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### Strategic Developments

#### Official launch of new £45m Cardiff City Centre Campus

Cardiff and Vale College has officially opened its doors to the College's £45m new City Centre Campus – one of the most ambitious educational projects in Wales.

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### College Quality

#### National Digital Learning Awards 2015 award winner

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Welsh for Adults department won the 'Original Digital Content (Further Education)' award at the National Digital Learning Awards 2015 for its online support for learners.

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#### Gold Award for corporate health

Coleg y Cymoedd has been revalidated with the coveted Corporate Health Standard Gold Award for work encouraging staff wellbeing.

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#### Business Tutor Honoured at Teaching Awards

Kim Purnell, a Business Lecturer from Coleg y Cymoedd was honoured with the FE Lecturer of the Year title at the Inspirational Teaching Awards organised by New Directions Education in Cardiff recently.

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## **CBI and CAVC emphasise the importance of FE in the financial sector**

A business breakfast co-hosted by the CBI Wales and Cardiff and Vale College at the St David's Hotel and Spa drew the cream of Cardiff's financial and professional services industry to a showcase of the work of further education institutions in this strongly developing field.

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## **Enterprise success for South-East Wales Trading Places initiative**

Shortlisted in the FE Enterprise Champion category for a National Enterprise Educator Award is the 'Trading Places Enterprise project', which is led by First Campus, in partnership with Welsh Government Big Ideas Wales and coordinated through the South-East Wales Regional Enterprise Hub.

The winner of the Award will be announced at the IEEC2015 Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony at Hylands House, Chelmsford on the evening of Thursday 10th September.

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## **Award winning staff congratulated**

The Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP Pearson joined Pembrokeshire College principal Sharron Lusher recently in congratulating the college's award winning staff, including Pearson Silver award winner, Will Bateman.

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## **Learner Progression**

### **Head chef of Egon Ronay-starred restaurant returns to college with touch of gourmet**

Seven years after leaving Coleg Sir Gâr, Alex Alliston, head chef of y Polyn, which boasts two AA rosettes and an Egon Ronay star, returned to work students on a menu featuring locally sourced ingredients.

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## **Competition win leads to electronics job**

Impressing the judges at the recent WorldSkills UK Industrial Electronics regional final, Gower College Swansea learner Stefano Amoruso won the competition and was also offered an apprenticeship at Trojan electronics by one of the judges, David O'Keeffe, Operations Director of Trojan Electronics.

Thanks to the competition win, Stefano will also compete at the WorldSkills UK Final at the Skills Show at

Birmingham's NEC in November.

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## Photographic success for former college student

Emma Powell, a former Foundation Degree Photography student from The College Merthyr Tydfil has successfully gained a BA in Photography with First Class Honours as well as winning Student of the Year Award at Coleg Sir Gar.

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## Congratulations! Learner Success

### Welsh Welding Success

Talented welder from Pembrokeshire College, Ross Lascelles, who is an apprentice welder at Main Port Engineering, secured first place in the Welsh SkillWeld regional final last week, and is now hoping to be selected to compete in the UK final at the Skills Show in Birmingham in November.

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## Learners illustrate novel on South Wales Valleys

The illustrations of 27 gifted teenagers from across South Wales, including 11 learners from Coleg y Cymoedd, will be featured in a novel about youth culture in the Valleys.

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## Learners and Tutors Recognised

A number of adult learners and tutors at Coleg Sir Gâr have been recognised for their achievements at the Carmarthenshire Learning Festival.

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## Colleges in their Communities

### Careers Day for School Pupils

Pembrokeshire College opened its doors to year 9 pupils from across the county recently for a day focused on future career options with over 75 different careers to choose from.

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