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Quality Colleges and their Partners

College Merthyr Tydfil named 2nd best 'Sports Leadership Academy' in the UK

The College Merthyr Tydfil has been named as the 2nd best 'Sports Leadership Academy' out of all further education colleges in the UK.

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Downhill mountain bike for disabled people in world record bid

Project Enduro – the prototype specialist four-wheeled downhill mountain bikes, managed by Gower College Swansea lecturer Calvin Williams - will put it to the test and attempt to set a new world record on 17 June, with Paralympic athlete Nathan Stephens and paraplegic racing driver Brian Robert

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Joining forces with Prince's Trust Cymru to help unemployed young people

The College Merthyr Tydfil's Work Based Learning division has partnered with The Prince's Trust to pilot a programme over the summer holidays aimed at engaging with young school leavers and encouraging them to attend college in September.

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College's triple win at education awards

Coleg Sir Gâr is celebrating a triple win at the CollegesWales 2015 awards where outstanding achievement in education is recognised.

Shortlisted in three awards, the college beat Wales-wide competition to win Use of Technology, Teacher of the Year and Promoting Welsh-medium or Bilingual Learning at the ceremony which was held in Llandudno.

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Deloitte and Cardiff and Vale College join forces to offer business apprenticeships

Deloitte, one of the UK's largest professional services firms, has entered into a partnership with Cardiff and Vale College [CAVC] to offer their first apprenticeship programme in Wales in a bid to develop the future workforce of the Cardiff Financial Services Enterprise Zone.

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Learner Progression

Professor Julien Baker PhD, former learner of Coleg y Cymoedd, wins golden accolade

Coleg y Cymoedd alumnus Professor Julien Baker received an Association of Colleges Gold Award at a ceremony at the House of Commons.

The awards celebrate the success of further education alumni and acknowledge the vital role that colleges play in building the foundation of successful careers.

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A Five Star Restaurant Experience Awaits...

Three highly talented Professional Catering students from Pembrokeshire College have secured work placements with some of the UK's finest hotels and restaurants, including the Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire, Raymond Blanc's Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons, and the Bath Priory.

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Glynllifon Students are the Pick of the Crop

Five agriculture students from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, Glynllifon Campus have secured scholarships to study Agriculture at Aberystwyth University, and a further five have received unconditional places on their Agriculture courses.

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Congratulations!

Carpenter Owain Jones competing to be named best in the world

If you thought Brazil was all about next year's Olympics, think again! Owain Jones, (21, Blaenau Ffestiniog) is competing to be named the best young carpenter in the world and win Gold at the world's largest skills

Competition, WorldSkills, taking place in São Paulo, Brazil from 11 to 16 August.

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Apprentice hits world standards

A Coleg Sir Gâr hairdressing apprentice has been chosen to represent the UK at WorldSkills, the largest global skills show which is being held in Sao Paulo in Brazil this year.

Eleni Constantinou, who works as a stylist for an award-winning family business called Tino Constantinou Hairdressing, won a junior and senior championship which raised the interest of the team at WorldSkills UK who invited her to a squad selection event in Northern Ireland last year.

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Talented carpenter wins VQ Award

Self-employed carpenter and former Coleg Sir Gâr award-winning apprentice, Simon McCall, has won the Wales-wide Vocational Qualification (VQ) Learner of the Year Award.

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Laura wins Inspire! Award after changing her life through learning

Gower College Swansea student Laura John, from Townhill, was presented with the Young Adult Learner Award at the recent Inspire! Awards, as part of Adult Learners' Week 2015.

The 21-year-old artist says learning 'saved her life'.

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Students win awards at CIPD ceremony

Two students from Crosskeys Campus, Coleg Gwent have won a prestigious industry award at a ceremony held at St David's Hotel and Spa, Cardiff Bay.

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New Contemporaries Place for Art Student

A third year Fine Art Student from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Menai has been awarded a place in the prestigious Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2015 touring Exhibition. Sian Astley (23) from Llangefni is one of just 37 new artists selected from over 1,600 submissions from throughout the UK.

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Enterprising Student Records Film for Global Conference

An enterprising Grŵp Llandrillo Menai student is celebrating after her entrepreneurial video was shown at an event that was broadcast live around the world

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Learning Opportunities

The sky's the limit for learners in South Wales

Learners in South Wales with jet-setting ambitions will have the opportunity to get first-hand cabin crew experience thanks to the latest investment in innovative equipment at Coleg y Cymoedd. The new replica travel cabin at Coleg y Cymoedd's Ystrad Mynach campus will provide high-flying learners on the Travel and Air Cabin Crew course with experience of working on a real-life aeroplane.

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Cwmni Prentis Menai visits Wylfa Newydd

Horizon has given Cwmni Prentis Menai's Engineering apprentices a guided tour of the proposed Wylfa Newydd site.

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Inspiring the UK's next creative generation

Llanelli school pupils who attend Coleg Sir Gâr's Art&Design Saturday Club have returned from London where they exhibited their work with over 1,000 other 14-16 year-olds as part of a national scheme.

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Company benefits from productivity training

A Llanelli manufacturing company, Dividers Folding Partitions Ltd, has invested in Business Improvement Techniques training for its staff to help improve productivity in the workplace, with an intensive training programme delivered by Coleg Sir Gâr's business development team.

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BBC Workshop Glynllifon

The BBC has delivered a social media workshop Grŵp Llandrillo Menai students as part of its efforts to engage with the next generation of farmers and develop their business skills.

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Students Present Findings to Police Commissioner

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai students on the Foundation Degree in Policing course presented their end of year policing and crime plan to the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales and a local police superintendent.

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Coleg Gwent welcomes Finnish exchange students

As part of a European exchange programme, Coleg Gwent recently helped three students from Finland gain work experience with employers in Newport.

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Coming Up

What lies beneath the surface: art exhibition

Coleg Gwent BTEC Art students will be hosting an art exhibition as part of their final assessment at the Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone.

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