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I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY AGAIN THANKING ALL STAFF FOR THEIR COMMITMENT OVER YET ANOTHER INCREASLBY BUSY ACADEMIC TERM.

This past six to eight months has, at the same time, been an incredibly successful period for the College - Estyn Grade 1’s, forwrm awards, Welsh Learner of the Year and now a Beacon Award, all of which raise the profile of the College. This is an important time for the FE sector and it is critical that we recognise the high quality of work across the College.

Going forward, we must put these celebrations behind us and move into the New Year to face new opportunities and challenges. If we rely too heavily on our recent successes then we’re in danger of becoming complacent and, as a result, not quick or eager enough to respond effectively. We mustn’t allow this to happen.

The opportunities are numerous. They include our £11m capital programme, the first stage of which is almost complete, and the significant benefits that these projects will bring to this College. There are opportunities from our developing partnerships with our local schools, both for 16-18 year old pupils and 14-16 year olds, as a result of the new Learning and Skills Measure and the entitlement of all pupils to access a vocational curriculum. There are also opportunities for the funding of new Higher Education programmes and possibly for the extension of our skills centre model in Pyle into other vocational and job related areas.

Then, there are also opportunities for clarification and ensuring the consistency of the terms and conditions of employment, and the application of the workload agreement as a result of our ongoing discussions with the lecturers union UCU.

However, there are also challenges ahead which must not be underestimated as they will have significant impact across the College not just in 2010 but for several years afterwards.

For example, there is the impact of the increased fees for HE students for 2010/11 and the question as to whether full-time students who currently pay £1,200 per annum will be willing to pay over £3,000 per annum in the future. Then there is the question of the future status of our relatively small work-based learning contract when the Government’s stated intention is to fund fewer and larger contracts in the future. Along with the impact of the likely new fees policy, whereby adults may well have to pay higher fees on some of our evening part-time provision, and the proposed curriculum changes resulting from the implementation of the new Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales.

On top of these challenges there’s the statement in the draft WAG budget for 2010-11 that ‘a 5% efficiency gain is to be applied to all FE and HE providers’.

Finally, I must also point out that there is very little clarity and much uncertainty at this time in relation to many of the above.

The reason why I have outlined these challenges in detail is so that staff can understand the full picture, recognise the difficulties that we all face in the current economic recession and go into the new year without any false illusions.

So how are we going to get through this period? Well we’re going to need to focus on what we’re doing well and do more of it, while at the same focus on what we’re doing badly and do less of it. It’s about budging up as much as we can; this isn’t the time to complain about errors made in the past which need correcting. It’s about thinking quicker and acting smarter and it’s about everyone working together as a positive team, and recognising their role in the overall solution.

It’s going to be a challenging time for all of us but we are now clearly one of the strongest College’s going into this period, and I have no doubt that we’ll also come out of this period as one of the strongest Colleges.

MARK JONES PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

I would like to formally congratulate Mike Rees, who will be leaving in December, on being appointed as Head of Engineering at Neath Port Talbot College and Simon Pirotte who will be leaving in the New Year to take up the role of Principal at Coleg Powys. Well done both.

My final congratulations to Sara Davies, Chris Papp and the rest of the Forensic Science team on winning the AoC Beacon Award - the Mercer’s Award for Science and Mathematics - the best in the UK. This is the third occasion that this course has been shortlisted for either a Wales or UK award and it just shows what persistence and a commitment to the highest quality can achieve. Well done to everyone concerned in the School.

MARK JONES PRINCIPAL

A NEW NAME FOR FFORWM

Many staff will have heard of fforwm, the association of Colleges in Wales, which represents all 25 Further Education institutions in Wales. fforwm’s key roles are to co-ordinate the views of the very different institutions and to continue to raise the profile of the sector and in achieving this you may have read some of the articles in the national press by Dr John Graystone, Chief Executive of fforwm, and a good friend of this College.

Since February, and as a direct result of the increased profile of this College I have been honoured to be a Board Member of fforwm, and as board members we are all aware that maintaining a high profile for the sector and the individual Colleges is today more important than ever.

As a result, fforwm recently announced a new name and brand ‘Colegau Cymru, Colleges Wales’, which we believe better represents the membership and leads to a better understanding of the association by WAG, DCELLS and all other organisations that we deal with on a daily basis.

