

SCHOOLS AWARDS 2021

Ysgol y Deri Special Education School VOG Brendan Evans



Brendan has been a valued member of the Bocs Bwtd Team at Ysgol y Deri. Of all the learners in the group, Brendan has shown the most all round improvement and leaves us in July with a renewed self-belief and an eagerness to take his place in the wider world that previously he had shied away from. By working with us in a public facing role, his communication skills have improved considerably. He has been given responsibility and he hasn't let us down and is a talented member of the school rock band for many years and is a keen musician, attending his lessons conscientiously. Brendan is taking up a place at CAVC to study Skills for Progression at Level1 which will help develop his key skills of Maths and English in a supported environment before he decides what course he would like to specialise in. We know he will now always be able to find work in Catering sector although we suspect he will want to follow his dream and study Music more seriously.

Calon Cymru Builth Saffron Morgan



Saffron Morgan received her award from the Worshipful Livery company of Wales. Lee Powell, deputy headteacher did the presentation. Saffron, who achieved grades A*, and 3 As in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Welsh baccalaureate, was awarded a cheque towards buying her study books to help her whilst undertaking her veterinary nursing course at Bristol University. We are very grateful for your support of our pupils. Many thanks again.

Ysgol Penglais Aberystwyth Millie Elizabeth Hore



the earth, which I am passionate about, but also help us coexist sustainably alongside it, even in the most geologically active zones.

I am excited to commence a MGeol of Earth Science at the University of St Andrews in September 2021. My enthusiasm for Earth Science increased further during a University of St Andrews summer programme where I applied my theoretical knowledge in a practical setting. Whilst carrying out fieldwork I was able to identify the processes shaping the landscape. On a school trip to Iceland I observed many landscape features on a larger scale, opening my eyes to the extent of such processes and the variation they lead to across the earth's crust. The ongoing nature of geology was highlighted to me in an online lecture from the National Geographic Society, which displayed the variety of topics within this subject through focusing on the impact it has on the world around us. For instance, the Florida peninsula's limestone is susceptible to dissolution from circling groundwater, thus affecting the infrastructure in its proximity. Therefore, the study of this subject would not only help develop strategies to preserve

Coleg y Cymoedd Nantgarw Leah Morgan



Cymoedd learner awarded Worshipful Livery Company of Wales Award One of Cymoedd's top-performing learners has received the prestigious Worshipful Livery Company of Wales Award in recognition of her excellent examination results during a very difficult period due to the pandemic. Leah Morgan, 18, achieved top A-level grades in mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics and secured a place at Swansea University where she will learn to work with radiation therapy. Leah, from Bed was, is one of a handful of learners in Wales to be awarded an NHS Bursary which will see her tuition fees paid for by NHS Wales and Welsh Government, and a job working in nuclear medicine guaranteed upon completion of her degree.

Mr. Geoff Hughes, Past Master of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, visited the colleges' Nantgarw campus to present the Award to Leah. He noted that a primary aim of The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales is to promote education, science, technology and the arts in Wales via the School/Colleges Awards which are presented to students who have achieved outstanding results, often in difficult circumstances. Congratulating Leah, Mr Hughes said: "Leah has demonstrated via her determination, hard work and excellent examination results that she is a worthy recipient of this year's award. It has been really interesting speaking with Leah to hear how her love of science, family experiences and commitment to helping other people inspired her choice of course and career path. On behalf of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, I wish her every success in her future studies and career."

Speaking after receiving her award, Leah said: "I am so proud to receive this award and would like to thank the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales and also the tutors at the college for all their help and support. It has been difficult studying through Covid, especially during the lockdowns, but when I received my conditional offer from Swansea University, it showed me that I could make the grades and gave me the motivation I needed."

Thanking Mr. Hughes and the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, Principal Karen Phillips said: "We are grateful to the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales for their continued support of our learners. Leah has worked so hard and deserves the recognition and Award. Throughout her time at the college, she has been keen to get involved with all aspects of college life, including representing the learners at our Academic Board meetings. I'm sure she will excel in her studies, and we wish her good luck for the future."

Bishop Vaughan Swansea Ayoub Ghattas



This year our Head Boy Ayoub Ghattas has received the WLCOW award that recognises outstanding students. We are extremely proud of Ayoub who has been attending Bishop Vaughan School since joining us in 2014. During his time in Bishop Vaughan school and sixth form, Ayoub has always been a highly motivated and well-respected student. He is polite, hardworking, caring, courteous, respectful, and reliable. He shows an exceptionally mature attitude towards his own learning and is keen to develop his knowledge and understanding in any way that he can. He has now successfully applied to study Pharmacy at Swansea University. During his time in Bishop Vaughan sixth form, Ayoub achieved A* in Mathematics, A* in Chemistry and A* in Biology. Ayoub is a very good communicator both in written and oral form and is always willing and keen to participate fully in whatever he throws himself into. He works well as a member of a team as well as showing excellent leadership potential. Every teacher who knows Ayoub would state that it is truly a pleasure to

teach him and that Bishop Vaughan Catholic School will miss him dearly as a student but wishes him the best. We are convinced that thanks to the WLCOW award, Ayoub will without doubt be able to purchase books that he will need to study MPharm course in Swansea's university.

**Ysgol Harri Tudur Pembroke
Steven Brown**



Steven Brown received a cheque from Mr Jon Jones, assistant headteacher and head of sixth form at the school, on behalf of The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales. Steven was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma early in the Summer of 2020 and undertook successful treatments whilst achieving A*A*A this year. He is about to begin a BA (Hons) in Education at Cardiff University. We look to bestow this award upon students whose academic achievements reflect commitment to studies and who deserve special recognition for their accomplishments.

**St David's College Cardiff
Sian Conolly**



My life experiences, personal interests and desire to support vulnerable people have led me to want to study Politics. My long-term career aspiration is to be an Aid Worker or to work within a charity providing support to people in need. I am driven to understand how suffering is caused and can be resolved, both through my own individual actions and through the collective efforts of community and government. My interest in this area of Politics has been fuelled by my part time work as the Operations Officer for The Parish Trust's CARE Project, where I am helping coordinate the support to over 9000 people in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. Our work was recognised by the First Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford, when he came to visit the project in August of 2020. After having learned about the lack of Welsh representation in Westminster I decided to complete my Welsh

Baccalaureate project on the 'first past the post' voting system and its effectiveness in general elections. My passion and belief in Christianity acts as a major motivation in my career aspiration, This Scholarship will ease the financial burden of attending Aberystwyth University helping me to further the achievement of my long-term goals.

**Coleg Merthyr, Merthyr Tydfil
Amina Hameed**



Amina gained A* in Biology Chemistry and Phycology and will take up her place at Manchester University to study Dentistry. Amina's interest in dentistry stemmed from the lack of dental education growing up in Pakistan. Her first dental appointment in the UK was at the age of eight and highlighted that a lack of oral hygiene could seriously damage health Amina gained work experience and when observing a wisdom tooth extraction she realises the importance of good hand-eye coordination. Amina's manual dexterity is very good due to academic practical work and her hobby of cake decorating, in which precision and accuracy are essential

Amina noted that all the dentists within the practice ensured the patients were well informed of the options before commencing any treatment which illustrated to her the importance of good communication. Amina is a College Ambassador and regularly attends open days and engages with a range of students to guide them therefore enhancing her public speaking skills and confidence. She feels that listening is the most important part of communication and looks forward to applying these skills in dentistry.

Dr Kathy Seddon Margaret Davies Laura Davies