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Partnerships

NPTC Group Educating in India

Staff from NPTC Group of Colleges have been sharing their skills and knowledge with university staff in India. They delivered a knowledge exchange project Centurion University in Orissa, as part of a UK India Education Research Initiative funded by the British Council.

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Welsh women's football given major boost with launch of new elite academy

The Football Association of Wales has teamed up with the Ystrad Mynach campus of Coleg y Cymoedd to launch an elite female football academy. International boss Jayne Ludlow is confident that a new partnership with the college will pay dividends for the future of the women's football.

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Trials are sown, grown and grazed on college farm

The working farm at NPTC Group's Newtown Campus has been instrumental in a recent grazing trial for the leading agricultural seed company: Limagrain. Level 2 learners in Agriculture have contributed to this interesting long-term

project over their last year on the farm.

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Quality Staff

Counsellor's book launch

Carmarthenshire therapist and Coleg Sir Gâr lecturer, Lorraine Sherman, has published a book called "Skills in Counselling and Psychotherapy with Children and Young People".

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Progression

Retraining leads to new career in mid 50s

Never having given up on the goals he had when he first left school back in 1972, 54 year old Clive Green has successfully switched career and is now an electrician, thanks to a course that sparked it all off at NPTC Group.

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Impressing the Royal Society

A former Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor and Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn student, Jessica Roberts, has become just one of a select few Chemistry scholars in the UK to be awarded a Royal Society of Chemistry Teacher Training Scholarship worth £25,000.

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Skills Competitions

Welsh Culinary Championships

Catering students from Coleg Gwent's Crosskeys Campus recently scooped up 13 medals, four silver and nine bronze at the Welsh Culinary Championships held at Llandrillo College, North Wales.

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Skills Competition Wales: Hairdressing regional heat

Gower College Swansea recently hosted a regional final of the Skills Competition Wales in Advanced Cut and Colour (hairdressing).

The top three competitors at the south Wales regional heat of the Skills Competition Wales in hairdressing were: Kayleigh Lewis from Coleg Sir Gâr, Laura Atkins from ISA Training and Christopher Miller from Coleg y Cymoedd.

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Eleven competitors go on to compete at the Wales final on 11 March, including three from Coleg Sir Gâr.

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Skills Competition Wales – Web Design and Microsoft IT Technician

Cardiff and Vale College hosted two IT finals of Skills Competition Wales – Web Design and Microsoft IT Technician on Tuesday, March 3rd.

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Skills Competition Wales - Professional Cookery

Catering students from across North Wales were put through their paces last week in the Skills Competition Wales Professional Cookery Regional Heats that were held at Grwp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Menai. Coleg Cambria took the gold, with Daniel James Price from Coleg Menai coming second.

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Skills Competitions Wales: hairdressing

The Skills Competition Wales hairdressing final takes place at Cardiff and Vale College on March 11.

Student Leaders

Students Organise Travel and Tourism Careers Conference

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Travel and Tourism students have hosted a careers conference for over 100 students from across North Wales. It included seminars and workshops from representatives from an array of world-renowned travel and tourism organisations.

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Students "Spread the Word"

Students from The College Merthyr Tydfil volunteered at the recent 'Spread the Word' Arts and Literature festival, which celebrated and coincided with World Book Day. It provided an opportunity for over 200 primary and secondary school children to engage with famous authors, songwriters, literature enthusiasts and children's entertainers.

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Science workshops proves to be winning formula

A Level biology students from Coleg Gwent's Crosskeys Campus have been getting school children excited about science through a series of interactive workshops.

The students have trained as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Ambassadors and use their

enthusiasm and commitment to encourage young people to enjoy STEM subjects.

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Sports News

Good luck: Special Olympics World Games in LA

When the summer term comes to an end in July, Gower College Swansea student Matthew Allen will be packing his bags and heading to Los Angeles.

Matthew, an Independent Living Skills student at the Tycoch campus and already a gold medallist, is set to take part in the Special Olympics World Games, where he has been selected to represent Team GB in swimming.

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Good luck: Welsh Colleges in Italy's Roma Caput Mundi Football Tournament

The Welsh Colleges Football U18 team is in Italy this week, competing in the Roma Caput Mundi Tournament.

The Welsh Colleges U18's team will play three pool matches over the week against Malta, Italy and Albania in an attempt to reach the final.

Among them is Coleg y Cymoedd player Joseph Evans.

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Congratulations: UK Kudo champion

In his first attempt at entering the UK Junior Kudo Championships, Cardiff and Vale College student A-Jay Harrhy managed the impressive feat of coming second.

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Learning Opportunities

Government and politics students welcome MP into class

Government and politics students at Coleg Sir Gâr welcomed a Member of Parliament into their classroom recently as part of their A-level studies.

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Actor's TV masterclass

Performing arts and theatre studies students at Coleg Sir Gâr have been working with a television actor and producer who has performed in the likes of Casualty, The Bill and Waterloo Road.

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Masterclass by international concert pianist

Iwan Llewelyn Jones, an international concert pianist with a PhD in Performance, has been giving music students at NPTC Group of Colleges top tips in special masterclasses at its Neath Campus.

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World renowned forensic dentist visits Gorseinon campus

Forensic dentist Professor David Whittaker OBE, who has worked on diverse cases including the 2004 tsunami and the Fred West murder investigation, has given a talk to A Level / BTEC STEM and medical tutorial students at Gower College Swansea.

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Inter college competition

Coleg y Cymoedd has held an inter college competition, going head to head with learners from Coleg Gwent in a range of subjects including Hair, Beauty, Plumbing and Electrical.

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Opportunities for careers in film and media

Creative Media students from Gower College Swansea have spent a day with industry professionals, finding out what it's really like to work in the world of film and visual effects.

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