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Key Information for Parents, Carers and Guardians



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Welcome

We believe in nurturing each learner's potential for a successful future.

Here at college, we prioritise creating a safe and supportive learning environment. Our open communication channels with parents and regular progress updates ensure that you are always well-informed about your child's academic journey.

We believe in collaboration between parents, learners, and our college community, working together to provide the best possible experience for your child's education and personal growth.

Thank you for considering us for your child's further education journey. Together, let's build a path to their success.

Our Mission

Improving People's Futures

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Our Expectations & Values

Values



Our aim is to ensure that all our learners are treated with respect and that we equip them with the skills and qualities to succeed in life. Our values at the college are based on:

- Equality
- Trust
- Fairness
- Honesty
- Ambition

And we expect that all our learners will:

- Treat each other, staff and visitors with respect and courtesy
- Respect and celebrate diversity
- Take pride in the culture and language of Wales
- Make their views heard and participate in their communities
- Take full advantage of the education and training opportunities provided to them
- Aspire to the highest standards of achievement
- Conduct themselves responsibly, respecting their own wellbeing and safety and those of others
- Respect the environment and the resources provided for them
- Collaborate effectively and professionally with their peers
- Strive to develop their confidence and employability skills

Standards & Expectations



We reinforce the importance of professional behaviour amongst our learners at all times, and all of our learners must:

- Have excellent attendance and punctuality
- Wear their ID lanyards at all times - these help to keep our campuses safe
- Observe class and workshop standards, such as personal protective equipment
- Respect each other and our local community
- Behave professionally around the campus

We take our responsibility seriously in developing learners to become 'good citizens' both in the workplace and wider community.



What You Can Do To Help

Here is a checklist of things you can do that will help support your child's progress and ensure that they settle in to college.

- **Ensure your child attends their induction**

All learners will receive information letting them know what day their induction is, please ensure that they attend these. Induction provides them with important information about their course and college life.

- **Encourage excellent attendance**

Evidence shows that those learners who have good attendance go on to achieve better results.

- **Encourage your child to wear their lanyard**

All learners, staff and visitors must wear their lanyards when on campus. This helps us to keep our campuses a safe learning environment.

- **Ensure that your child completes any homework**

All learners are regularly set homework as part of their course.

- **Attend parents' evenings**

You will be invited to attend parents' evenings where we will work closely with you to ensure that you know how your child is doing at college.

- **Check whether they are eligible for financial support**

Depending on your household income, your child may be eligible for financial support.

- **Celebrate their achievements and successes**

Alongside achieving their qualification, our learners participate and win medals in a variety of competitions. Please celebrate their success with them.



What Makes Up a Full-time Course...

Whatever your aspirations for your child's future, we have a course to make it happen. We have a wide range of vocational courses in more than 25 subject areas, as well as a broad A level curriculum.

Your child will also develop skills in communication, time management, independence, team work, social skills and work experience, preparing them for the world of work or higher education when they leave college.

Each learner's study programme is tailored to their individual needs to help them achieve their education and employment goals. Initially based on their entry qualification, a study programme will be a clear route to show how each learner can progress from college to employment.



Alongside their full-time course, your child will also study:

English/Welsh & Maths:

If your child hasn't achieved a C or above in Maths and/or English/Welsh, we will support them to retake these subjects as part of their study programme.

However, as retaking these GCSEs will be an additional demand on their time, it is in their interest to work to achieve them first time round. All learners, regardless of GCSE results, will be expected to make further progress in their literacy and numeracy skills. Opportunities to do this will be embedded in course assignment tasks, as well as in work experience and other activities. For many courses, we require a minimum number of GCSEs at grade A*-C, ideally including Maths and English/Welsh.

Digital & Employability Skills:

When your child starts college, if they have achieved their Maths and/or English/Welsh GCSEs, they will complete Digital Literacy and/or Employability as part of their study programme.

Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales:

This new and innovative qualification is graded A*-E and carries the same UCAS points as an additional A Level.

