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Course Transfer Facilitates College Campus Development Plans

Ambitious development plans which are set to strengthen courses and facilities at Coleg Morgannwg came a step closer today with the announcement that the College's Glyntaff campus and some Higher Education course provision is to transfer to the University of Glamorgan.

The Glyntaf campus is currently home to the Glamorgan Centre of Art and Design (GCADT) which provides a mix of Further and Higher Education (HE) level courses, the HE courses already being franchised from the University.

The move opens up a wealth of opportunities for staff and students at the college and will facilitate the advancement of strategic plans for the reconfiguration of Coleg Morgannwg estate. The development also supports the University's developments in Cardiff and sets in place a regional infrastructure for training in art and new media in the city region.

Students who are currently studying on the College's Higher Education (HE) courses will become students at the University's brand new Cardiff School of Creative & Cultural Industries which will open in the city centre this September. The £35 million purpose built campus will bring together the creative disciplines including design, arts, media, performing arts and music.

The Foundation Art course, which is currently based at GCADT, will move to the University's main Treforest campus.

All staff involved with the delivery of these courses will also transfer to the University.

Principal of the College Jan Knight commented, "This reconfiguration is integral to Coleg Morgannwg's long term strategic objectives, enabling us to concentrate resources on developing our estates and our further education programmes in art and media. The College's HE and Foundation art, design and new media programmes have a better strategic fit with the University enabling us to concentrate on the excellence of our FE provision".

"The move will secure the best possible teaching and learning opportunities for both our staff and students who will gain from studying these HE level creative courses in Glamorgan new Faculty for Creative & Cultural Industries"

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glamorgan Prof David Halton added, "As a result of this transfer we as a University are gaining a valuable resource in terms of highly skilled staff and successful ongoing programmes which will be an asset to our portfolio.

"I look forward to welcoming the Coleg Morgannwg staff and students to the University."