

23rd October 2020

# Staff Newsletter

Covid-19 .....

## Half Term

On behalf of the SLT I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing half term break. Thank you for all your work this term so far.



You can access up to date policies and documents relating to Covid-19 on the Covid-19 link on the front page of Sharepoint.

Over the Autumn half-term our IT team will be making some changes to the WiFi networks at the college, these changes mean that our learners will be able to connect more of their own devices (for example Amazon Echo, Chromecast, games consoles) to our network, but the college will still be able to meet its duties of online safeguarding, Prevent duty and cybersecurity compliance.

When the learners return to college in November our WiFi settings will have changed, so their devices will not automatically connect, but we will have staff ready to help them connect their phones and tablets as soon as they are ready. We will work through any additional devices like the smart speakers or games consoles once all of the students have returned to college.

There will no longer be separate networks between the main site and the bungalow site, so staff and learners will be able to roam between the two with their devices.

## Thank you

A huge thank you to Lauren MacKenzie and students in Work Skills for creating the beautiful poppies we can see around site.



## New starter

We would like to welcome Ben Homewood who will be working as Casual Lifeguard.



## AoC Love Our Colleges...

Thank you for all the social media posted for the AoC #Loveourcolleges week, it's been great to showcase all our work.

## Staff Recognition Awards

Anita Colebrook, Compliance— *Collaborative*. For supporting the recent IPC audits

Tony Hayden, Care —*Collaborative*. For the fantastic PBS support shown to a new student

Rhian Thomas, Care—*Caring*. For the quick, caring and professional response to an urgent medical need

Jodi Roberts, Care —*Caring*. For the quick, caring and professional response to an urgent medical need

Deb Edwards, Care —*Collaborative*. For her commitment to her work and having a positive infectious can-do attitude

Danielle Stocker, Care— *Collaborative* For the fantastic PBS support shown to a new student

Sonia Davies, Care— *Collaborative* For the fantastic support shown to students in Work Skills

## Thank you

The following staff have left Derwen and we thank them for their work here:

Peter Lloyd—Care

Phil Worton— Care

## Tes FE Awards 2020 and Nasen

Whilst we weren't winners in the Supporting Learners category we were delighted to be shortlisted for this category in these awards.

Winners! We heard last Friday that we won the Nasen Award for Innovation in Technology - which is fabulous news.



## Tip Top Takeout—Survey Results!

A huge thank you to all who completed the survey— we thought we share the results with you, they are attached as a PDF. Thank you from the Tip Top Takeout Team.

Carol Shields will be running a drop-in 'And Relax ....' session in Studio 1 at 5pm 25th November