

**Gallery Visits and Artist Talks,
Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea**

AS/A Level Photography students visited the Glynn Vivian Gallery, Swansea, where they attended a series of talks by lecturers of the Swansea Metropolitan University on their exhibition 'Unreliable Truth.' The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and found it to be very useful for their coursework. A talk was also given on 'The Jerwood' exhibition at the Swansea Metropolitan University, followed by a tour of the facilities on offer.



**AS/A Level Drama and
Theatre Studies Performances**

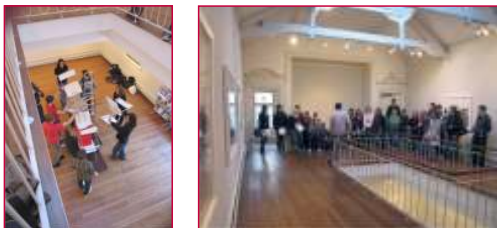
On April 2nd 2009 AS Level Drama and Theatre Studies students will be performing 'Living with Lady Macbeth', 'Find Me' and 'Two' at the Glan yr Afon Centre on the NPTC campus.

A2 students will be also performing two different versions of 'Grimm Tales' on the same night. On April 29th, AS students are performing a series of 15 different monologues and duologues, also in the Arts Centre.

**For tickets/ further information contact:
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**AS/A Level Photography Visit to
Ffotogallery, Cardiff**

Students visited the Cardiff's Ffotogallery in December to see the documentary exhibition by John Duncan. A talk was given and the opportunity to critically discuss his work with the curator. Later they were able to replicate the notion of Duncan's images with found objects that were made available at the gallery.



Performing Arts Students Explore London

Performing Arts' students have just returned from three busy days in the Capital City. The visit included trips to the Barbican Centre and taking workshops at the Victoria & Albert Theatre Museum, London Contemporary Dance School and then watching the professionals in action on the West End Stage; students saw A View from a Bridge, Billy Elliot or Avenue Q. Students were also fortunate to see their lecturers; Craig Coombs and Matthew Howells perform at The Place Theatre in 'Resolutions'. Before the students departed for home, they were also put through their paces in street jazz and hip hop classes at Pineapple Studios, Covent Garden.



Dance students at London Contemporary Dance School

**AS Film/Media Student Shortlisted
for Award**

Film and Media Studies students recently attended a short digital film-making course as part of the Digital Media Open Day at Cardiff University. AS Media/Film student Kristian Roosmalen directed a short film about speaking out in schools, which he made in a group of four, and which has since been shortlisted for an award. "I would really recommend courses like this as it was very interesting," Kristian said. "It was good to get film-making experience which has been useful to me since, and I enjoyed doing the course, it was fun."



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Welcome to the second edition of NPTC's School of Creative, Visual and Performing Arts (CVP) termly newsletter. We're having another busy term here in CVP, with lots of creative activities and events to report. Our new Arts Centre is buzzing with lots of shows and performances by our Performing Arts students and is often host to workshops for local schools. There is now a permanent display of Photography and Ceramics work in the foyer and Fine Art and Graphic Design work throughout the Arts Centre. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and you will come and visit soon to see for yourself that the School of Creative, Visual and Performing Arts at NPTC is Creative Central!

If you would like any information about the courses we run at Neath Port Talbot College please visit our website www.nptc.ac.uk or contact Admissions on 01639 648000

Afan FM Project

BTEC National Diploma in Media Production learners have been given the exciting opportunity of working with Afan FM, a local radio station based in Neath Port Talbot area. The learners will work in pairs to produce a two hour radio programme every week. This is a unique opportunity for students of Neath Port Talbot College to gain valuable 'on the job' experience and training in radio production.



BLAST – The Boys Dance Project

An explosive mega mix of physical movement and creative flair combined with energy, testosterone and speed, this all male dance group meet every Wednesday afternoon to explore new possibilities for the male dancing body. To be a part of this challenging team all

that is needed is enthusiasm, physical fitness and an interest in perform.

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Evening Post Fashion Feature

Students from CVP will feature in weekly fashion articles in the South Wales Evening Post every Friday throughout February/March. A photographer and journalist from the newspaper came to NPTC on the 13th February to chat to some of the students about 'credit crunch fashion' and their individual styles and trends. Shane Pearson from First Diploma Performing Arts featured in the first article, which went out on Friday 20th February.

**MOTION X – Youth Dance Company of
Neath Port Talbot**

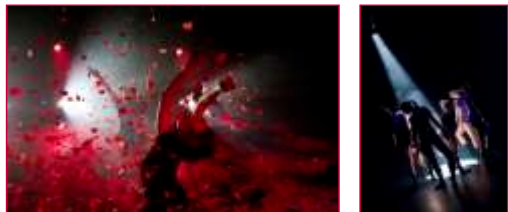
Anyone aged 14-21 years old and interested in learning more about Jazz Dance, Contemporary Dance or Hip Hop are invited to come along to the Motion X audition workshop on Wednesday 24th June at Glan-Yr-Afon Arts Centre, 5.30pm till 7.30pm.

