



Coleg Menai is a major college of further education in North West Wales. It is the centre of a learning community of over 10,000 students and serves its region and the wider world. As well as academic and vocational education and training, the college currently delivers higher education courses and international programmes to students from 27 countries.

The college is based in the University City of Bangor in Gwynedd, and at Llangefni on the Isle of Anglesey. All around it is outstanding land and seascape, with the mountains of Snowdonia and the sea close at hand. There are excellent transport links by road and rail to other parts of the UK, and to Ireland by ferry. There is a major international airport at Manchester within 100 minutes' drive.



Friars Bangor

The college's **mission** is to enable individuals to fulfil their potential by providing the learning opportunities that they need. This entails providing programmes for individuals in a variety of subjects, formats and levels. Additionally, it includes an infrastructure of services to support students in their learning.

During the twelve years of the college's existence, it has invested constantly in its key resources to enable this mission to be fulfilled. A recent major renewal of the college's management and academic structure has sharpened the focus on developing its services to meet the needs of its varied communities.

Coleg Menai sets high standards and has gained an enviable reputation for high quality teaching and learning. In the recent Estyn Inspection, grade one, indicating excellence, was awarded for areas including the management of quality, leadership and resources. The college achieved a minimum of grade two for all areas of its performance and is recognised as one of Wales' leading colleges. Coleg Menai has also received Beacon Awards, holds Investors in People status and has been recognised as deserving the Wales Quality Award Gold Standard.

Learning Centres

At the main Bangor site, there are facilities for Academic education, including A levels, Business and Management, Construction and Engineering. There is a major learning resource centre and extensive facilities for student support. The historic Friars building, close at hand, has been recently refurbished to provide world class facilities for the service industries of Catering, Hospitality, Tourism, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy. Performing Arts and Music Technology are also housed at this site.

At Parc Menai, the Art, Design and Media centre offers specialist facilities in attractive parkland on the banks of the Menai straits. The Anglesey main site in the market town of Llangefni is the centre of a major building programme. A former agricultural college on the edge of town is now the host for purpose built centres for care, information technology, construction and food technology.



Food Technology Centre, Llangefni site

There are lifelong learning centres in Holyhead and Caernarfon, the latter opened in 2002 in an award winning building on the historic town square in view of the castle. As well as college centres, an extensive programme of lifelong learning courses takes place in schools and community buildings throughout the region.

Increasingly numbers of learners are taking part in open and distance learning programmes, exploiting the college's excellent ICT facilities, including teleconferencing, fibre-optic internet links, virtual learning environment, and even a mobile IT training vehicle.

Over a hundred students from around the world are studying English at the college, as well as academic and vocational programmes, through Coleg Menai's expanding international recruitment programme.

Bilingual college

At Coleg Menai, both Welsh and English languages are used – reflecting a bilingual community where around two-thirds of the population speak Welsh. The college is used as a model for bilingual education and training throughout Wales and Europe.