

## WLCOW School Awards 2024

### St David's College Cardiff



The Senior Warden and Chair of Awards, Henry Gilbert, was pleased to present the WLCOW award to **Joan Chike-Nweze** of St David's College at the College's leaving ceremony on 5th September 2024 held at St David's Cathedral in Cardiff.

This was a prestigious event at which our most recent Liveryman, Archbishop Emeritus George Stack, gave the principal speech, within which he made reference to the Livery Company, citing the shared values of WLCOW and the College in terms of supporting young people.

Joan is an obvious and deserving winner of the award and was selected to give the valedictory speech on behalf of the students, which she delivered with great gusto and impact. Joan has been accepted at Swansea University to study for a degree in Pharmacy.

### Coleg y Cymoedd

A WLCOW Award presentation took place at CyC in September 2024. Three excellent Oxford Candidates were nominated and selected. The Presentation was made by **Junior Warden Jane Croad** to: **Seth Olnor** who is to read Law at New College, Oxford and **Grace Bennett** who is to read biochemistry at Hertford College, Oxford. The third 2024 award winner **Amber Mitchell** could not attend but will be an Astrophoria Foundation Scholar leading to a degree in Classics and English at Oxford.

Also present was **Jonathan Morgan**, Principal of the College.



### Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi

Liveryman Margaret Davies member of the Awards Committee presented the WLCOW Schools Award at to **Ellicia Baxter** who is holding her certificate

Ellicia had outstanding results and is to study Psychology at Aberystwyth University. She has been much involved in community projects and has contributed much to the life of the school

Also present was Shelley Searle, Head of 6th Form.

### Ysgol y Deri Penarth

Liveryman Margaret Davies presented the WLCOW Award in July 2024 to **Erin Taylor**, Erin was nominated by the school staff to be Head Girl. She has taken pride in this role and is an excellent role model to younger students as well as a wonderful ambassador for the school. During her time at YYD she has gained a range of qualifications to progress to Bridgend College. In addition to her academic studies, Erin has taken on many roles and responsibilities She works in the school catering kitchen, café, Bocs Bwyd food van. Erin also played Gloria in the school production Madagascar. She is supportive of those around her and always has a positive attitude. Also present was the YYD Head Chris Britten.



### Coleg Gwent

The Senior Warden and Chair of Awards, Henry Gilbert, was joined by PM Kathy Seddon and Liveryman Margaret Davies to present the WLCOW Award to **Chloe Simmonds**. Chloe studied A Level Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics and the Welsh Baccalaureate and achieved excellent grades. She will be moving to Cardiff University to study Mechanical Engineering. She will undertake a five year Masters Course with a year in industry. Chloe hopes for a future career with Formula 1. Chloe responded, *“Thank you so much to the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales for the Award, it will be so helpful during my degree by allowing me to have the correct equipment for the course.”*

### **Bishop Vaughan School Swansea**

This year **Clexanne Dychitan** has received the WLCOW 2024 award. The Head of Sixth Form said *"We are extremely proud of Clexanne and during her time in Bishop Vaughan, she has always been a highly motivated and well-respected student. She is polite, hardworking, caring, courteous, respectful, and reliable. She shows an exceptionally mature attitude towards her own learning and is keen to develop her knowledge and understanding in any way that she can. She has now successfully applied to study Applied Software Engineering at Cardiff University. During her time in Bishop Vaughan sixth form, Clexanne achieved A in Mathematics, A in Psychology, A in Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate and a Distinction \* in Business Studies. Clexanne is a very good communicator both in written and oral form and is always willing and keen to participate fully. She works well as a member of a team as well as showing excellent leadership potential. Every teacher who knows Clexanne would state that it is truly a pleasure to teach her and that they will miss her dearly as a student but wish her the best. We know that thanks to the WLCOW award, Clexanne will be able to purchase books that she will need to study on the Applied Software Engineering course in Cardiff's university."*



### **Hari Tudur Pembroke**

This year's WLCOW Award went to **Charlotte Kinsella**. She wrote in response *"Dear Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, I am getting in touch to say I am incredibly grateful to have received this award. The financial support has allowed me to begin my studies at Cardiff University with a new laptop, ensuring I could start on equal footing with my peers. I'm proud that my hard work has paid off, and I was honoured to achieve the highest A-level results among my fellow free school meal students, and amongst the highest of the whole cohort. I am now studying psychology, a course I am deeply enjoying and passionate about. Thank you once again for your generosity and belief in my potential. This award has made a real difference in my journey. Best wishes, Charlotte "*



## Coleg Merthyr

This year's Award has gone to **Jess Bird**. Jess received an A\* in Government and



Politics, an A in Sociology, A in Business and will now be progressing to study Politics and Sociology at Cardiff University. Jess was an original member of the Learner Advisory Group for Qualifications Wales contributing to the new assessments. This involved speaking with Welsh Minister for Education and participating in a live BBC Radio Wales interview. creating promotional material via videos and providing quotes. She shared my experiences in the group. Jess commented *"It has been fascinating to see how student opinions are valued, and the way in which these will be utilised and realised in assessments in the near future"*. At college Jess earned the Academic Excellence Award in Government & Politics and previously obtained the science endeavour award the Morgan Knight prize for Business and the Outstanding Learner for Performing Arts Award. She feels

that Being a Livery Guild Award Winner will very much enhance her educational journey at Cardiff university. Her Award was presented by Past master Kathy Seddon and liveryman Margaret Davies. We were joined by Megan Clack from Merthyr College who works with college promotion.

## Chepstow School

**Sophie Hawker** was chosen to receive this year's Award. Sophie received an unconditional place at Gloucester University to join the childhood and youth studies four year honours course - which is ranked in the top 10 in the UK. She has worked incredibly hard to gain top grades in Psychology, Criminology and the Welsh Bacc. Outside school Sophie has worked part time in a care home gaining an insight into the issue faced there which will help her future studies. She is also a carer herself.

## Hillside

We are awaiting confirmation

PM Dr Kathy Seddon and Margaret Davies Dec 2024