MARK JONES, PRINCIPAL

FORENSIC SCIENCE WINS PRESTIGIOUS AOC BEACON AWARD

Bridgend College won the Mercers’ Company Award for Science and Mathematics for its BTEC National Diploma in Forensic Science, which has encouraged greater participation in science-based courses.

The Award recognises exemplary teaching on any aspect of Mathematics or Science, or the application of the subjects in a vocational context.

The AoC Beacon Award judges said the course successfully switches students on to science as an interesting and relevant discipline and, though some will not end up working in the field, the course is sufficiently broad to form the basis for progression to other areas of study or employment.

The UK-wide Beacon Awards provide national recognition for excellence and innovation as well as acknowledging the talents of staff at all levels. They highlight the breadth and quality of education in the College sector.

Chair of the AoC Beacon Awards, Dame Patricia Morgan-Webb said: “Beacon winners blaze a trail in finding new ways of doing things, they contribute to social justice and are instrumental in local economic and social re-generation, essential during these turbulent times. Whilst the winners this year are located all across the UK, what they all share are the key traits of innovation, creativity, responsiveness and a collaborative approach.”

The College will host a local celebration event in the New Year and be presented with their Award by the Rt. Hon. Kevin Brennan MP, Minister of State for Further Education, at a national presentation ceremony due to be held at Westminster in February 2010.

We were also shortlisted for the Edge Award for Practical Teaching and Practical Learning for our ‘Working Wonders’ Administrative studies provision. Well done to all of the staff and students involved in the submission and success of these Beacon Awards.

MARK JONES, PRINCIPAL
CREATIVE ARTS AWARDS & EVENTS

- Martyna Synowiec (National Diploma Photography) - 3rd prize for the Hereford College of Art Young Photographer competition. Martyna’s work and that of fellow students Kirby Chapman, Natalie Manfield and Shaun Ronicle will be included in the Hereford College Art Exhibition. “I am pleased to let you know that Martyna has won 3rd prize in the competition. We thought her work was very strong. There were some fantastic entries and standards were the highest ever. Hopefully you and your students will make it to Hereford when we will have our exhibition”

- Kieran Mcmanus (BA Photography) has been appointed student union sports photographer for UWIC magazine. Kieran was also commissioned by Invacare to photograph the world cup wheelchair tennis. His photographs were published in many in professional magazines and The Mirror, The Sun, News of the World and many of the local newspapers.

- Anthony Jones (Foundation Degree Creative Industries) - Production Trainee of the Year won this prestigious for his work as Locations Manager. The ‘Its My Shout’ première and award ceremony held at Porthcaw’s Grand Pavilion on 24th October, celebrates the hard work of cast and crew in the production of six short films for BBC television. The scheme is spearheaded by Roger Burnell, Director of Theatre, Arts & Culture Service at Bridgend County Borough Council.

- Luke Morrissey and Jody Nicholson (National Diploma Musical Theatre) - Best Duet and Best Overall Performance in National Youth Service Dance Awards. This is the second year Luke has won this prestigious award.

- Greg Sage (National Diploma Musical Theatre) won a commendation for his performance at the World Hip Hop Championships.

- Taliya Watts (National Diploma Media Production) received critical acclaim from HE institutions for her documentary on a Paralympian. Taliya now works for Cyfle, a film training agency where she produces short films

- Sarah Dunkley (BTEC National Diploma in Art & Design student) designed a new logo for the Bridgend and District Beekeepers Association. 27 students from the BTEC National Diploma in Art & Design (years 1 and 2) produced initial designs which were presented to Sue Yerran, Secretary for Bridgend Beekeepers. Sarah Dunkley’s logo was chosen and transformed from a torn paper collage design into a digital logo by Dan Haigh, Art & Design Technician at Bridgend College.

- Three former Studio 34 students won Best Regional Film and received a finalist certificate for Best Camera Work in the media4schools Awards 2009. Lee Gripton who’s progressed to the First Diploma in Media, Daniel Cox now studying the BTEC Introductory Diploma in IT/IWork and Escha Fry on the First Diploma in Art & Design, attended the event on Thursday 12th November at Cineworld Cinema,Cardiff to be presented their awards by Kath Durbin.

- Former student Julian Richards performed in Spectacle Theatres’ tour of ‘Bystander’ at Bridgend College on Thursday 12th November, his first professional role.

- Sam Davies (National Diploma Music Practice) performed at the re-branding event for florwrm, the national organisation that represents all of Wales’ 24 further education (FE) colleges and institutions.

