

Cricket Table

West - Wales Outdoor Twenty20 League - 2014 : League Table

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NPTC Group - 1st XI	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
SGS College - 1st XI	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Coleg Y Cymoedd - 1st XI	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire College - 1st XI	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Big Beach Clean Up

Students' once gain volunteered their services to the "Big Beach Clean Up" campaign held at Swansea's Black Pill beach. The weather was gorgeous and the students, once they had received all their health and safety attire, dragged, hauled and picked all the litter and flotsam in their allotted area.

They were joined by members of the public and other departments from the College.

The students' undertook various tasks to help the community and this is just one of the many good deeds that they have undertaken this year, well done to all those who took part.



Kristian Norris and James Kempson enthusiastically doing their bit to clean the beach.

The First Diploma students weigh in their rubbish and then receive their vouchers for M & S.



NPTC GROUP SPORTS and PUBLIC SERVICES NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the 9th edition of NPTC Group School of Sport & Uniformed Public Services (SPS) annual newsletter. Here you will find details of some of the sporting successes and activities that our staff and students have accomplished over the last few months.

It also introduces some further opportunities and challenges open to students in this exciting department over the coming months.

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Les Menuires Ski Trip

Les Menuires Les 3 Vallées

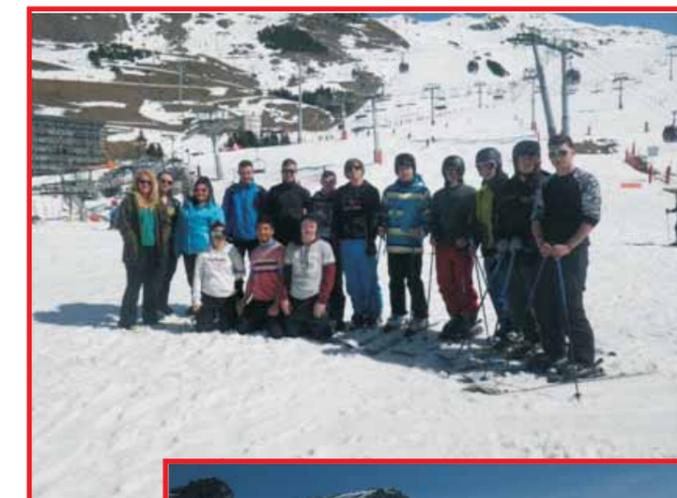
Students from across the sport and public services courses could not get enough of the skiing last year, so when presented with the opportunity to return to the World's largest ski resort they jumped at the chance!

Staying at a "ski in/ ski out" hotel in the resort of Les Menuires, (which gives you direct access to the biggest linked ski area in the world) it became a dream trip!

Les Menuires is part of the 3 Vallées with 600 km of pistes and 172 ski lifts, linking Les Menuires/ Saint Martin to Val Thorens, Orelle, Méribel, Courchevel, La Tania and Brides-les-Bains. Les Menuires/Saint Martin de Belleville has a 160 km of pistes and 34 ski lifts and is situated at an altitude of 1,850 m.

Many of the ski group this year were returners from the previous trip, proving that memories and friendships made really did last. The range in ability provided an ideal opportunity to develop morals and skills such as team work, support and organisation, and for a lucky few, the Alps provided the backdrop for their A Level P.E. moderation - not a bad way to get marked! Our experienced skiers guided the novices through the Alps helping them to progress at a much quicker rate and a group trip to the ski park at the end of the week was a perfect way to round off the trip.

Les Menuires slogan states "ski, enjoy, respect" and that is exactly the behaviour our learners embraced on this trip. 2014 proved to be an outstanding ski trip for NPTC Group and left students eagerly awaiting the announcement of next year's trip!



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Forces Fitness Bootcamp Challenge

WITH the Six Nations truly behind us and daffodils making a welcome return to our gardens, it can only mean one thing. St David's Day and NPTC Group celebrated Welsh Culture Week in style this year with a week-long programme of activities.

Activities started on the Llandarcy Campus when the "Forces Fitness" team put sport's students through their paces with a range of military-type challenges. After an intense competition involving just over 100 students, a group of students from the BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport took the overall crown receiving T-shirts and goodie bags. Sport student Sam Morris won a separate award for best effort during the event; he really impressed the ex-army instructors with his ability.

