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Strategic developments

Welsh Government supports new £55m Learning Campus

Ambitious plans for a new ground-breaking learning centre in Brecon have been supported by the Welsh Government.

Powys County Council and NPTC Group of Colleges submitted a 'strategic outline case' for the Beacons Learning Campus, a £55m development to provide 11-16 secondary education, a sixth form academy, vocational college and pupil referral unit.

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New College Campus For Aberdare

Following the announcement of a £20m investment by Welsh Government for a new state-of-the-art College Campus for Aberdare, the Council's Planning Committee has agreed outline permission for these proposals.

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Launch of Welsh Bacalaureate

The Welsh Fire and Rescue Services' in partnership with the WJEC and The College Merthyr Tydfil have launched a joint Welsh Bacalaureate program - 'Welsh Bacalaureate Challenges project'.

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Construction ambassador

At a Senedd reception hosted by Jeff Cuthbert AM last week, NPTC Group of Colleges' Director for Construction Skills and Strategy, Wyn Prichard was appointed Wales Ambassador for the Construction Youth Trust Cymru (CYT).

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Quality Colleges

Platinum Award-Winning Travel Plan

Coleg y Cymoedd has received the news that it has been awarded the "Platinum Level" in the Wales Travel Plan Awards; for its work in developing and maintaining a strategy that promotes sustainable travel practices at college campuses.

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Congratulations!

Michael Sheen and The Right Honourable Peter Hain receive College Fellowship Awards
Welsh actor and past Afan College student, Michael Sheen, and former MP for Neath, the Right Honourable Peter Hain, have both been awarded the NPTC Group of Colleges' Fellowship.
They shared the stage and limelight with over 150 students at the Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot last week in celebrating their achievements at the College's Higher Education awards' ceremony.

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Graduation for over 400 from Coleg Sir Gâr

Dr Rosie Plummer, director of the National Botanic Garden Wales, was awarded a fellowship by Coleg Sir Gâr last week alongside 400 students at the graduation ceremony who were awarded post-graduate degrees, first degrees, HNDs and HNCs.

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Welsh Livery Guild Award

Amelia Price, a Painting and Decorating student from NPTC Group's Neath Campus, has won a prestigious award from the Welsh Livery Guild.

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Showcasing the work of colleges and their students

Dwylo Dawnus exhibition

'Dwylo Dawnus' (Gifted Hands), an exhibition of handcrafted furniture by learners at a specialised course at Coleg Ceredigion, is at Cardigan's Corn Exchange gallery at the Guildhall.

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Local MP Lays Foundations for the Future

Newly elected Member of Parliament for Neath, Christina Rees, visited the NPTC Group last week to meet with students and get more of an insight into the local construction industry and education.

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Learning Opportunities

Project Aspire for more able and talented 11 year olds

Over 35 school pupils from across Merthyr Tydfil have participated in the new STEM-focussed 'Project Aspire' programme for more able and talented year six pupils.

Started by Afon Taf High school in partnership with The College Merthyr Tydfil, the project aims to provide a range of stretching academic, team building and enrichment activities.

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Judge's visit inspires law learners

Aspiring lawyers who are studying A level law at Coleg y Cymoedd have had an opportunity to meet Employment Judge Sian Davies and gain insight into the complex world of the judiciary.

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Outdoor challenge success

Students who have additional and complex needs at Coleg Sir Gâr have been testing their team building skills by successfully completing a bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

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