- Tours of Sinderella and the Xmas Factor have been extremely successful.

- Strictly Swing cabaret was well attended with excellent performances from year 1 Musical Theatre students and school link pupils.

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GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK,
16 - 22 NOVEMBER 2009

STAFF AND STUDENTS ENJOYED A BUSY WEEK TAKING PART IN A WIDE RANGE OF ENTERPRISE INITIATIVES. BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT TOOK PLACE:

MAKE YOUR MARK CHALLENGE 2009
The Make Your Mark Challenge 2009 was titled “Let local inspiration lead you to a ‘cool’ creation” with the challenge to come up with a new and innovative business idea that takes its inspiration from something local. The business could be a product or a service so long as it was a ‘cool’ creation and makes money.

Over 600 students took part within Bridgend College, and over 70,000 nationwide. Students from the School of Construction (Jason Roderick, Jesada Chunounsee, Owain Lewis and Jon Standen) where selected to go forward to the regional trial held in Cardiff on Friday 27 November. The students presented their pitch for their business idea based on umbrellas made from recyclable material, which are sold via vending machines which are also made from recycled goods and run by solar power. They came third and were also awarded a prize for ‘thinking on their feet’ in relation to how they responded to the judging panels questions. Each team was also gifted a Hazel Tree which in the interest of reducing their carbon footprint, will compensate for the fuel used to attend the event. The tree will be planted at the Pencoed Campus in the Spring.

BIG DRAGON WINNER
Students from Art & Design, Performing Arts, Engineering, Business, Media, and Hair & Beauty competed in a dragon den style competition pitching to entrepreneurs Mark Roach (Dynamo Role Model), David Bolton (Venture Wales), Laura Molding (VS4B) and Sharone Williams (Dynamo Role Model).

A team of six students from Art & Design won with their pitch for their company ‘Ja Swieta’ which produce Christmas gift wrapping and cards. They received a trophy and cheque for £100 and will represent Bridgend College competing against 22 other FE colleges in Wales in the Global Enterprise Challenge in March 2010.

ONE GREEN PAPERCLIP
A joint venture with Pembrokeshire College, students swapped items and shared ideas and best practice.

The Barnardo’s one green paperclip challenge starts with one green paperclip which the students trade to obtain an item of higher value. Students then sell their final items and all the money raised goes towards helping the vulnerable children Barnardo’s works with.

To get involved, please contact:
Fiona Neeson, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
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WOMEN’S DAY
Women’s Enterprise Day is all about celebrating women in business and encouraging many more to turn their passions into profit.

Students were asked to invite a female member of their family to come into the College with them, and they were joined by a number of community projects. The Enterprise Workshop involved designing and manufacturing for a gift bag business, and which tested their business skills including decision making, quality, finance and marketing.

Andrea Meyrick from e3b and Angela Giddon, Dynamo Role Model lead this event.

CRAFT FAYRE
Community groups, staff and students came together in the Student Common Room to sell products and services including beauty treatments, cakes and Christmas gifts. The event was opened and enjoyed by Councillor Jefferson Tildesley, Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council.

STOCK MARKET CHALLENGE
Students from Construction and Art, Design and Media joined students from Coleg Glan Hafan, Barry College, St David’s RC College and UWIC under the CAVE (Cardiff and Vale Enterprise) Consortia, to take part in a stock market challenge with the group achieving the greatest profit winning. The winners were from Coleg Glan Hafan.

Stock Market Challenge is an interactive, experiential learning tool which brings the unique intensity and excitement of a live trading floor. The game is simulated and time-pressured making the learning experience effective and rewarding. It enhances the development of skills such as team-working, risk assessment, working under pressure and communication.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR
On the South Bank of London, under the shadow of the Millennium Wheel young entrepreneurs gathered for the World Trade Fair. Students from the National Diploma in Business, along with Lecturers Claire George and Victoria Williams, had a stall to represent Achievers International, selling goods imported from Ghana, and social enterprise with ‘Cwtch’ where students where giving visitors a cwtch and had branded t-shirts on sale.

The Cwtch initiative was particularly well received, with most visitors unaware what a cwtch is. The fair proved a very successful means of testing the market for ‘cwtch’ merchandise.