The Neath Campus held a successful coffee morning thanks to enthusiastic and hard-working Level 2 Business students. With the afternoon transforming the Neath Campus into a mini-rock festival with 2nd year Level 2 Performing Arts students taking to the stage at the Nidum Arts Centre; Catering students making and selling cakes; and Horticulture students selling daffodils and seasonal plants throughout the event.

Students proudly wore their countries colours for 'Wear Red Day' which took place on the Afan Campus this year. 1st year Level 2 Performing Arts students provided music and once again the Catering and Horticulture departments kindly gave their time to support the event. The St David's Competition was yet again a huge success with students sharing their creativity and expressing what WALES means to them.

There were three categories in the competition: Arts and Crafts, Catering, Poetry and Literature. The judges weren't disappointed with 41 Catering entries, 21 Arts & Crafts entries and 19 Poetry & Literature entries with the lucky winners receiving trophies and gift vouchers.

Angharad Rees, NPTC Group's Bilingual Development Co-ordinator, said:

"The activities this year really celebrated Welsh culture and standards were incredibly high. I'd like to say well done to all the students who took part and thank you to everyone involved."

2014 St David Day Competition Winners

Arts & Crafts Category:

1. Joel Al Hattab
2. Tiffany Lloyd
3. Corrie Lavercombe

Catering:

1. Perla E. Dallison
2. Joshua Thomas
3. Sophie Earland

Poetry & Literature:

1. Leigh Bamford
2. Laura Rebecca Firman
3. Yvonne Thomas



Pic Caption: NPTC Group Sport Students with the Forces Fitness team at Llandarcy Academy of Sport

Ladies' Rugby

NPTC Group student Elli Norkett before her first senior rugby international debut against France during the 6 nations. Elli is a second year Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport student Elli Norkett who studies at NPTC Group's Llandarcy Academy of Sport.



British Colleges Championships

STUDENTS from NPTC Group celebrated success at the British Colleges Sport (BCS) National Championships recently with a haul of medals including Gold in Ladies' Rugby.

The BCS National Championships were held at Bath University on the weekend of 4 April 2014, with sixteen students from NPTC Group chosen to represent the Wales region.

Ellie Norkett, a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport student, represented NPTC Group as a crucial part of the successful Gold medal winning Welsh ladies' rugby team. After recently becoming a full women's international player, she proved herself to be a huge weapon by providing the winning team with a staggering 11 tries making her top try scorer. They were the only Welsh competitors to be Championship winners and were crowned British Champions for the 6th year running. A Level student Aimee Moran won a Silver medal for an excellent performance in the badminton ladies' singles and Fauve Birch narrowly missed out on Gold after an intense two-day women's golf competition.

The BCS National Championships involved more than 2,000 students aged between 16 and 19 years, competing in fourteen different sports. Each athlete had qualified to represent one of the championship's eleven regional teams: the East, East Midlands, London, North East, North West, Scotland, South East, South West, Wales, West Midlands and Yorkshire & Humberside. James Jones, NPTC Group's Sport development officer, commented: "We are extremely proud of not only the results but by the application, work rate and behaviour of our students, who were exemplary and a credit to the College."

The College thank Barry Roberts, James Jones and Lucy Lewis, the members of staff who supervised them throughout the weekend.

PIC Caption: NPTC Group's Aimee Moran with her Silver medal



British Colleges Sport Open Golf Championships

NPTC Group students travelled to the renowned Fairmont St Andrew's Golf Course recently to tee off against some of the UK's future golfing stars at the 2014 British Colleges Sport Open Golf Championships.

Fauve Birch and Hannah Bowen, both A Level students from the Neath Campus, were joined by BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport student Molly Lewis from the Llandarcy Academy of Sport for the two-day open.

The competition provided an excellent opportunity for the young golfers to experience links golf in one of the most famous golfing areas in the world, with rounds taking place on the superb Torrance and Kittocks courses; just a stone's throw from the famous St Andrews old course - the 'home of golf'.

The competition ended on a high for the girls with Fauve Birch taking an excellent 2nd place, her superb second round of 76 moved her right through the field to take one of the coveted top spots. Hannah Bowen also played extremely well to take 5th place and Molly Lewis a well respected 8th.

