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GROUP OF COLLEGES

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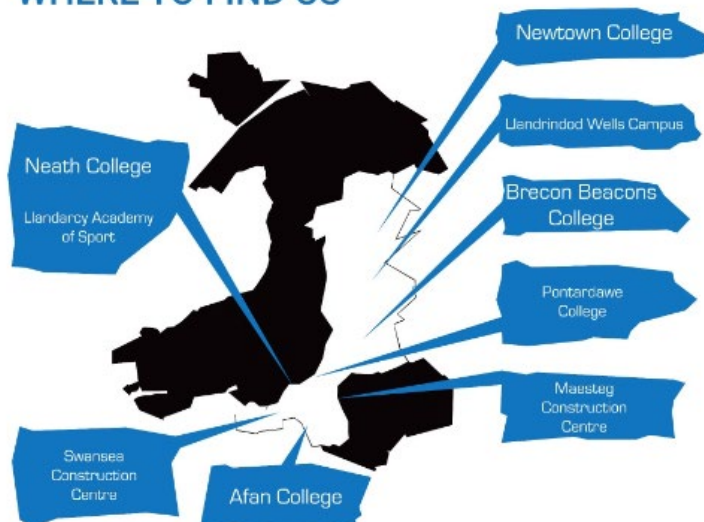ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: SKILLS

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NPTC Group of Colleges: Background

- NPTC Group of Colleges was formed in 2013 following the merger of Neath Port Talbot College and Coleg Powys

- The College delivers an extensive range of post-16 education and training in this region, and offers provision for 14-19 year olds

- The Group makes a significant contribution to post-16 provision in Wales and England and has a gross turnover of around £53 million

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WHERE TO FIND US

Full- and Part-Time Courses

• Extensive range of vocational routes including:

Agriculture, Art and Design, Business and Management,
Childcare, Computing and ICT, Construction, Engineering,
Catering and Hospitality, Hair and Beauty, Health and Social
Care, Media Communication Studies, Motor Vehicle, and Sport
and Public Services

• Entry Level to Level 3

• Foundation Studies

• Other adult learning courses which align to the Welsh Government priorities

Degrees On Your Doorstep

• Full- and Part-Time mode of study

• Access to HE (Level 4) in Business Management, Computing and ICT, Health and Social
Care and Science

• HNDs (Level 4) in Agriculture, Business Management, Engineering and Public Services

• Foundation Degrees (Level 4) in Childhood Studies and Art and Design

• Post Graduate programmes (Level 7) in Teaching and Education

• Association of Accounting Technician (AAT) Level 4

• Foundation Access (L3) supporting students to engage in Higher Education (offered September 2019)

Apprenticeships

• Apprenticeships at Level 2 and Level 3

• Higher Apprenticeships at Level 4

• Wide range of vocational routes including Agriculture, Accounting,
Administration and Customer Services, Childcare, Civil Engineering,
Construction, Electrical Installation, Engineering, Health and Social
Care, Motor Vehicle, Plumbing and Heating, Playwork and Supporting
Teaching and Learning

• Degree Apprenticeships at Level 5-7 in Computing and IT (offered April 2019)
and Engineering (considered for Setember 2019)

Complex Curriculum Planning

- Maintain an appropriate range of up-to-date vocational subject areas across the region

- Develop new courses where there is identified demand and remove courses where necessary

- The Welsh Government directs the College in terms of the curriculum offer based on policy priorities and other priorities identified through the Regional Learning Skills Partnership

- Working closely with university partners to plan the curriculum for students in order to increase choice and promote Degree links

- The College works closely with employers and is committed to planning a provision to meet emerging employment opportunities and skills demand

Business Development

- Business Development Unit providing a central point of contact for employers

- A team of 6 dedicated Business Engagement Advisors

- Developing good links with businesses to fully understand current and future needs and develop training solutions

- Providing flexible and tailored training to meet the needs of the organisation

- Recruitment support

- Specialist Business Engagement Advisor for Mid Wales based in Newtown Karen Harris-Vernon - karen.harris-vernon@nptcgroup.ac.uk

- Dedicated Employability and Enterprise Officer based in Newtown Newton Brown - newton.brown@nptcgroup.ac.uk

Upskilling@Work

- European Funded project providing subsidised funding for employers within Welsh Government priority areas

  Two strands

- SO1 – Levels 1 and 2 accredited qualifications – increasing the skills levels and work relevant skills for those employed with no or low skills

- SO2 – Levels 3 to 6 accredited qualifications – to support the workforce in gaining higher technical/intermediate skills

- European funding eligibility applies

Skills Development Fund

- Welsh Government has allocated funding from the Further Education budget to support skills development across priority areas

- NPTC has secured circa £400k for Powys up to end July 2019

- Flexible delivery, small bite-sized learning

- Accredited or non-accredited

- Progression to complete full qualification