The Bridgend College stall was visited by the BBC, Max Larcombe, Project Manager for Achievers International and the Make you Mark team.
BRIDGEND COLLEGE AND COLEG MORGANNWG FIGHT IT OUT IN BATTLE OF THE BANDS

On Thursday 12th November 2009, four bands from Bridgend College and Coleg Morgannwg battled it out to win a fantastic one day recording session in a professional music studio, sponsored by Prawn Studio, Bridgend.

On the judging panel was Polly James, presenter at Nation Radio and Andre Van Wyk, Arts Development Officer at Bridgend County Borough Council.

Each band performed a 20 minute set with the Magpies from Coleg Morgannwg triumphant. Listen out for coverage on Nation Radio, where the Magpies will be featured in a future show and playing some of their great music.

Scott Howells Music lecturer, Coleg Morgannwg said “The students really enjoyed playing in a professional environment and displayed good camaraderie with students from Bridgend College. The prize of a days recording and national air play on Nation Radio will give the students good experience of being a professional recording artist. A good day out all-round!”

The event was held in Bridgend Recreation Centre as part of Colleges Week, where students from across Wales celebrated their individual talents, successes and diversity through a range of activities.

As the Chief Executive of ColegauCymru, John Graystone, explains “College students are celebrating Colleges Week by having fun! College life isn’t all about hard work. We all have our talents and Colleges Week provides an opportunity for students to hone and use their talents for the benefit of others”.

The event was a great success with further collaborative links planned between the College and Coleg Morgannwg, including regular jamming sessions at each College and Coleg Morgannwg taking part in the Bridgend Battle of the Bands competition in March 2010.

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SCOTT HOWELLS,
MUSIC LECTURER, COLEG MORGANNWG

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009

85 children enjoyed the College Christmas party on Friday 4th December, with a superb tea party provided by the Department of Tourism and Hospitality followed by face painting, a puppet show, games and dancing from our friends at Fantastic Parties.

Then, as if by magic, Father Christmas took flight in his magnificent sleigh making a grand entrance into the middle of the party before making his way to his Grotto, where each child received a gift.

Many thanks to all those who helped make the party such a success, with special mention to:

- Santa’s Understudy: Owain Thorngate (National Diploma Children’s Care, Learning & Development student)
- Santa’s Elves: Cache Level 1 & 2 students
- Santa’s Party Planners: Alan, Gareth, Stephen, Roland, Heidi and Suzanne, along with students from Cache Level 2 & 3
- Santa’s Maintenance Team: Dave Gore and Jo Fortt
- Santa’s Helpers: Edward Beech, Kathryn Sweet, Ann Ford, Linda Johnson, Heidi Morgan Students from National Diploma Children’s Care, Learning & Development
- Santa’s Media Photographer: John Morgan

MINIVERSITY CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 11th November, Coleg Glan Hafren hosted the second College Miniversity Challenge, where three students each from four colleges - Coleg Glan Hafren, Coleg Gwent, Coleg Ystrad Mynach and Bridgend College - competed for the prize of Miniversity Challenge winner.

The Challenge which was arranged to showcase academic excellence as part of Colleges Week, was filmed by media students in Coleg Glan Hafran’s TV studio and hosted by BBC presenter and ex-Coleg Glan Hafren student Jason Mohammad.

As the theme for this year’s Colleges Week is community and colleges, there was a community representative on each college team, with Claire Sumner, Head of the Performance and Quality Unit within Learning Development Services (LDS), South Wales Police, joining Forensic Science students Chris Phillips and Sophie Lewis and ‘skinny’ their bony mascot!

Unfortunately, Bridgend College was beaten by Coleg Gwent in the semi-final, who were the eventual winners beating Ystrad Mynach in the final with 85 points to 55. However, both Chris and Sophie agreed that “It was a great day. We really enjoyed the experience of being filmed in the studio and meeting Jason Mohammad.”
STUDENTS VISIT VIRGIN ATLANTIC TRAINING CENTRE

Second year National Diploma Travel and Tourism students brought their studies to life when they visited the Virgin Atlantic Training Centre near Gatwick Airport.

With access to the same training equipment as Virgin Cabin/Air Crew, they literally threw themselves into the training by testing out the aircraft emergency escape Shute.

Student Hannah McCarthy said “This trip has really confirmed that I would like to work in the Travel Industry, the day was brilliant.”

Students also took part in setting up a cabin crew bar, organising night time flights, health and safety training and escaping the craft into a lifeboat.