NPTC Group Sport Lecturer, Steve Maddocks, said: "The girls competed to a very high standard, achieving excellent results in a fantastic tournament in superb facilities in Scotland. The experiences of playing two links courses in two days were out of this world and the trip was finished off by visiting the Historic St Andrews course."



Follow Your Deams

NPTC Group's Young Sports Ambassadors have been involved in a special day of activities, making dreams come true for a group of young students from Neath Port Talbot. The Llandarcy Academy of Sport hosted a special day for 35 students from Ysgol Hendre Residential School, working in partnership with the Follow your Dreams charity.

Follow Your Dreams is a UK charity that supports children with learning disabilities, some with life-limiting medical or severe developmental conditions. Follow Your Dreams inspire the ambitions of children and young people by delivering enjoyable methods of learning and play. It was the pupils from Ysgol Hendre's dream to be able to take part in a wide range of sporting activities in a professional sporting environment.

The Young Ambassadors, from the BTEC Level 3 Sport Development Coaching and Fitness course based at Llandarcy Academy of Sport, organised enjoyable and competitive games which brought out the competitive nature of the students. Lots of fun was had by all, including special guest, former England cricketer Simon Jones who proved a dab hand at dodge ball.

The day was rounded off with a question and answer session with the former England cricket international and Ysgol Hendre students.



Btec Level 3 Sports Students pictured with Ysgol Hendre pupils at Llandarcy Academy of Sport

Pictured with the black tops are Gold Ambassadors Cameron Davies, David Jones & Paige Crosby.

In Red tops: Lauren Garrett, Ellis Pickering, Kieron Davies, Shaun Howard, Joe Reisbeck, Teagan Collins, Bethan Rowe & Abi Jones.

Disability Sport Athletics Tournament

Btec Level 3 Sports students co-host the NPT Pass Disability Sport Athletics Tournament (23rd May 2014)

Disability Sport Athletics Tournament at NPTC Group

NPTC Group's Llandarcy Academy of Sport hosted the Neath Port Talbot Disability Athletics festival for pupils with additional needs. The pupils competed in a number of different athletic events led and coached by first year Level three sport students from our Llandarcy Academy of Sport, under the watchful eye of Disability Sport Officer Victoria Radmore. The students, who all completed the Disability Inclusion Training (one of a number of coaching awards they undertake during their time at college), oversaw intense competition with medals awarded for each of the events. A fantastic day both the pupils and students will not forget in a hurry!!



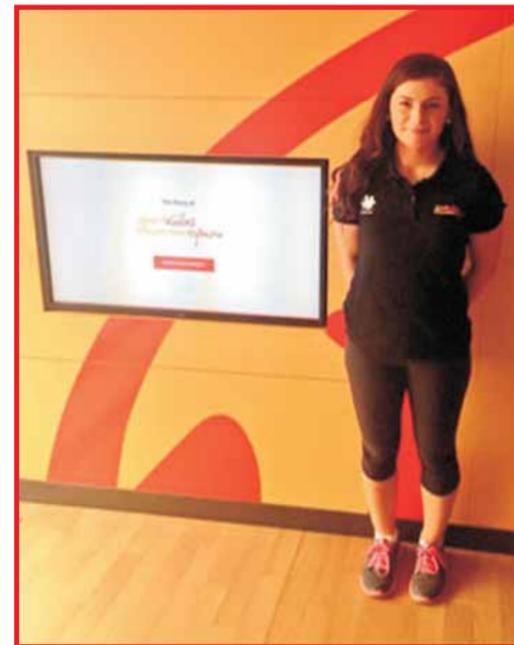
Young Ambassador's Media Training

Recently a small group of carefully chosen young sports ambassadors undertook a specially designed workshop to become trained 'Media Ambassadors'.

Second year BTEC Sport Development Coaching and Fitness student Lauren Mortimer-Jones, based at NPTC Group's Llandarcy Academy of Sport campus, was one of the lucky few selected. The young ambassadors; through expert workshops were given the tools to become budding journalists.

The National Young Ambassador programme is a Sport Wales initiative that aims to empower and inspire young people to become role models and leaders through sport, by developing their confidence and skills in order to increase physical participation in others.

