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Strategic Developments

Steep cuts to adult skills will affect Wales' economy

Colleges across Wales are concerned that the serious drop in the numbers of adults in learning will affect Wales' health and wealth in the years to come.

There are now around 90,000 fewer adults in part-time learning than there were ten years ago in Wales' colleges, with the number set to further reduce following a dramatic decrease in funding in the coming year.

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Eastern High School and Cardiff and Vale College - a major step forward

Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) will be vacating its Trowbridge site in the summer in order to allow for the construction of the new 11-16 Eastern High school and the new vocational facilities that CAVC will use to deliver all post-16 provision on the site.

City of Cardiff Council is now at the tendering stage for the design and construction of the campus, with the project on track for opening in September 2017.

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Cardiff and Vale College seeks new governors

The governance structure for CAVC is set to change over the coming months and this week the College has launched a recruitment campaign seeking to attract new members to the Board of Governors.

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Quality Colleges

Top Success Rate at The College Merthyr Tydfil

The College Merthyr Tydfil's Care and Access division have achieved the highest success rates across all colleges in Wales for the second consecutive year with 96% of the college's Health and Social Care, Public Services, Care and Childcare students successfully completing their courses and attaining their desired learning outcomes during 2013-2014. This is well above the sector average of 86%.

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Learner Progression

Ex-College Student Opens Thai Pop-up Shop

Former Coleg Llandrillo Hospitality and Catering student Ben Humphreys, the current sous chef at James Martin's restaurant, and former sous chef at Australasia, along with his wife Bo and friend James Saaddat, opened their first Thai pop-up restaurant in Manchester recently, 'Siam Like It Hot', which was booked out days before opening.

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From science academic to jazz musician

Coleg Sir Gâr music technology student Ben Manning will be studying at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama following an offer to study on the BMus (Hons) jazz course.

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Congratulations! Competition Successes

Football Academy Wins ECFA Elite League

Coleg Sir Gâr's football academy has won the English Colleges Football Association (ECFA) Elite League (Cat 2) securing the squad's reputation as players of excellence on the UK national field.

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Money for Life Challenge Wales National Final: Winners

At the Money for Life Challenge Wales National Final, held at Doctor Who Experience last week, two teams qualified for the UK Grand Final.

The Money for Life Challenge is a money management competition run by Lloyds Banking Group with ColegauCymru and Youth Cymru.

The two teams that will represent Wales at the UK Final are DOSH from Acorn Learning Solutions, and Gym Value for Money from Coleg Gwent's Crosskeys Campus.

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[More on the Gym Value for Money team from Coleg Gwent](#)

First prize at Welsh Film Awards

Media Students from The College Merthyr Tydfil were nominated five time and won two awards at the recent Zoom film festival. The awards were: Winner of best film 14-18, and Winner of Best Documentary.

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Six-medal win at construction competition

Built environment students at Coleg Sir Gâr have won seven medals, including four golds at the SkillBuild regional final held in Deeside.

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Guild of Bricklayers' Champion

Aspiring builder Zac Timothy, a Bricklaying student at Coleg y Cymoedd, has been recognised for his skill at the 'Guild of Bricklayers Annual Bricklaying Competition' gaining the title 'Guild of Bricklayers Junior Welsh Champion'.

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SkillElectric Wales: Gold

Daniel Griffin, a Level 3 Electrical Installation student at Coleg Gwent's Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone, has beaten 11 other competitors to win the gold medal in the SkillElectric Wales final.

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Hair and beauty students 'make the cut'

Coleg Gwent hair and beauty students from Crosskeys Campus made their mark at Salon Cymru, Wales's top event for creative hairdressing and beauty talent, with three students winning trophies: a first in hairdressing and second and third in makeup.

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Accolades for Individuals

Queen's Scout Award

The highest youth accolade in the UK, the 'Queen's Scout Award', has been awarded to Megan Harrison, an Outdoor Sport student at The College Merthyr Tydfil.

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Pembrokeshire College engineering lecturer shortlisted for Pearson Teaching Award

William Bateman, an engineering lecturer at Pembrokeshire College, has been selected as a finalist for the prestigious Pearson Teaching Awards.

Selected from thousands of nominations from across the UK, William joins a shortlist of 67 exceptional teachers, across 13 award categories, who are the stars of the education profession.

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College Digital Champion

A 16-year-old Grŵp Llandrillo Menai Computing student has been chosen as the CAE Student Digital Champion for the college, with plans for using technology to improve the student experience.

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Learning Opportunities

Work placements in Brussels for law students

Three law students from Coleg Gwent's City of Newport Campus have benefited from eye-opening work placements at the European Parliament in Brussels where they attended meetings and gave presentations on Wales at the European Court of Justice, the European Parliament and the European Commission.

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Stars of the Week at the Races

The Festival of Horseracing at Cheltenham Racecourse needs a lot of support staff, and they couldn't have done better than the 43 hospitality and catering learners from Coleg y Cymoedd who turned up at 06:30 to help serve the crowds, and for which two of the students were awarded "Compass Star of the Week".

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Industry professionals at hair and beauty showcase

Gower College Swansea recently hosted an evening to celebrate and inspire Welsh talent across the hair and beauty sector with a hair and make-up masterclass with international stars of the industry.

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