

WELCOME BACK

Now that we are well into the autumn term, the Marketing department would like to introduce the new Monthly Newsletter. The newsletter will be circulated at the end of each month, providing staff with a brief update of college news.

It is hoped that staff will provide the department with articles for the newsletter which will also be included on the college website in full and if appropriate, circulated to the various media channels.

ENROLMENT DAYS

After a busy summer marketing campaign which included radio, newspaper and bus advertising plus a beer mat campaign; the Enrolment Days proved successful with prospective students queuing at the doors!

It is good to see the college 'buzzing' with students and the car parks full to capacity on most days.

STAFF CHANGES

Whilst it was sad in July to say farewell to twenty six members of staff who left the college for pastures new, we welcome many new members of staff and also congratulate existing members of staff who have successfully gained new positions within the college.

VISITORS TO THE COLLEGE

Coleg Morgannwg has welcomed the opportunity to meet with:

Christine Chapman A.M. Cynon
Jayne Davidson A.M. Taf Ely
Chris Bryant M.P.
Mike Hopkins, Lifelong Learning, DCELLS
John Griffiths Deputy Minister for Skills
.....to discuss the College's Estates Strategy.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sian Smith on completing her M.A. programme; a number of staff are also enrolled on this programme with an anticipated 2009 completion date. Congratulations also to the 26 members of staff who achieved Teaching of Excellence

COLEG MORGANNWG EXPAND ON GREEN INITIATIVES



Coleg Morgannwg has launched a recycling initiative to encourage its staff and students to care for the environment and raise funds for a local charity.

The college has signed up to a recycling project with Ty Hafan; the fundraising scheme involves a Welsh company called LAND PHIL Recycling Limited who will collect the colleges used printer cartridges, recycle them and turn them into much-needed funds for Ty Hafan.

The recycling boxes will be numbered and sited throughout the colleges' four main campuses, this will allow the college to track the amount of money raised on each campus.....*see college website for full article*

ESTATES NEWS

Litter Bins

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter new litter bins will have been secured outside all campuses. To avoid further complaints from the local residents, please could you encourage your students to use the bins for their litter and also their cigarettes.

ABERDARE CAMPUS

If you have already visited the Aberdare campus you may have noticed the extra car parking and the open feel to the exterior due to the demolition of the portakabins.

NANTGARW CAMPUS

The new Centre for Art & Design Technology is on schedule for occupation in October. The new centre has been designed with specialist workshops and studios. The Deputy Minister for Skills will officially open the new centre on February 26th 2009, college staff will be invited to view the completed facilities during December.

PONTYPRIDD CAMPUS

New Reception

The Reception area of the campus has been totally transformed and now provides a welcoming environment to all visitors. The demolition of the old workshops has been completed resulting in additional car parking space.

Milfords

The Lemon Tree Restaurant has received a make over and is now 'Milfords'. Why not relax over lunch in the new facility and support the students.

CURRICULUM NEWS

LEARNING CENTRES

Throughout the summer new equipment has been installed in the Learning Centres on all campuses. The Centres now provide a hub for student activity

Care, Childhood & Vocational Studies

COLLEGE TUTOR ENCOURAGES DONORS



Coleg Morgannwg has been proactive in emphasising to its students the importance of giving blood.

As part of the Student Induction Programme at the Rhondda Campus, Student Welfare Officer Donna Smollet arranged for members of the Welsh Blood Team to visit the college to speak with the students.

College tutor Alison Llewellyn is a regular donor, donating over 30 pints of blood; after the talk she encouraged her students to join her at the next local donor session.....*see college website for full article*

STUDENTS CELEBRATE SUCCESS



Over 200 Care students at Coleg Morgannwg were rewarded for their efforts at the department's recent annual presentation evenings which were held on the Aberdare, Nantgarw and Rhondda campuses. The events were a celebration of the qualifications achieved by the students on Care and Childhood courses.*see college website for full article*

Technology (Construction and Science)

COLLEGE STUDENTS PUT SKILLS INTO PRACTICE



Painting and Decorating students studying on the Foundation Construction Painting and Decorating Award course at the Rhondda Campus, Coleg Morgannwg have certainly made their mark on the pupils of two primary schools in the area

Mrs Belcher, Headteacher of Maerdy Junior School contacted the college to enquire if the college students could undertake a project at the school as part of their work experience. The schools request was successful and an eager team of first year students arrived at the school for the 'classroom makeover'.

Another junior school to benefit from the skills of the college students was Penygraig Junior School. Acting Head Teacher, Mrs Vaughan approached the college with a request for help to erect a fence on the school premises. This challenge was taken up by a group of Foundation Construction Site Carpentry Award students under the supervision of course tutor, Mr Carl Black.

....see college website for full article

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2008	PRIZE EVENING
FRIDAY DECEMBER 19TH 2008	CHRISTMAS BREAK
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH 2009	OFFICIAL OPENING - NANTGARW PHASE 2

REQUEST FOR ARTICLES

If you have any news, events or articles you would like included in future newsletters, please contact either Ann Crimmings 01443 663239 or Andrew Keeping 01443 663249