Lauren said "At the media training day I learned new skills to prepare myself for future Sport Wales events and hopefully a potential career. When famous faces from the sporting world come to events I can put these new skills into practice with confidence. I would like to thank Carly Smith of the NPT PASS department and NPTC Group for their support."



Commonwealth Games Multi-Skills Festival



Over 500 students from 17 Neath Port Talbot schools descended on Llandarcy Academy of Sport for a day of sporting fun. With the sun shining the pupils got an introduction to a number of Commonwealth sports, providing an opportunity to try new and exciting activities such as: judo and fencing, alongside more established sports such as athletics, rugby gymnastics and badminton. The event was organised by the Physical Activity and Sport Service (PASS) team of Neath Port Talbot, in conjunction with NPTC Group. The activities were excellently led by over 50 enthusiastic NPTC Group (Llandarcy Academy of Sports) BTEC Level 3 sport first year students, who passed on their knowledge and experience to potential Commonwealth medallists of the future! L1 sports group together with L3 sports group both helped out.



BTEC Level 3 Sport Students Corey Glover, Ben Griffiths & Ellis Pickering offer support to Team Wales for the Commonwealth Games! These students were just a few who helped run the Multi Sport Event at Llandarcy Academy of Sport; over 500 schoolchildren attended a festival to try a variety of sports run alongside NPTC PASS department.

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NPTC Group 2014 Annual Sports Awards Evening



Rhodri Gaskins-Davies - Cricket Most Improved

Nominations for Overall Winners:

Sportswoman of the Year:

- Sophia Romallo-Rees-football
- Emily Edwards-Netball
- Alicia Demery-Rugby, Football & Athletics
- Elli Norkett -Rugby, Netball & Athletics
- Fauve Birch-Golf

Winner- Elli Norkett



Sportsman of the Year:

- Adam Beard- Rugby & Athletics
- Josh Cole-Rugby & Athletics
- Conah Mc Fenton- Football
- Chakkri Phromchanta

Winner- Adam Beard & Conah Mc Fenton



Kieran Sparrow Award (Academic & Sporting achievements)

- Cameron Davies (Btec L3 Sport/Platinum Young Ambassador-Football & Athletics)
- Fauve Birch (A levels & Golf)
- Katie Hosford-Football (A levels & football)

Winner- Cameron Davies



NPTC Group 2014 Annual Sports Awards Evening

Staff and Students across Neath & Llandarcy Campuses gathered together for their annual Sports Awards at Manor Park Hotel Clydach. Staff and students were joined by Special guests, Ospreys and International Welsh Rugby Stars Ashley Beck and Justin Tipuric who both studied at the Llandarcy Campus. Both players presented a variety of trophies throughout the night to the following winners:

Athletics: Chakkri Phromchanta

Basketball: Wess Brown

Ladies Football Player of the Year: Sophia Ramallo-Rees

Men's Football Player of the Year (sponsored by Port Talbot Town F.C.): Lloyd Jones

Men's Football Most Improved Player: Matthew Birdsay

Golfer of the Year: Fauve Birch

Netball Player of the Year: Haz Cornell

Netball Most Improved Player: Hannah Crowther

Ladies Rugby Player of the Year: Elli Norkett

Men's Rugby Player of the Year: Joe Thomas

Men's Rugby Most Improved Player (sponsored by Neath Sportsmen's Society): Jacob Blackmore

Cricketer of the Year: Ian Hornby

Cricket Most Improved: Rhodri Gaskins-Davies

Young Welsh International Sports Stars @NPTC



NPTC Group 2014 Annual Sports Awards Evening



Chakkri Phromchanta - Athlete of the Year



Wess Brown - Basketball Player of the Year



Haz Cornell - Netball Player of the Year



Hannah Crowther - Netball Most Improved Player



Lloyd Jones - Football Player of the Year



Matthew Birdsay - Men's Football Most Improved Player



Elli Norkett - Ladies Rugby Player of the Year



Joe Thomas - Men's Rugby Player of the Year



Sophia Ramallo-Rees - Ladies Football Player of the Year



Fauve Birch - Golfer of the Year



**Jacob Blackmore - Men's Rugby Most Improved Player
(sponsored by Rob Buckley of Neath Sportsmen's Society)**



Ian Hornby - Cricketer of the Year