## Neges gan Prifathro'r Coleg / Message from the College Principal

A very warm welcome to the College Merthyr Tydfil. Whatever courses you are studying I wish you success and happiness and hope you enjoy your time as a learner in the college.

We have worked hard to put into place clear plans and preventative measures to minimise the risks of covid-19 and enable us to provide a full, high quality face to face learning experience to all learners, combined with some blended and on-line learning used, where appropriate, to enhance your learning experience.

We have developed a learner guidance document which sets out all of these measures in detail and I would encourage you all to please take the time to read through this guidance and familiarise yourselves with the information and expectations for learners so that you know what to expect when you do come into college. However, if you do have any questions that may not be covered in this guidance, please do contact us so that we can help.

Your wellbeing and success at college is of utmost importance to us and I want to reassure you that. despite these challenging and uncertain circumstances, we will provide you with the opportunity to receive passionate and enthusiastic teaching and dedicated learner and wellbeing support - all delivered in our state of the art college building or on-line through up to the minute IT technology platforms and systems meaning that you will have access to the very best teaching, support and resources whilst studying at the college or studying remotely at home.



We also understand the importance of feeling part of a learner community and here at the college we place a great emphasis on providing ways that all learners can get involved and be part of that community. So whether you are interested in becoming part of our learner assembly or taking part in our very many enrichment activities, we will be encouraging you to get involved through a range of both campus and on-line virtual activities, helping you to get to know other learners and make the most of your time at college.

Finally, by choosing to study with us, not only are you choosing to study at one of the highest performing colleges in Wales, but also choosing to study at a college that has recently been awarded many accolades in recognition of our excellent academic successes and commitment to providing an outstanding learning experience – and these have included, amongst others, being shortlisted for Times Education College of the Year Award, receiving the Stonewall UK Award, and being shortlisted for the Princes Royal Training Award for the work we have undertaken on our OLEVI Outstanding Teacher Programme.

So, whatever course or courses you may be choosing to study, rest assured we will help you succeed and achieve your maximum potential.

I hope that you have a great year with us and I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Take Care

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Lisa M Thomas College Principal