

Training, courses and careers

College branches out to offer its own lessons driving

COLLEGE students Melway will soon have the chance to learn how to drive alongside their occupational courses.

Melkern College is launching its own driving school offering student lessons for £17 in its own fleet of Citroets.

The college said students who enrol for a September start should be able to book the driving lessons.

Programme administrator Alan Evans said: "Sixty-eight instructors equipped with the latest type of fuel injection have never been more experienced for learner drivers to get behind the wheel."

"Melkern College Driving School will play a part in reducing this financial burden by offering cheap six high quality instruction to our students and other customers throughout the county."

"We also hope to add the occupational, reduction in deaths and serious injuries on our roads by providing the opportunity of driver safety to our teachers and also through links with local schools."

And he added: "We want people to realise that once coming to college, which is busy to such a high priority to find new ways to improve the student experience."

"We hope learner drivers across the county will be able to take advantage of Melkern College Driving School by signing up for lessons and thereby gaining the freedom that will serve them well for the rest of their lives."

He said other colleges hoping to set up their own driving school are also invited to get in touch.

It is now seeking out established instructors to refer them to help run the scheme.

Students prove they really are a first class bunch

MRH Bromley College students have received first-class marks after graduating from the occupational science undergraduate degree programme.

The students — Carl David, Simon Sharben, Steven Bessing, Helen Jones, Sam Russell, Cheryl Griffiths, Sharon Scott, Faye Brown, Jacqui Lang and Susan Puffler — took part in a graduation ceremony at Rochester Cathedral last week. The graduates were from the United States at

A STRENGTH apprentice has accepted one of three top featured awards.

He has proved to be one of the country's most promising apprentices after taking the prize which is backing from Melkern College.

Colleen Barnes was one of three bright young trainees taking honours at the National Construction College.

It awarded hard work and determination put in by apprentices across the nation.

The 18-year-old is a year into his apprenticeship as a floor layer at Second Floor, Colwyn.

He said: "It's a great honour to be in the final of a long list of apprentices who have been chosen to represent the local council's apprentice scheme, which has helped with the need of the apprenticeship."

The GAIN scheme, which is run funded by the council and supported by the local business community, offers resources £2,000 for the firm's staff to help with the cost of an apprentice.

The council has already committed more than £2,000 to the scheme, which has been running since last year, and to date has helped more than 60 businesses take on 50 apprentices.

Las Foa, managing director at Colwyn has been at the ceremony for 12 years. He said: "It's

pleasure to see the success of the scheme and the support of the council and the local business community."

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is a business we've been in as long as we can remember in terms of training and taking on young people and this place is the chance to take somebody in through an apprenticeship scheme where they can gain an education.

"Although we've been keen to take on an apprentice, the money wasn't necessarily an issue because we've got so many apprentices that we can help."

Callum spends half of his time based at college and the rest of his time with the team here.

He said: "The really important thing is the apprenticeship. It's a great way of learning with a good company and training at college."

"The apprenticeship scheme is a great way of putting the skills of a team of people in practice straight away and learning from an experienced person."

His boss added: "Apprentices can bring with them a fresh, youthful energy, although to be honest I think Callum's success in the short space of time has been there since he started as a shining example of exactly how worthwhile they can be."

For details on the GAIN scheme, contact 01625 414748.

THE START OF GREAT THINGS: Colleen does her first job and apprentice Callum Evans