LIFT Dance Company

LIFT, an original, creative and highly dynamic dance company provides its members with the opportunity to train and develop their technique and performance skills within a professional working environment. All dance company members attend weekly rehearsals preparing for the end of term company showcase, which are choreographed by Dance lecturers and invited guest choreographers. Young dancers aged 14 - 18 from the local area and feeder schools are also given the opportunity to audition for the LIFT Associates Dance Company, which fosters and nurtures the ongoing development of young dance enthusiasts. Summer 2009 welcomes back original LIFT Dance Company members to perform in the end of year showcase, working alongside an independent professional dance artist to create a brand new work.

AUDITION for LIFT Associates and Dance Company: Thursday 12th March, 5.30pm-7pm at Glan yr Afon Arts Centre, Neath Campus.

PERFORMANCE: Friday 10th July, Taliesin Arts Centre, Swansea University Matinee, 1pm and Evening Performance, 7.30pm. Tickets: £7/£5 concessions - discounts for large school groups. For further details and tickets contact craig.coombs@nptc.ac.uk



Media students visit BBC Studios, Cardiff

BTEC Media students spent a day at the BBC studios, Cardiff on Friday 13th February, where they met newsmen Jamie Owen and Sian Lloyd and weatherman Derrick Brockway. They also had the opportunity to ask questions and try their hand at presenting the news. The visit provided the students with a real insight into how the studios are run and the types and related job prospects. Students will be making a repeat visit in March.



Student's Work Exhibited at Info-Nation Anorexia Awareness Week

Cari Thomas, a second year National Diploma in Art and Design student currently has some of her work exhibited at Info-Nation in Swansea. Info-Nation is a one stop shop for information, advice and support for young people aged 11-25. Cari designed an anti-anorexia poster for her Graphic Design project and this is now being exhibited as part of Info-Nations Anorexia Awareness Week. Students will be making a repeat visit in March.



School Taster Sessions at NPTC

School pupils have been given an insight to the Performing Arts courses we run at NPTC. The majority of schools in the area have attended workshops in Music Technology, Dance and Musical Theatre, where they were introduced to the staff, facilities and skills that are required for these courses. Please see your School Head of Year if you would like to attend one of these sessions in the future.

Atrium Careers Fair and Creative Industries Taster Day

On Thursday February 19th AS/A Level Media students will be attending the annual Media Careers Fair will at the Cardiff School of Creative and Cultural Industries (the 'Atrium'). This is a chance for students to meet the experts and receive vital information about careers in Film, TV and Radio, Design, Graphics, Journalism, PR and Teaching. Also, on Tuesday March 31st, students will be attending the 'Atrium' Creative Industries Taster Day, a bespoke and exclusive event for Media Students. The following taster sessions will be held: Interactive Design Seminar, Radio Workshop, Film Studies Seminar, Special Effects and Compositing for Film and Television, Interactive Media for the Arts Workshop and a Creative Technology seminar.



CVP Fashion Show

CVP is planning an exciting catwalk event for the middle of June 2009. Students from across the school will be staging a live exhibition of Fashion, Accessories and Textiles work from a variety of courses including AS/A2 Textiles (including Fashion), Costume Design (National Diploma in Performing Arts) and the 14 to 19 Network BTEC Introduction to Fashion. Collaborating with us to showcase our talents, Dance and Hair and Beauty students shall be modeling and working behind the scenes. Please keep checking the college website for further information.



Ovation Musical Theatre Performances

NPTC's Ovation Musical Theatre Company will be performing 'We Will Rock You' from 20th to 24th April and 'High School Musical 2' from 20th June to Friday 23rd July at the Glan-yr-Afon Arts Centre on the Neath Campus. Shows start at 7pm and tickets are £7/£5 for concessions.

For further information/tickets contact:
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Textiles Students Handmade Cards

Before the Christmas break, the Textiles students produced a range of handmade Christmas cards that reflected the ethos of sustainability through recycling. They produced a selection of recycled fabric, plastic and paper cards that aimed at making people more aware of the environment and of the causes raised by the 'Woodland Trust'. The cards were sold to family and friends and raised £45 which will be donated to the trust, enabling them to conserve wooded areas for wildlife and their habitats.



Art and Design Visits to Hereford College of Arts

Thirty NPTC Fine Art and Textiles students attended a very successful 'Taster Day' at the Hereford College of Arts. The purpose of this visit was for Art and Design students to try various degree level courses, such as Illustration, Artist Blacksmithing, Fashion/Textiles, Jewellery and Applied Arts. We received a warm welcome from both students and staff at Hereford (including a free lunch) and all students remarked on the variety and excellent standard of the work they experienced on the courses. NPTC Fine Art and Textiles student Stephanie Davies, who tried the Artist Blacksmithing Course at Hereford said: "...I really thought the visit was fantastic, I never thought I would experience blacksmithing techniques in a forge and actually make an artefact on the day ...it made me seriously think about art and design and Higher Education as an option for the future."