Quality Co-ordinator Gabi Howells said “The activities and visit exceeded expectations. We completed exactly the same activities as cabin crew during their initial training. It was a fantastic insight into the job and provided increased motivation for all.”

OLYMPIA - CELEBRATING UK OLDER PEOPLE DAY ON 1ST OCTOBER 2009

28, year 2 Health and Social Care students were recently invited to participate in a live project with the local Public Health department called Olympiage. This involved them supporting care workers to help 10 teams of six older people to compete in gentle exercises. The students found the event really enjoyable and beneficial, while the organisers were very complementary about the attitude and abilities of our students and awarded each of them with a certificate. Well done!

NETBALL ACADEMY STUDENTS SELECTED FOR WELSH COLLEGES SQUAD

Lois Gardner and Rebecca Roberts BTEC National Sport (Performance and Excellence) Netball Academy students have been selected for the Welsh Colleges Squad.

Both endured two rounds of trials to obtain their place. The team played South West England on 4th November where 12 players were selected to go onto British Colleges Trials. Lois was selected for the trials, which is a huge achievement, along with capturing the Welsh Colleges Squad for this game.

‘FUTURE CHEF’ COMPETITION COMES TO BRIDGEND COLLEGE

School Plus Hospitality students took part in the local heats of the National Future Chef competition, with the prize an opportunity to work with a top international chef.

As Lecturer, Chris Thornton, prowled the Kitchen in true ‘head Chef’ manner the tension was building as ‘time up’ was called. The students presented a range of dishes, which were plated and garnished to perfection.

The judging commenced with chef Steve Peasly and Grannia Doherty tasting and marking on creative flare, taste and presentation. Ricky Jones was the winner and will progress on to the next heat.

Head of School Jane Wattleworth said “I find it hard to believe that such a young group of students are so talented in the kitchen. Their final dishes looked fantastic, easily as professional as any top restaurant fare”
DEVELOPING NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS

In education, in-house email is rapidly becoming redundant because today’s internet-savvy students generally enrol with their own email addresses. However, Salford Software has been working alongside Bridgend College to develop an email system and collaborative portal based on Microsoft cloud service ‘Live@edu’ for its 13,000 students and 800 staff on four campuses.

It expected that in the next three years, no educational institution will deploy its own standard email system. It will all be pushed through the cloud, via Google or Microsoft.

“Salford Software has streamlined this process so new network accounts are created within one hour of enrolment and provide links to the virtual learning environment(Moodle), as well as importing timetables into the student’s accounts so they know where they should be and at what time,” says Leighton Spurgeon, IT Services Manager.

This system represents a whole new way of communicating with students. “Previously, there would have been a lot of work involved for student services and marketing,” says Leighton. “The collaborative portal will allow us to communicate with students at the touch of a button, by who they are, what course they are on and the information they should therefore get access to so eliminating paperwork and speeding up communications.”

BRIDGENG COLLEGE BUILDS RAPPORT WITH HUGH JAMES SOLICITORS

Bridgend College began working with Hugh James Solicitors, Cardiff, two years ago as part of the Modern Apprenticeship programme. In this time the rapport between Bridgend College and Hugh James Solicitors has developed and NVQ assessor, David Powell, has delivered the NVQ Business Administration Level 2 to 10 office juniors. The NVQ programme, which up to level 3 is free of charge, has now been extended to all personnel in the Cardiff Office.

In the last few weeks Bridgend College has held a number of awareness sessions within Hugh James Solicitors, with excellent results. A total of 46 members of staff are currently undertaking NVQ training, ranging from Management, Team Leading, Business Administration, Customer Service, and Warehousing and Storage.

Over the years experience has shown that the NVQ programme offered by Bridgend College has improved the quality of recruitment, and increased moral and motivation, which in turn increases productivity. Our programmes are convenient because they are delivered in the workplace and are based on occupational activities undertaken by the staff. The relationship between Bridgend College and Hugh James Solicitors has been a great success, and it is hoped that it will continue well into the future.

JOHN MYS

There are several local employers who qualified with us many years ago and now return to the College when they are looking for trainees themselves. That’s certainly something for us all to be proud of.”

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CSSIW INSPECTION OF BRIDGENG COLLEGE DAY NURSERY

The Day Nursery recently received an excellent report following an inspection from the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW). Highlights from the report include:

“...on arrival at the Nursery parents and children were greeted warmly and made to feel welcome.”

