS) and 96.4FM The Wave to celebrate Apprentice Week 2015 with a host of local employers.

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## **Employability support from employers**

Tata Steel, Swansea University and the Armed Forces joined forces at Gower College Swansea to offer mock interviews to engineering students.

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## Learning Opportunities

### Students get creative for Coleg Gwent catwalk

Hairdressing, Theatrical & Media Make up students treated an audience at Coleg Gwent's Crosskeys Campus to an array of spectacular creations with hair, make up and body paints, which were inspired by a Dark and Ethereal theme at a recent catwalk event.

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### Question time for MP during Coleg Ceredigion visit

Mark Williams MP recently visited Vocational Access students at Coleg Ceredigion to give a brief insight into his work and to answer questions posed by students.

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### Workshop with leading music industry figures

Music Technology students from Gower College Swansea have been rubbing shoulders at a special workshop with industry professionals including Dan Thomas of Simply Red fame and BBC radio presenter and writer Adam Walton.

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### Welsh Week

Over over 60 activities took place at Coleg Sir Gar to celebrate Welsh Week, including a talk by a local employer and businessman to highlight the benefits of using another language in the world of work, plus choirs, folk dancing, student performances and competitions.

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