

## ADVERTISING FEATURE

# Take the next step for your future

**S**TUDYING for a degree can be one of the most satisfying of life's experiences.

It enables us to examine different ways of looking at our world, ways that will never leave us. Most courses take place in universities and colleges of higher education, such as North East Wales College of Higher Education (NEWI), in Wrexham.

NEWI is currently undergoing an £8m investment programme with work starting on a £3m state-of-the-art conference and performing arts centre. The project is the result of a joint investment by NEWI and the High Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) which will aim to address the growing demand for courses related to the needs of the new creative industries.

In higher education, students learn to develop important transferable skills, such as the ability to communicate well.

Obtaining a degree also improves career prospects, and can enhance long-term financial success. According to UCAS, the University and College Admissions Service, most experts agree the financial gains usually far outweigh any costs, such as student loans,

incurred in completing a degree course. Research shows employers are primarily looking to recruit young people with a good knowledge base, sound communication skills, and the ability to work with others, analyse problems and think for themselves – all of which can be gained by studying for a degree.

Some vocations also demand a degree, such as teaching, for instance. Most degree courses include seminars. These will offer students the chance to challenge and discuss each other's view in a neutral and stimulating environment.

This in turn broadens their thinking and analysis of subjects and perceptions.

North Wales offers a huge variety of courses. Students can choose a course depending on their preferences, and do not have to restrict themselves to one subject.

If they enjoy studying art and politics, for example, they can apply to UCAS for a combined course covering both subjects. The organisation's online course search at [www.ucas.ac.uk](http://www.ucas.ac.uk) will help prospective students to find universities offering combinations of subjects.

Studying for a degree also

gives students the opportunity to meet others from a variety of backgrounds. This in itself can improve a student's social awareness, understanding and tolerance of different cultures and beliefs.

Indeed, studying away from home gives students a virtually once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to socialise whilst learning. Freshers' Week gives everyone the chance to relax and get to know one another, and the university campus. And whilst studying is the main idea, the socialising aspect of attending a university is high on the list of priorities.

In fact, many people forge lifelong friendships during their time at university.

Wales is a wonderful place in which to study. As students have to become more financially astute, many students are opting to remain closer to home, cutting the cost of travelling to and from university and home.

The universities of Wales also offer close working relationships with the region's key employers. Mutually beneficial relationships are being created by research and development projects organised and conducted by the universities.

## Where will you find a university with ...

- a small, friendly safe campus;
- extensive student support;
- excellent careers advice and support;
- a dedicated art school;
- and a range of bursaries and financial support?

The North East Wales Institute of Higher Education offers all of these and more.

### University of Wales degrees in Wrexham

Open Days held throughout the year visit [www.newi.ac.uk](http://www.newi.ac.uk) or call 01978 293439 to find out the next date or to order a prospectus.

## Ble arall gewch chi brifysgol gyda ...

- champws bychan, cyfeillgar a diogel;
- cefnogaeth helaeth i fyfyrwyr;
- cyngor a chefnogaeth gyrfaol rhagorol;
- ysgol gelf ymroddedig;
- ac ystod o fwrsariau a chefnogaeth ariannol?

Mae Athrofa Addysg Uwch Gogledd Ddwyrain yn cynnig y rhain i gyd a mwy.

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