The course helps your child develop essential transferable skills to support them to become effective, responsible and active citizens. It is highly regarded by universities and employers alike. As part of the qualification, they will learn about Global Citizenship, take part in community engagement, work on their own future destination, undertake community engagement hours and complete an Individual Research Project on a topic of their choice.

WHY CHOOSE COLLEGE?



Quality Teaching

Your child's education is our priority.

Our experienced and passionate tutors are dedicated to delivering high-quality teaching. We strive to inspire, challenge, and engage learners in a dynamic learning experience.

Experts in their fields, our tutors are able to bring their industry knowledge into the classroom - preparing our learners for the world of work.

Choosing to study at college means your child has access to a wide range of courses, specialist equipment supported by learning technology and dedicated lecturers who have professional experience in their area.

Enrichment Opportunities

We recognise that learning does not just take place in the classroom, and so we have an extensive enrichment programme covering key areas such as equality, environmental matters, staying safe, health and fitness and how to look after our mental health.

Activities take place throughout the year and are supported by our award-winning student union who work with us to help us to design the enrichment programme and encourage participation.

These can include taking part in many sports, at both friendly and competitive levels, as well as enrichment opportunities throughout the academic year.

These activities can help them to develop independence, interpersonal skills, confidence and life experience.

Personal Tutor

All learners have a dedicated personal tutor who oversees their whole programme and provides a communication link with parents during the academic year.

You will have regular parents evenings, telephone contact and up-to-date information shared on our online learner portal.

Excellent Results

Every year our learners receive outstanding results and progress into employment or continue their studies at university.

From doctors to business people, many of our learners have gone on to achieve remarkable accomplishments in various fields.

We take real pride in the positive impact our college has on shaping bright futures.

In 2024, our A Level subject area recorded an overall pass rate of 99% with previous learners gaining places at Oxford and Cambridge and other prestigious Russell Group universities.

Our apprentices have won a range of high-profile awards including Redrow's 'Apprentice of the Year' and a 'Medallion of Excellence' at the WorldSkills final. Many learners take part in WorldSkills competitions and talented athletes from the academies have gone on to represent Wales at international level.



Learner Achievements



Coleg Menai's Achiever of the Year, **Arian Williams**, finishing her time at college with a Triple Distinction in Sports and Exercise Science. Arian, who is also the current Welsh athletics champion over 200 metres and 100 metres, as well as 400 metres indoors, will study Criminology at Cardiff Met University.

"I am so glad that I came to study at Coleg Menai because I don't think I would have received as much support from any other school or college."



Noah Stanway achieved an A* in Mathematics, A* in Further Mathematics and A in Psychology. He is going to the University of Lancaster to study a Masters degree in Mathematics and Statistics including a year's study abroad in either the USA, Canada or New Zealand.

Noah said, "I'm very happy with my results. College has been great, it's been a wonderful change from how school was. The tutors have been amazing."



Tomos Jones, has landed a four-year-contract with airline Ryanair working at Stansted Airport, and is on his way to becoming a qualified aircraft maintenance engineer after being selected from more than 1,000 applicants.

He successfully completed the Level 3 Enhanced General Engineering course at the Hafan campus in his home town of Pwllheli. This included 16 topics, the Welsh Baccalaureate, Performing Engineering Operations workshop skills and 150 hours of practical work experience.



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Outstanding Facilities

As a learner, your child will have access to state-of-the-art facilities only available here at college.

Recent investments have seen us open a new seven million pound sports centre at our Llangefni Campus and a thirteen million pound engineering centre at our Rhyl campus. This is only a fraction of our investment in ensuring that the college has some of the best facilities in Wales.

From virtual reality suites to beauty salons, our sites are equipped with the very latest industry standard equipment to give your child real-world experience and prepare them for their future career.

Sports Centre

Llangefni Campus



Llangefni's £7m Sports Centre includes a sports hall, large gym and studio, changing facilities, classrooms, laboratories, and is home to the latest cutting-edge technology and equipment for monitoring sporting performance and excellence.

