

## newyddion ColegauCymru #172 CollegesWales Enews 02 Chwefror / February 2015

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### Quality Colleges

#### College celebrated as exemplary employer

Coleg y Cymoedd has been awarded a prestigious accolade for its dedication and commitment to creating an equitable and flexible workforce. The college, which employs over 900 staff across its five campuses in the Rhondda Cynon Taf and Caerphilly Boroughs, was recognized as an 'exemplar employer' by economic development charity Chwarae Teg.

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### Colleges Working with Partners

#### School children's musical theatre show

Over 100 schoolchildren are limbering up for a performance of musical theatre in March, working with a London performer under Coleg Sir Gâr's creative industries team.

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#### Coleg Sir Gâr to host Wales-wide creative industries competition

Coleg Sir Gâr's creative industries team will be hosting a Skills Competition Wales event in Popular Music and Video Moving Image in March.

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## Congratulations! Learner Success

### College students sets her sights on Cambridge

Sophie Griffiths, an A2 level Humanities student at The College Merthyr Tydfil has been offered a place at St John's College, Cambridge to study English.

She hopes that this will be her second Cambridge experience, following her Shadowing scheme experience at the university in February 2014.

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### Coleg y Cymoedd players selected for the Wales under 20 Six Nations Squad

Three learners from Coleg y Cymoedd have been selected to play for the Wales Under 20's rugby squad for the upcoming Six Nations. Coleg y Cymoedd learners Liam Belcher, Dillon Lewis and Seb Davies who are all forwards training with the Cardiff Blues Academy have been selected to represent their county on the Under 20's team. [More>>>](#)

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## Learning Opportunities

### Aardman talent visits new Coleg Ceredigion animation studio

Coleg Ceredigion's IT students were recently given an exclusive access to one of Aardman Animations' creative talents. Laurie Sitzia, who has almost 10 years' experience at the four times Academy Award-winning studio, visited the College's new state-of-the-art animation studio on the Cardigan campus to speak to students.

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### Holocaust commemoration

A-level history students and their lecturer have planted a birch tree in the grounds of Coleg Sir Gâr as a lasting memorial to the victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

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### Money Motivated Students meet MP

Six teams of students from Coleg Gwent are competing in this year's Lloyds Banking Group's Money for Life Challenge, which aims to inspire better money management skills in local communities across the UK.

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### **Art exhibition at Craft in the Bay**

Foundation Degree Art students from Cardiff and Vale College have organised their own exhibition at Craft in the Bay. Many of the works on display are for sale and the first and second year students are marketing and running the exhibition themselves.

The exhibition is on now and runs until March 19.

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### **French apprentices pay a flying visit to Cardiff and Vale College**

A group of 43 aero apprentices from France came to ICAT for a week to help improve their technical English.

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### **Badminton ace visits Coleg Gwent**

Coleg Gwent students and pupils from Waun Fawr Primary welcomed a special sporting guest to their class recently.

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### **Budding entrepreneurs attend Big Ideas Wales Bootcamp**

Two College Merthyr Tydfil students had the opportunity to participate in The Big Ideas Wales Bootcamp on 30 January 2015 among a select 25 from across the nation.

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## **Dates for the Diary**

### **Students stage professional hair show**

Hairdressing students at Coleg Sir Gâr will be wowing an audience at the Stradey Park Hotel with a professional hairdressing show which will soon be making its way down the catwalk.

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