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Strategic Developments

Learners on track for first class education as Centre of Excellence is complete

Wales's next generation of railway workers are on the track to success, as the final stages of investment at Coleg y Cymoedd's £3.08 million rail engineering facility are complete.

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International work placement opportunities for over 270 college students from the valleys

The College Merthyr Tydfil has been awarded EUR612,000 of Erasmus+ funding to provide opportunities for further education students to take part in work experience placements abroad.

The funding will enable the college to build upon its well established and successful international work experience programme, providing opportunities for 272 students from across nine vocational areas - Construction, Motor Vehicle, Engineering, Business, IT, Childcare, Travel & Tourism, Hair and Beauty - to travel to Germany and take part in work experience over the next two years.

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Boost for Cardigan as Coleg Ceredigion secures £300k for Welsh language centre

Coleg Ceredigion has secured a £300,000 grant from the Welsh Government to develop a multi-purpose Welsh Language centre in Cardigan.

The centre which the college plans to name "Y Man a'r Lle" will be built on Coleg Ceredigion's Cardigan campus and will be a focal point for educational, social and cultural activities through the medium of Welsh.

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Leadership announcements

Coleg Gwent Principal Jim Bennett announces retirement

Coleg Gwent Principal Jim Bennett has announced his intention to retire during the next academic year after five years of service to the College and south east Wales.

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ColegauCymru Vacancy: Chief Executive

ColegauCymru is looking to appoint a new Chief Executive. The successful applicant will be responsible for leading ColegauCymru to ensure the sector's views are heard, the benefits of FE are promoted and its interests effectively represented. The post-holder will work closely with sector leaders and key stakeholders, especially the Welsh Government.

Closing date: midday Monday, 15 June 2015.

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Quality Colleges

Gwent Adult Community Learning Partnership receives glowing report from Estyn

Gwent Adult Community Learning Partnership has just received a glowing report from Estyn, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales following a recent inspection.

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Pembrokeshire College promotes digital democracy

Pembrokeshire College has been recognised as leading the way in promoting digital democracy as Sarah Hoss was invited to speak at the first TEDx event to be held in west Wales.

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Coleg Gwent staff shortlisted for national award

Two members of staff from Coleg Gwent have been shortlisted for the Inspirational Teaching Awards, run by recruitment provider New Directions Education, and will attend the final in Cardiff this month.

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Learner Progression

Coleg Gwent student gains place at Oxford University Summer School

A Coleg Gwent student has gained a place at Oxford University Summer School to study mathematics this summer.

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A-Level student chosen for US summer school

An A-level student at Coleg Sir Gâr, Anthony Clarke, has been chosen to spend a week at Yale University following his application to the Sutton Trust US Programme and US-UK Fulbright Commission. Anthony is one of 150 students chosen from 1,600 applicants and is one of only seven from Wales who will be taking part.

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New Students' Union President for Coleg Gwent

Coleg Gwent students have recently elected a new Students' Union President.

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Congratulations! Learner Success

VQ Awards

Tomorrow evening, 9 May at St David's Hotel and Spa, Cardiff Bay, the VQ Awards 2015 will be staged in the company of Welsh Government Deputy Minister, Assembly Members, companies, learners, training providers and guests.

The VQ Awards, which are part of the VQ Day celebrations, celebrate vocational achievement. They provide an opportunity to showcase the value of vocational qualifications to individuals, employers, and wider society.

On the shortlist for **VQ Learner of the Year**:

- James Pepper
- Serena Torrance
- Michael Whippey
- Paul Wiggins
- Simon McCall
- [Casey Coleman](#)

On the shortlist for **VQ Employer of the Year**:

- Little Inspirations
- Dailycer UK
- Spirit Hair Team

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Science students achieve prestigious Gold CREST Award

Two groups of A Level Science students from Gower College Swansea have received the highest level of award - the Gold CREST - from the British Science Association for their work with local companies.

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College's Award-Winning Cake Maker

A cake decorating student, Hayley Roberts, from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Llandrillo scooped gold and 'Best in Show' in the 'Cake Cymru' competition, to add to the silver she won at the world-renowned 'Cake International' competition at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre in November 2014.

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IT Skills Winners

Seven students at Coleg Sir Gâr earned medals for their IT skills in WorldSkills UK heat covering competitions in: IT Support Technician, Network Infrastructure Technician, and IT Software Solutions for Business.

Two students from Cardiff and Vale College, James Holloway and Alexandru Chites, won silver and bronze respectively at the Microsoft IT Technician WorldSkills UK heats. were among the winners in a UK-wide skills competition for aspiring IT technicians.

They were competing for a place at The Skills Show in Birmingham - the UK's largest career show of its kind which highlights some of the best skills in the country, and acts as the national final for WorldSkills UK competitions.

[More from Coleg Sir Gar](#)

[More from Cardiff and Vale College](#)

Cardiff and Vale College's Bill hits the spot with World Champ Selby

Cardiff and Vale College Lecturer Bill Reynolds has good reason to celebrate boxer Lee Selby's triumph in the IBF World Featherweight Championships – he was part of the team that coached him to victory.

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Showcases: College Presentations and Learner Shows

Sporting Wins

International rugby player, Commonwealth Games medallist, presenter and businesswoman Non Evans MBE, was guest speaker at **Gower College Swansea's** sport presentation evening, which celebrated learner Aneurin Donald's selection for the England Development Programme (EDP) tour of Australia, the Rugby Academy's WRU Elite Colleges League Trophy, Welsh Colleges Football's record historic double over Australian Schools, and the Netball Academy's Welsh Colleges and Urdd tournament wins.

[More from Gower College Swansea](#)

Head of recruitment at Swansea City Football Club Academy, Martin Evans, was the guest speaker at **Coleg Sir Gâr's** sports presentation evening to celebrate the work of the college's sports academies and players.

[More from Coleg Sir Gar](#)

Top Apprentices Awarded by Deputy Minister

Over 100 guests attended Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Consortium Work-based Learning Awards ceremony at Coleg Llandrillo's Orme View Conference Centre, with the best apprentices from across North Wales receiving their awards from the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

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Cardiff and Vale College students 'Bloom' at end of year art show

Art & Design, 3D Design and Fashion & Clothing students from Cardiff and Vale College have showcased their work at 'Bloom', an exhibition at the Sherman Theatre.

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Avant Garde Spectacular

Over forty level 3 hairdressing students from The College Merthyr Tydfil took to the catwalk to display their fantastic hairdressing skills as part of the college's end of year Avant Garde Spectacular

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College - School Construction Partnership

As part of the Coleg Ceredigion and Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi's partnership scheme, two pupils have been awarded for their work on the BTEC construction course at Coleg Ceredigion. The presentation was made by West Wales Chartered Institute of Builders chairman, Wyn Harries.

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Learning Opportunities

Masterclass with West End director

One of the West End's celebrated tour musical directors, Peter Golding, has delivered a one-day master class to Coleg Ceredigion's Performing Arts students.

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Professional Insight into TV acting

Stand-up comedienne and celebrated TV actress, Lizzie Roper, who has starred in a string of TV shows including Hollyoaks and The Bill, has been giving a first hand account of the industry to performing arts students at Coleg Ceredigion.

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Dates for the Diary

Degree Fashion Show 2015

Coleg Sir Gâr's degree fashion show will this year be held at Newton House, Llandeilo on June 19.

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Students to set up pop-up gallery

Coleg Gwent art students are inviting the public to view their work at an exhibition this weekend, at a pop-up art gallery in Newport City Centre.

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