

Coleg y Cymoedd student Finn Keegan wins the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales Numeracy Award

Alongside his Foundation Carpentry and Joinery course, Finn attends weekly Maths and Numeracy sessions and was nominated by his tutors for this award after impressing them with his incredible work ethic and great improvement in numeracy.

Rachel Edmonds-Naish, Assistant Principal said *“Finn arrived at college with an E grade in maths GCSE and very little confidence in his abilities. Nevertheless, he put in an incredible amount of work (as well as studying for his main construction programme) and in the summer of 2023 he achieved a D grade – his result was very close to the C grade border, so he returned and tried again!”*



The maths team were impressed by his work ethic – he re-sat his GCSE, studied on his main programme and took an additional numeracy qualification. He gained his C grade at GCSE Maths (and was close to the B grade!) in summer 2024 and returned to college in September 2024 progressing to the construction qualification that he had originally aspired to.

Finn is now studying for the qualification that will give him access to an apprenticeship

pathway in construction. *“Finn is proud of his achievement and so are we”*

Former Cardiff Lord Mayor Rod McKerlich and Past Master Dr Kathy Seddon made the award from the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales. Dr Seddon said *“We really congratulate Finn on his progress and achievements. One of the main objectives of The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales is to Nurture Young Welsh Talent and so Finn is a worthy Award Winner. His achievements are a testimony to his determination to improve and to staff encouragement and teaching skills”.*

As well as being determined and tenacious Finn is a modest young man *“This means so much to me as I have never won anything before” “Well done Finn, we are all proud of you at Coleg y Cymoedd.”*