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Innovation in Colleges

Innovative HR system scoops UK award

An innovative human resources system that has saved both time and money has seen Gower College Swansea scoop a prestigious national award from HR Magazine.

The 'All About Me/All About My Staff' system was named the Most Innovative Deployment of HR Technology at the HR Excellence Awards 2015 in London, beating stiff competition from national and international giants such as Santander, Monster and Nationwide Building Society.

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Photography lecturers to undertake research project

Two photographers who lecture on degree programmes at Coleg Sir Gâr's Carmarthen School of Art have been awarded funding to carry out a research project in photography.

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Learner Progression

Students score jobs at premier league club

Two sports degree students have been offered part-time employment at a premier league football club following a placement on their degree course at Coleg Sir Gâr.

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Vocational path to university

A sports scholarship, a Russell Group degree and a career in marketing are the paths taken by three young women from Coleg y Cymoedd's vocational programmes this autumn.

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Learner Success

Welsh three honoured at WorldSkills Brazil

Three talented Welsh apprentices have returned from the WorldSkills three-day competition final in Brazil with honours after representing Team UK this August.

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[Read more on Eleni Constantinou at Coleg Sir Gâr](#)

[Read more on Owain Jones at GLLM's Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor](#)

Students Win String of Awards at National Biology Competition

Six talented teenage Grŵp Llandrillo Menai A-level and International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma students have been named as some of the best student biologists in the UK after being awarded medals and commendations at a national biology competition, the British Biology Olympiad 2014-15.

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Students' Union Campaign Recognised with UK Award

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Student Union campaign on student transport has been recognised with an award at the UK's National Students Union (NUS) Awards,

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Internet Services Reward for top A level students

Internet services company, Netcraft, which sponsors academic prizes in partnership with a wide range of prestigious universities, is about to award two A level computing learners from Group NPTC Neath, Ashley Davis-Lyons and Joshua Williams. They were among the twenty highest performing candidates in this summer's WJEC GCE Computing exam.

They will be invited to participate in a specialist study day including talks and hands-on demonstrations about work in the internet services.

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Art student wins National Eisteddfod's Young Artist Scholarship

The National Eisteddfod's Young Artist Scholarship has been won by a Coleg Sir Gâr foundation art student who has brushed off competition

from degree and masters students.

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All-Wales Hospitality Students Dining Award

At the first all-Wales Hospitality Students Dining Award competition, held in Newtown recently, teams of students from ten colleges created locally sourced food in a close competition.

Winning gold was a team from Coleg Sir Gâr, silver went to a Grŵp Llandrillo Menai team from Coleg Llandrillo, and bronze went to NPTC Group's Newtown Campus.

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Colleges in their Communities

CAVC and Celtic Manor team up to offer Rugby World Cup hospitality

Cardiff and Vale College has teamed up with the Celtic Manor to offer hospitality in the heart of the Capital during this autumn's Rugby World Cup.

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Fire sprinkler training

Legislation from Welsh Government will require new properties to have a fire suppression system fitted, and NPTC Group of Colleges has been helping to prepare over 60 companies by hosting specialist training briefing on the new regulations.

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Bee keeping for sustainability

Following specialist training for staff on sustainable bee keeping, Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone has become home to over 15,000 bees as part of the Pollinators for Life project.

Funded by the Welsh Government, the project aims to boost local biodiversity for communities and reconnect people with nature.

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Dragon's Den entrepreneur backs school leavers' enterprise course

Enterprise students at Coleg Sir Gâr have been busy pitching their business ideas and putting them into action on the college's diploma course.

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Learning Opportunities

Olympic learning

An Olympic Training Centre was part of the study visit to USA undertaken by learners from Coleg Sir Gâr's degree course in sports coaching and performance recently.

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