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# THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

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| **TITLE** | **Inspiring Skills Excellence - National Skills Competitions** |
| **DATE** | **12 January 2024** |
| **BY** | **Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Economy** |

The UK National Final Skills Competition event took place in Greater Manchester in November. Students, apprentices, and employees, usually between 16 and 24, competed for medals in four categories: construction and infrastructure; digital, business and creative; engineering and technology; health, hospitality and lifestyle.

The Welsh competitors' journey began in November 2022 with our own Skills Competition Wales which drew 1,100 young people to compete; 100 Welsh winners moved forward to the UK National Skills Finals. Wales claimed a total of 55 medals (either gold, silver, bronze or highly commended medals of excellence) across a wide range of disciplines.

In this written statement, I am delighted to announce the list of Welsh winners.

A full list of medallists is detailed below.

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| **Competition** | **First name** | **Last name** | **Organisation** | **Organisation** | **Award Achieved** |
| Foundation Skills: Horticulture | Meaghan | Gwillim | Bridgend College |  | Bronze |
| Industrial Robotics | Jack | Evans | Bridgend College | Sony | Bronze |
| Industrial Robotics | George | Hedges | Bridgend College | Sony | Bronze |
| Industrial Robotics | Chloe | Walford | Bridgend College | Sony | Silver |
| Industrial Robotics | Martyna | Duba | Bridgend College | Sony | Silver |
| IT Support Technician | Koziah | Sylvester | Brother Industries Ltd | Coleg Cambria | Bronze |
| IT Support Technician | Joseph | Dancer | Cardiff and Vale College |  | Gold |
| Aircraft Maintenance | Kieran | O'Loan | Coleg Cambria | Airbus | Highly Commended |
| Metal Fabricator | Jimmy | Smith | Coleg Cambria | Kendley Ltd | Highly Commended |
| Aircraft Maintenance | James | Donohue | Coleg Cambria | Airbus | Silver |
| Welding | Brandon | Nicholson | Coleg Cambria | Fabdec | Silver |
| Creative Media Make Up | Lydia | Beavis | Coleg Gwent |  | Gold |
| 3D Digital Game Art | Logan | Cook | Coleg Gwent |  | Highly Commended |
| Creative Media Make Up | Laura | James | Coleg Gwent |  | Silver |
| Hairdressing | Theresa | Hayes | Coleg Gwent |  | Silver |
| Restaurant Service | Katy | Law | Coleg Sir Gar / Coleg Ceredigion |  | Bronze |
| Accountancy Technician | Menna | Isaac | Coleg Sir Gar / Coleg Ceredigion |  | Bronze |
| Accountancy Technician | Amelia | Whittal-Williams | Coleg Sir Gar / Coleg Ceredigion |  | Bronze |
| Restaurant Service | Emily | Keane | Coleg Sir Gar / Coleg Ceredigion |  | Highly Commended |
| Restaurant Service | Ella | Clements | Coleg Sir Gar / Coleg Ceredigion |  | Silver |
| Foundation Skills: Horticulture | Rhys | Rapado-Evans | Elidyr Communities Trust |  | Gold |
| Foundation Skills: Catering | Matthew | Simmons | Elidyr Communities Trust |  | Silver |
| Foundation Skills: Catering | Ethan | Snell | Elidyr Communities Trust |  | Silver |
| Manufacturing Team Challenge | Jack | Pritchard | GE Aviation | Coleg y Cymoedd | Bronze |
| Manufacturing Team Challenge | Josh | Jones | GE Aviation | Coleg y Cymoedd | Bronze |
| Manufacturing Team Challenge | Benjamin | Daniels | GE Aviation | Coleg y Cymoedd | Bronze |
| Industrial Electronics | Tarran | Spooner | Gower College Swansea |  | Gold |
| Industrial Electronics | Faroz | Shahrokh | Gower College Swansea |  | Silver |
| Graphic design | Callie | Morgan | Gower College Swansea |  | Silver |
| Industrial Electronics | Adam | Hopley | Grwp Llandrillo Menai |  | Bronze |
| Restaurant Service | Yuliia | Batrak | Grwp Llandrillo Menai |  | Gold |
| CNC Turning | Osian | Roberts | Grwp Llandrillo Menai | IAQ Ltd | Gold |
| Hairdressing | Holly | Whitehouse | Grwp Llandrillo Menai |  | Highly Commended |
| Electrical Installation | Ben | Gillin | Lloyd Morris Electrical | Coleg Cambria | Silver |
| Accountancy Technician | Rebecca | Hocking | NPTC Group of Colleges |  | Silver |
| Accountancy Technician | Toni | Borgia | NPTC Group of Colleges |  | Silver |
| Accountancy Technician | Elena | Cioata | NPTC Group of Colleges |  | Silver |
| Foundation Skills: Horticulture | Joshua | Miles | NPTC Group of Colleges |  | Bronze |
| Culinary Arts | Gabrielle | Wilson | NPTC Group of Colleges |  | Highly Commended |
| Automotive Refinishing | Victoria | Steele | NPTC Group of Colleges | Sinclair Bodyshop | Silver |
| Plumbing | Tomos | Evans | Pembrokeshire College | R.L Evans Plumbing and Heating | Bronze |
| Beauty Therapist | Erin | Owens | Pembrokeshire College |  | Bronze |
| Restaurant Service | Grace | Young | Pembrokeshire College |  | Highly Commended |
| Beauty Therapist | Kaya | Mujica | Pembrokeshire College |  | Silver |
| Beauty Therapy Practitioner | Carlie-Jayne | Dutton | Pembrokeshire College |  | Silver |
| Foundation Skills: Health & Social Care | George | Scully | Pembrokeshire College |  | Gold |
| Foundation Skills: Health & Social Care | Daniel | Lock | Pembrokeshire College |  | Silver |
| Foundation Skills: Horticulture | Anthony | Davies | Pembrokeshire College |  | Silver |
| Foundation Skills: IT Software Solutions for Business | Emily | Sinnott | Prembrokeshire College |  | Bronze |
| Hairdressing | Dion | Archer | The College Merthyr Tydfil |  | Gold |
| CNC Milling | Jacob | Gibbons | University of Wales Trinity Saint David | FSG Tool and Die | Silver |
| Additive Manufacturing (DEMO) | Oscar | Mcnaughton | University of Wales Trinity Saint David |  | Silver |
| Additive Manufacturing (DEMO) | Evangela | Voma | Grwp Llandrillo Menai |  | Bronze |
| Joinery | Steffan | Thomas | Coleg Sir Gar / Coleg Ceredigion |  | Gold |
| Carpentry | Osian | James | Coleg Sir Gar / Coleg Ceredigion |  | Gold |