

## newyddion ColegauCymru #169 CollegesWales Enews 12 Ionawr / January 2015

### Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

### Happy New Year!

**Croeso i rhifyn#169 o e-newyddion ColegauCymru, y diweddariad wythnosol o newyddion colegau addysg bellach Cymru.**

**Welcome to edition#169 of the CollegesWales e-news, the weekly roundup of news from across education colleges in Wales.**

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### Working with Business

#### Helping local business target high end food outlets

Dylan's Restaurant has combined its recipes for its high-end sauces with Grwp Llandrillo Menai's Food Technology Centre technical know-how and expertise in order to to expand their market to specialist food suppliers, supermarkets and high end food outlets such as Fortnums and Masons and Harrods.

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#### Cardiff and Vale College teams up with local business to launch cafe

CAVC students have teamed up with Cardiff office accommodation provider, The Maltings, to run a catering business for its tenants.

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### Strategic Developments

#### New audience to compete in the Eisteddfod

The Urdd Eisteddfod has published a new list of contemporary vocational competitions that will attract a new audience to compete, following collaboration with ColegauCymru.

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## **Art school re-launches with new name**

Coleg Sir Gâr has re-launched its art school to celebrate its historic presence in Carmarthen which dates back to 1854

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## **Quality Achievements**

### **Pembrokeshire College leads the way in digital learning**

The expertise of Dr Geoff Elliott, Learning and Technology Development Manager at Pembrokeshire College, has been recognised with his appointment to the National Digital Learning Council.

He is employing his knowledge to help improve the learning experience in both higher and further education institutions in Wales.

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## **Acing their A levels in programme praised by Estyn**

Coleg Sir Gar's ACE programme, in which high academic achievers receive a bespoke tutorial package relevant to careers in top professions and targeting Oxbridge and Russell Group universities, was heralded a success and praised by Estyn during a recent inspection.

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## **Congratulations! Student Success**

### **A Level Awards**

Last year, WJEC awarded 79,000 A level qualifications across the UK, with 75 were recognised at the WJEC annual A level Awards for their outstanding achievements for the summer 2014 examination series on 18 Dec. One of the top 75 was Bridgend College student Shannon Rock, who achieved the highest marks in the UK in the A Level Law exam.

| [more from Bridgend College](#)

A-level and Access successes were also celebrated at Coleg Sir Gar with an awards ceremony just before Christmas.

| [more from Coleg Sir Gar](#)

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## **Trading Places competition winners**

Cardiff and Vale College students have come out top in a national competition aimed at encouraging enterprise and entrepreneurship among young people. CAVC scooped four out of the six team and individual awards at this year's Trading Places competition.

Business Studies student Raj Nithiyabalan won the EE Outstanding Customer Service Award as well as being in the winning team - Giraffe. Jamie O'Brien's team won the Natwest Best Business Plan Award and the EE Highest Profit Award.

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### **National Nursing Award for Student**

A degree student from Grwp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Llandrillo has been named the winner of this year's Royal College of Nursing 'Welsh Health Care Support Worker of the Year'.

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### **College student wins place on Cambridge Uni scheme**

Maria Lewis, an AS student at The College Merthyr Tydfil has secured a place on the prestigious Cambridge Shadowing scheme. She will now join other Law students from across the country to experience Cambridge University first-hand.

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### **Dylan Thomas Poetry Competition Winners**

Grwp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor has a particular reason to celebrate Literature Wales' recent Dylan Thomas-inspired international writing competition, with current student Lois Llywelyn Williams winning first prize in the Welsh language 16-18 year old category and former student Guto Dafydd taking Best Overall prize in the 19-25 Welsh-language category.

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### **College Student Wins Welsh X Factor**

Music Technology student Suleiman Atta from Grwpp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Llandrillo won the Welsh version of the X Factor in front of hundreds at the Pavilion Theatre in Rhyl just before Christmas.

He will now be joined by nine of the other top-scoring finalists on a Welsh Factor tour of Wales in the new year.

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### **Pembrokeshire College hosts its first outstanding student achievement awards ceremony**

Six months after completing their A-levels and Extended Diplomas, former students were invited back to Pembrokeshire College for the College's first annual awards ceremony where their outstanding academic achievements were recognised.

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**Learning Opportunities**

## **Performing in the biggest New Year's Eve celebrations in the world**

Four Bridgend College students performed at Festival City, Downtown Dubai as part of the biggest New Year's Eve celebrations in the world. The choreographer was none other than their college lecturer Terry Michael.

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## **Learner reaps rewards of prestigious Nuffield Research placement**

Chloe Brind, a learner at Coleg y Cymoedd, got to work alongside a Nobel Prize winner as one of only 68 people across Wales to take part in a Nuffield Research project this year. The specialist research in Chloe's field of science was supported by the National Museum of Wales' Biodiversity & Systematic Biology Department, where Chloe was completing a placement at the time.

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## **College works with the National Theatre**

Bridgend College is working with the National Theatre on its new production, "Crouch, Touch, Pause, Engage", which turns on Wales' former rugby captain, Gareth 'Alfie' Thomas.

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## **Students Get Masterclass from Make-up Artist to the Stars**

Hairdressing students from Coleg Llandrillo's Rhyl campus received a masterclass from Caroline James recently - a makeup expert who's been responsible for creating the looks of many high profile artists in the entertainment industry, from Yoko Ono to Alice Cooper and S Club 7.

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## **Live industry brief for panto season**

For the fourth year, learners studying on the Foundation Degree and BA (Hons) Costume Construction for Screen and Stage courses at Coleg y Cymoedd, produced a stunning range of costumes for Rhondda Cynon Taf's pantomime cast, with two Coleg y Cymoedd tutors bringing their industry background to bear in order to secure a professional touch.

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## **Putting skills to work in the community**

Colleges all got involved in their local communities over Christmas, with charity events and shows galore. Students also got to put their industry skills to use. At the annual Cardigan Castle Christmas Fair for example, learners from Coleg Ceredigion's training salon gave hair and beauty treatments, IT students sold their own Christmas cards, catering students sold their home made chilli jam and assorted foods, and furniture students had bird boxes and

coasters to go.

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### **Workshop on making positive change**

Coleg y Cymoedd learners from the Ystrad Mynach campus have taken part in a televised workshop organised by Fixers: an organisation where young people use their past to fix the future.

It will be broadcast by ITV in February 2015.

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### **The Graduate Show**

Graduates from Carmarthen Art School at Coleg Sir Gâr showcased their work at King Street Gallery in an exhibition called The Graduate Show.

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### **Students Experience WWII Enigma Machine**

Students from across Grwp Llandrillo Menai's colleges along with local school pupils have had the opportunity to get close to a genuine World War II Enigma codebreaking machine and learn about cryptography in a day organised in conjunction with the University of Cambridge's Millennium Mathematics Project.

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