



## A-LEVEL STUDENTS WORK WITH INTERNATIONAL PRINTMAKER IN MINIPRINT WALES WORKSHOP

Art and design students following an A-level programme at Coleg Sir Gâr have taken part in a project working with a printmaker from California who works in both private and corporate collections in the US and abroad. Vinita Voogd is one of five lead artists chosen to facilitate Swansea Print Workshops MiniPrint Wales project, which aims to raise the profile of printmaking in Wales.

Vinita Voogd spent two days working with AS and A-level students who produced a series of mini prints and benefited from the printmaker's expertise in not only the creative side of printing, but the vital business side such as costing your own work, how to sign artwork professionally and exhibiting and selling. [Read more here...](#)



## GCSE RESIT PAVES THE WAY FOR MABON'S FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

Coleg Sir Gâr offers opportunities for those who want to retake their maths and English GCSEs, whether it's for a government requirement for a route into teaching or to finally achieve a lifelong goal. Mabon Tinney has recently been successful at retaking his maths GCSE and achieving a B grade which means he's halfway to signing up to a level three BTEC course in computing which requires two C grades in maths and English.

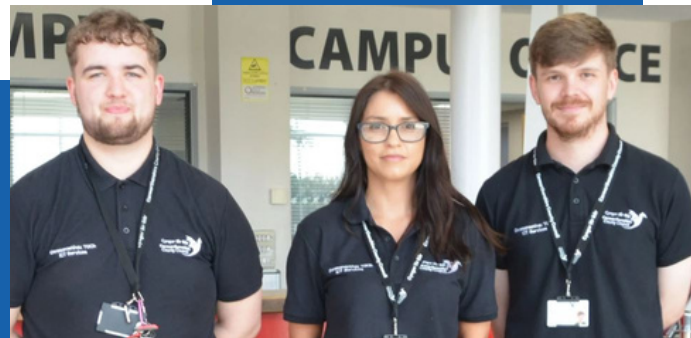
This was the reason that Mabon decided to resit his GCSE maths, to get on the course of his choice and this year he will be resitting his English GCSE. Mabon said: "I'm focussing on studying the computing course next year and once I hopefully get my English GCSE which I am studying for now, I won't have worry about them ever again." [Read more here...](#)



## ICT SERVICES STAFF FROM LOCAL COUNCIL OFFER STUDENTS AN INSIGHT INTO WORKING IN THE IT INDUSTRY

Staff from Carmarthenshire County Council's ICT services team gave a talk to Coleg Sir Gâr computing students about their work to inspire them to think about their future careers including apprenticeships. One of the speakers, James Fox, is a part-time student at the college and a modern apprentice at Carmarthenshire County Council.

Alex Scott, a digital services graduate software developer, gave students an insight into working with SQL servers and explained his work in creating web applications for housing maintenance and rewriting and modernising internal metric systems as well as pursuing a post-graduate degree. [Read more here...](#)



## COLLEGE DONATION FOR LLANELLI'S BREAST CARE UNIT

Coleg Sir Gâr students and staff have raised nearly £800 via Wear It Pink themed events which will be donated to Llanelli's Peony Breast Care Unit at Prince Philip Hospital. The Wear It Pink campaign aims to increase awareness of breast cancer and to help celebrate and highlight Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This fundraising campaign was supported by Amelia Kilvington, Head of Creative and Culinary Arts at Coleg Sir Gâr, who has received treatment at Prince Philip Hospital's Peony Breast Care Unit, she said: "Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK so it's really important that we support our local services in helping them support the thousands of patients who need specialist equipment and treatment." [Read more here...](#)

## FOUNDATION STUDENTS SUCCESS AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

One of our foundation students at Coleg Sir Gâr has achieved remarkable success at the Special Olympics skiing competition in Birmingham.

Steffan Hopping secured two medals - a Gold and a Silver. He is now gearing up for the next challenge, as he's set to represent Great Britain in Italy this coming January for the next stage of the competition.

## ART STUDENT WINS THIRD PLACE IN UK-WIDE TEXTILES COMPETITION

A degree honours student at Coleg Sir Gâr's Carmarthen School of Art has been awarded third prize in the Bradford Textile Society Competition where she was up against competition from the likes of Central Saint Martins and Royal College of Art. Rachel Thomas won The Clothworkers Company Prize for her woven fabric design which was inspired by one of her course modules, 'couture cloth'.

She created weaves and knits based on her interpretation of the forecasted 'astro dust' trend where she explored earthy textures and colour palettes, experimenting with materials such as elastic and copper wire. "I wove a double cloth sample which incorporated the development skills I'd achieved and demonstrated the fun and freedom I had in creating and experimenting with the trend and materials," said Rachel. [Read more here...](#)

# FORMER STUDENT NAMED FASTEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD AT UCI TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



A former St John Lloyds pupil and sport and exercise science student at Coleg Sir Gâr has been named the fastest woman in the world as she took gold in the women's sprint at the UCI Track Cycling World Championships in Glasgow. Before joining Coleg Sir Gâr Emma Finucane, was already an accomplished junior track athlete having won the European 500m Time Trial title. She was identified as an elite athlete and as such was supported by the college's sporting Elite Performance Programme. This is designed to support sportsmen and women studying any course, who compete at regional level and above.

Emma (alongside fellow GB Track cyclist Amy Cole) joined our 'Fast Track' programme which meant she had bespoke academic lecturers around her training and competition schedule, conducted remotely to her training base in the National Cycling Centre in Manchester, often early morning, during the evening or over weekends to suit Emma's needs. Emma went on to graduate with the highest profile D\*D\*D\* from Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports & Exercise Science proving her theoretical knowledge of Science behind Sport.

Emma's success came after she helped the British team to women's team sprint silver on Thursday and she became the first British winner in the discipline since Becky James' triumph in Minsk in 2013. Last season, Emma won a first as a senior at the National Track Championships with Rhian Edmunds and Lowri Thomas. At the Commonwealth Games she took bronze, again with Rhian Edmunds and Lowri Thomas and a bronze in medal sprint. At the UCI Track World Championships, she won a bronze medal for team sprint with Lauren Bell and Sophie Capewell. This season, Emma has successfully achieved National Track Champion title in the Sprint, 500m Time Trial, the Keirin race and Team Sprint with Milly Tanner and Katy Marchant at the National Track Championships 2023, Geraint Thomas National Velodrome of Wales, Newport. [Read more here...](#)

## AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING STUDENT TO BENEFIT FROM GWILI JONES BURSARY

Coleg Sir Gâr agricultural engineering student Deio Lewis has been named as this year's recipient of the Gwili Jones educational bursary. The award facilitates a one-week work placement with a prestigious manufacturer within the sector offering vital and high-quality experience for the student.

Deio is a second year, level three student at the college's Gelli Aur campus and he lives on a farm in Cilcennin in Lampeter where the family also run an agricultural, civil engineering contracting business. Geraint Evans, lecturer in agricultural engineering said: "Deio has a very strong work ethic and is passionate about his work. He certainly has a bright future ahead of him."

In the future, Deio hopes to follow his father and work on the agricultural side of the business but before that, he hopes to work for a company or dealership to gain some more experience and is excited at the opportunity of the work experience at Abbey Machinery, Ireland's largest manufacturer of agricultural equipment. [Read more here...](#)



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