Engineering Centre

Rhyl Campus



Our £13m Rhyl Engineering Centre is a state-of-the-art, three-floor facility featuring a comprehensive range of highly specialised training equipment, from robotics & rapid prototyping to large industrial-scale metal-cutting CNC machines, the facility is equipped to offer a world-class learning experience.

A standout aspect of this transformative development is the establishment of a renewable energy technology training facility, a collaborative effort with the renowned international company RWE Renewables, known for managing numerous renewable energy sites across the UK.

Science Laboratories

Dolgellau & Pwllheli Campuses



Our £2m science laboratories at both the Dolgellau and Pwllheli sites have been refurbished and upgraded with the latest technology.



Learner Support

Here at college, we understand the importance of support, and our dedicated team is committed to providing a supportive environment for every learner.

Graded as 'excellent' for the quality of our care, support and guidance in our last government inspection - you can be assured that your child will be well looked after at college.

From academic assistance to personal development, we're here for them every step of the way.

Learner Services

Whichever campus your child attends, our friendly Learner Services team provides a one-stop-shop for information on a range of topics:

- Advice on applying for courses and the entry requirements
- Fees and finance
- Careers guidance
- Job opportunities and graduate placements
- Health and welfare
- UCAS applications
- Transport

Welfare & Wellbeing

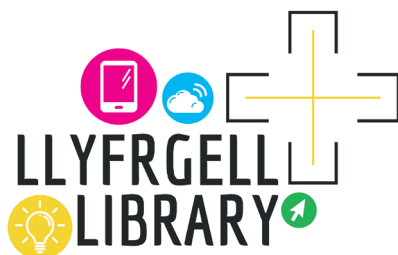
We provide welfare and wellbeing support and a signposting and referral service to specialist external agencies.

Learner Services offer support regarding a range of services, including:

- Health and wellbeing
- Equality and diversity
- Mentoring
- Counselling
- Safeguarding
- Personalised and Discreet support is available for Young Carers, Looked after Children and young people leaving care.

LibraryPlus

Our LibraryPlus centres offer a vast range of facilities, support and resources to learners. Alongside a wide range of reading materials to support your child's studies, students can also access digital learning equipment such as Google Chromebooks. Experienced staff are also on hand to support students with study skills, and for help with assignments and examinations preparations.



Learning Support

The College has specialist staff to support learners with additional learning needs. Working with you and your child, we will develop a plan to ensure that they make the most of college life and successfully achieve their qualification. Support may include:

- 1-2-1 support
- Technical support
- Risk assessments
- Care plans
- Study skills
- Adjustments for exams

Learner Finance & Transport

Financial Support

Financial support to help fund your child's studies may be available. Depending on your individual circumstances, they may be eligible for financial help to support their studies. We have a team of advisers who will be able to guide you through the details. Financial support that may be available includes:

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

If your child is aged 16-18 and studying on a course for more than 12 hours a week, they may be able to get £40 a week. EMA is means-tested, so ask Learner Services for more information.

Learner Support Fund (LSF)

Need money to help with the costs of uniforms, equipment or childcare?

The Learner Support Fund provides financial support to full-time learners who may struggle to cover some of the costs associated with their course. The fund can help towards meeting the costs of DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service - formerly CRB) checks, hostel accommodation, uniforms, kits, equipment, studio fees, some trips, transport and childcare. Learner Services staff can provide guidance and information about what financial support may be available to you.

Daily Meal Allowance

The Daily Meal Allowance is available for learners aged 16 to 18 enrolled on a full-time programme who received free school meals. Learner Services staff can provide further information.

Free Breakfast

Breakfast is widely recognised as the most important meal of the day. As part of our commitment to health and well-being, you will be able to access a free daily breakfast at all of our campuses.



MORE INFORMATION

Our Learner Services Team are here to provide advice, information and guidance to your child and also to answer your questions as their parent/guardian.

Open Events

We have open events throughout the year where you and your child can visit our campuses and talk to our friendly staff about your options.

For more information on our dates and times, visit our website: www.gllm.ac.uk/events



Contact Us

If you need help with your child's application, or have any questions about courses or funding, then please contact our Learner Services Team:

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