



WELCOME

Welcome to the October newsletter and many thanks to the members of staff who have already either sent articles for inclusion in this edition, or notified us of forthcoming events etc.

Please could I remind you if you have any photographs to accompany an article, please could you ensure the students complete a college *Consent form as we are unable to use the photograph without these.

* An electronic Consent form can be requested from the Marketing & Learner Services dpt.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

With approximately eight weeks to Christmas, the annual Christmas card competition involving the primary schools throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf has resulted in an increased number of schools submitting entries. As in previous years the winning design will be used to produce the college corporate Christmas card. If you would like Christmas cards to send to any organisations/ individuals who you have contact with throughout the year please could you forward me your requirements (including the campus) by Friday November 14th 2008.

MANAGERS CONSIDER THE WAR FOR TALENT

International Employment & HR Specialist Viv Du-Feu presented a seminar at the recent Management Briefing which included managers from Merthyr Tydfil College.

MANAGERS CONSIDER THE WAR FOR TALENTcont.

Du-Feu, from Cardiff and London based Capital Law, stated that in the war for talent, managers that understand the different value sets and motivational triggers of the different generational groups will be most successful in first attracting and then retaining the most talented staff.

The seminar feedback was excellent and included comments about both Du-Feu's engaging presentation style and the thought provoking content.see college website for full article

VISITORS TO THE COLLEGE

Coleg Morgannwg has welcomed the opportunity to meet with:

Gwen Parry Area Director DCELLS

CAN YOU GO CAR FREE FOR THE BBC

Esther Nagle (MIS) has been in contact with the BBC as they are looking for people from a community to be involved in a programme they are looking to make. The individuals would need to give up using their cars for a working week, and find other ways to manage their lives.

If you're interested in taking this challenge and taking part in this programme please e mail Esther as soon as possible.

This will provide us with an excellent opportunity for publicity if staff are 'up for the challenge' and they do choose our college

COLLEGE FACILITIES IMPRESS SPANISH DELEGATES



Photograph: Visitors from Balearic Islands lunch at Millfords

The college hosted a Spanish Government delegation representing Vocational Education and Training to the Pontypridd and Nantgarw campuses on the 23rd October.

The officials, from the Balearic Islands, spent the week in Wales, visiting a number of Further Education colleges.

An excellent lunch, prepared by the Hospitality & Catering students at the newly refurbished Milford's Bistro, was served to the staff and guest party

.....see college website for full article

COLLEGE STUDENTS RAISE OVER £1000 FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



Photograph: Students fundraise over £1000 at Nantgarw Campus



Photograph: Students fundraise at Pontypridd Campus

On Friday 24 October 2008 students from the Nantgarw campus held a Pink Day fundraising event for Breast Cancer Awareness.

The fundraising activities included a variety of games which provided fun and entertainment, and everyone dressed in Pink to show their support. There was something for everyone; from beauty treatments to car washing.see college website for full article

IN THE PINK SPA DAY



Photograph: Beauty students at Rhondda Campus fundraise for Breast Cancer

Beauty students at Coleg Morgannwg spent the day fundraising for Breast Cancer. The students, studying the Beauty Therapy NVQ and Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification at the Rhondda Campus arranged a programme of activities and used their personal products to raise the funds.

Beauty student Shauna Evans said 'It was a fun day; we raised £106 for Breast Cancer awareness and also gained experience in providing the

treatments. We were busy all day and we'd like to thank the staff and students for supporting our activities which included a Pink Spa Day and Nail Painting – Pink of course!

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ESTATES NEWS

RHONDDA CAMPUS

Smoking area

After considering a number of factors i.e. health & safety of smokers outside the college gates, the local community and 'first impressions of the college', it has been agreed by the Health & Safety Committee that with effect from w/c November 3rd 2008 the relocation of designated area for smokers will be piloted on the Rhondda Campus. The smoking zone will be situated outside the 'old' entrance to the canteen.

NANTGARW CAMPUS



Photograph: New Art & Design Technology Centre, Nantgarw

The new Centre for Art & Design Technology has opened its doors to Art & Design Technology students.

The Deputy Minister for Skills will officially open the new centre on February 26th 2009.

ESTYN INSPECTORS

A number of our staff already form part of the ESTYN Inspection team. Dave Brookes has

recently been involved with the inspection of Coleg Ceredigion, John Phelps and Lesley Robins have been accepted on to the next round of Estyn training in December and John Phelps and Sian Smith will take part in a forthcoming internal Inspection of Coleg Gwent, looking at their self assessment process.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Care, Childhood & Vocational Studies

PROMOTING THE COLLEGE IN LLANTRISANT



Photograph: Vocational studies staff – Llantrisant Leisure Centre

College staff from Vocational Studies and Service Industries attended an Open Day at the Llantrisant Leisure Centre earlier this month to promote the college. Students from Service Industries offered Complementary treatments and staff from Vocational Studies provided practical activities in the main hall.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Students studying on the Level Two Cache Diploma in Childcare and Education at the Aberdare Campus are supporting the Operation Christmas Child Appeal this year. The students (and their tutor) collected donations of £79.86 when they dressed up in pyjamas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2008
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27TH 2008
MONDAY DECEMBER 8TH 2008

PRIZE EVENING
OPEN EVENING
CAROL CONCERT –
(ABERDARE)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11TH 2008 CAREERS VISIT
THURSDAY DECEMBER 11TH 2008 CAROL CONCERT –
(RHONDDA)
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