“...the Nursery was well resourced with educational toys and equipment designed to promote all areas of learning and development. It was observed that the children were provided with age appropriate activities, which were planned around themes and topics in line with the Foundation Stage.”

“Members of staff spoken to during the inspection were friendly, professional and knowledgeable of the children they cared for.”

“...Bridgend College Day Nursery continued to provide a professional, child-centred service to parents and children.”

CERI SMITH - SUPPORT STAFF REPRESENTATIVE ON GOVERNING BODY

Following Clive Bryant’s retirement from the Board of Governors, Ceri Smith, Curriculum Administrator for the School of Construction and School of Landbased Sport & Public Services, has been elected unopposed to the position of Support Staff Representative on the Bridgend College Governing Body. Congratulations.

JOHN MYS

PROFILED IN APHC NEWSLETTER

John Mys was recently featured in APHC [Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors] newsletter which is produced in association with City & Guilds.

John spoke about how he came to be a plumbing lecturer and his pride at the high quality, high level training Bridgend College offers a wide range of students from school leavers to candidates in their 50s who are looking to retrain. He also spoke of the importance of getting the right student onto the right course as successful outcomes are crucial for both students and lecturers alike, especially in today’s challenging economic climate.

Testament to the success of the plumbing courses at Bridgend College, John commented that: “At the end of their courses our students are quickly absorbed into the local plumbing industry. Many are cherry-picked by a range of employers whilst others go on to establish their own small businesses. We catch up on their achievements when they come back to the College to update their knowledge and skills or undertake further qualifications. There are several local employers who qualified with us many years ago and now return to the college when they are looking for trainees themselves. They have great loyalty to both Bridgend College and City & Guilds. They remember how hard it was to get started in the plumbing industry and respect the contribution that both these institutions made to their personal success. That’s certainly something for us all to be proud of.”
RUGBY CALENDAR
The Rugby Academy students recently took part in a photo shoot based on the word “outstanding” in homage to our recent Estyn inspection results. The photos will be used in a calendar, which will be sold to fundraise for a 10 day tour to Philadelphia. The sports department have established strong links with teams in the USA, having spent 10 days in the state of New York last May and are keen to continue that link.
Craig Warlow says “The lads enjoyed having the star treatment for the day, and with the calendars being sold all over South Wales including outlets in MacArthur Glen, these students could be stars for a little longer”.

OUTSTANDING

The calendar will be on sale shortly. Please contact Craig Warlow for more information, Tel: 01656 302671, Email: cwarlow@bridgend.ac.uk.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Staff and students across both Bridgend and Pencoed campuses donated items throughout November for Animal Care students to pack into shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a scheme run by the charity Samaritan’s Purse, whereby individuals or groups can fill wrapped shoeboxes with small presents that are then sent out to Eastern Europe and Africa to be given to children who would otherwise not receive any presents at Christmas.
As well as filling shoeboxes with the donated items, students from the National Diploma Animal Management year 1 groups undertook a number of fund-raising activities, including: a sponsored walk up Pen-y-Fan; Cake stalls; Car Washing; and a Splat the Tutor stall. In total the students raised £244.60.
On Thursday 26th November, the students visited the local collection depot for Operation Christmas Child in Talbot Green to deliver the shoeboxes and to present the volunteers there with a cheque. The students were quite inspired by all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes and a number have volunteered to go back to the depot in their own time between now and Christmas to help check all the boxes and load them onto pallets ready for distribution.
A big thank you, from the Animal Studies department and from Samaritan’s Purse, to all those who donated items for our shoeboxes or helped the students to raise money.

FUNDRAISING FOR BREAST CANCER CARE
The students from Pre Vocational Education (K Block, Enterprise group E3) recently raised £231.75 for Breast Cancer Care, by selling ribbon and jigsaw pins, fairy cakes and taking part in a sponsored silence.
Congratulations everyone.

CHILDREN IN NEED
- National Diploma Childcare students raised £107 from a raffle and by selling cakes, with the winner of the Christmas cake Jane Martin from Block E.
- Public Services rose over £500 from dressing up, a sponsored head shave and leg waxing (ouch!)
- The entry level students from Hospitality raised £75.70 in the Craft Fair.
- £370 was raised from ticket sales to the rock show, performed by Music Students.
WELL DONE to the students and all who supported their fundraising activities.