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Strategic Developments

800 16-19 year olds in national sporting competitions 10-11 November in Cardiff

The Welsh Colleges Sports national competitions which take place on 10 and 11 November 2015 in Cardiff will see 800 college students aged 16-19 from all across Wales compete in 10 different sports.

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Learners gear up for industry developments as multi-million pound motor vehicle centre completed

Completion of the multi-million pound Motor Vehicle Training Centre of Excellence in Ystrad Mynach is set to put learners from the area at the forefront of major developments in the industry in South Wales.

The £2.1m facility at Coleg y Cymoedd's Ystrad Mynach campus will meet the growing demands in the industry for state-of-the-art training facilities.

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Seren Network South East Wales Launched

Over 280 young people from 27 schools and Coleg Gwent gathered at Coleg Gwent's Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone for the launch of the Seren Network South East Wales Educational Achievement Service (EAS) hub. Seren is a network of regional hubs designed to support Wales' brightest sixth formers achieve their academic potential and gain access to leading universities.

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Quality Colleges

Cardiff and Vale College wins College of the Year at prestigious business awards

Cardiff and Vale College has been crowned College of the Year at the prestigious Insider Business and Education Partnership Awards.

The College also won a People Development Award for its work with Grwp Gwalia.

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Learner Progression

Former learner retains title at the IPC Athletics World Championships

Former Coleg y Cymoedd sports learner, Hollie Arnold, has set her sights clearly on Paralympic gold, after retaining her F46 javelin title at the IPC Athletics world Championship in Doha.

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Worshipful Livery Company rewards student

Coleg Gwent A Level student Calum Mitchel has been presented with an award from the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales in recognition of his dedication to his studies and to support his progression to Cardiff University.

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Congratulations! Staff and Student Success

Apprenticeship Awards Cymru

Recognition of worthy winners took centre stage a the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2015, held recently at the Celtic Manor.

Here's a focus on two of the winners who came to the fore:

EE and College Merthyr Tydfil celebrate major honour at Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2015 | More from the College Merthyr Tydfil

A children's entertainer, who has overcome tragedy in her life to set up the prospect of a dream job as a Butlins Redcoat, won a major award at the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2015. | More from Coleg Sir Gar

Fashion lecturer up for bridal millinery award

A fashion lecturer at Coleg Sir Gâr has been shortlisted for her millinery work in The Welsh National Wedding Awards.

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Commendation for production of RSPCA Animal Welfare Film

A group of Foundation Degree students from the College Merthyr Tydfil have been highly commended for their production of a recent RSPCA film on Wild Animal Welfare.

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Learning Opportunities

German apprentices get insight into electronics and digital technology industry in Wales

A group of German apprentices recently spent three weeks at Gower College Swansea, gaining an invaluable insight into the electronics and digital technology industry in South Wales.

As part of their visit, the students toured a range of companies with close links to the college such as Elite Aerials, Zeta Alarm Systems, Trojan Electronics, BSC and TongFang Global.

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Investing in young local talent to boost NHS and life sciences workforce

Over 200 pupils in Year 11 from Bishopston Comprehensive were invited to a recent special careers conference highlighting the variety of jobs in the NHS and life science sector, organised by Bev Wilson-Smith, Advocate for Life Science Skills at Gower College Swansea.

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Second student takes to the stage for Frantic Assembly

For the second consecutive year, a Performing Arts student from Gower College Swansea has been selected to take part in a showcase performance with the award-winning Frantic Assembly theatre company, following a UK-wide talent search.

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College launches science and engineering Saturday club

Following the success of the National Art and Design Saturday Club for local comprehensive schools, Coleg Sir Gâr has launched a new initiative for pupils with an interest in science and engineering.

The new club aims to develop synergies to highlight the fusion between sciences and the arts.

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CORRECTION: this news item appeared in last week's enews (edition#201) under a wrong heading. Apologies.

Art students add splash of colour to local hospital

Patients and visitors to Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan, Ebbw Vale are enjoying the artwork and photography produced by talented students from the Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone.

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Students Build Dragon for Poppies

A team of Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Construction students rose to the task when asked to construct a large wooden dragon to house hundreds of poppies made by local school children and community groups, which will be installed at a local castle.

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Students perform 'Titus Andronicus'

Performing Arts students from The College Merthyr Tydfil performed 'Titus Andronicus' in the Beaufort Theatre, Ebbw Vale last week as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival.

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Coleg Gwent students attend Army's Dragons March

Coleg Gwent Public Service students took part in the Army's Dragons March event in Swansea for an insight into military life and the varied careers available.

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