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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 |