

31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Dear Kirsten,

This is confirmation of the decision agreed by the Autism Accreditation Award Committee made on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 that Coleg Elidyr has been awarded Autism Accreditation **Advanced status**.

The committee found compelling evidence that autistic young people access high quality personalised programmes of educational and therapeutic support. Structured teaching and Total Communication approaches are evident throughout the college. Individual Learning Programmes ensure that achievement towards realistic goals are monitored. Students are supported to achieve a wide range of academic and vocational qualifications.

The award committee were particularly impressed with the strong focus on encouraging and training students to express opinion and make informed decisions. This was evident from a variety of initiatives such as Self-Advocacy Planning and the House Ambassadors. Coleg Elidyr is increasingly seen as a centre of excellence in the field of autism in particular, in relationship to the work it has done on measuring outcomes in skills for life and work. Feedback from parents is very positive and Estyn consider the college to be an excellent educational provider.

The report identifies some areas for development. In particular the committee recommend a focus on developing the use of visuals supports in the ways suggested in the report. However, it is clear that the college achieves significant positive outcomes for autistic young people and meets the very high expectations set to achieve an Advanced Award. Da iawn!

Your feedback on the process is of great value to us, and if you have not done so already, and are able, please complete our brief feedback survey on the following link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AccreditationEvaluation19-20/>

Congratulations again on this achievement, the committee look forward to your continued success.

Yours Sincerely

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