

Excellence at Swansea Rhagoriaeth yn Abertawe

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Introduction / Cyflwyniad

This second edition of Excellence at Swansea builds on the success of last year and continues to demonstrate and highlight the best characteristics of some of our excellent teachers, who have been recognised this year for the outstanding quality of their practice.

Our students have once again led us to discover the depth and spread of our teaching talent and their quotes, contained within these pages, show just what we are always looking for in our teachers and our award winners. Some truly innovative work is illustrated here, for which the University is very appreciative.

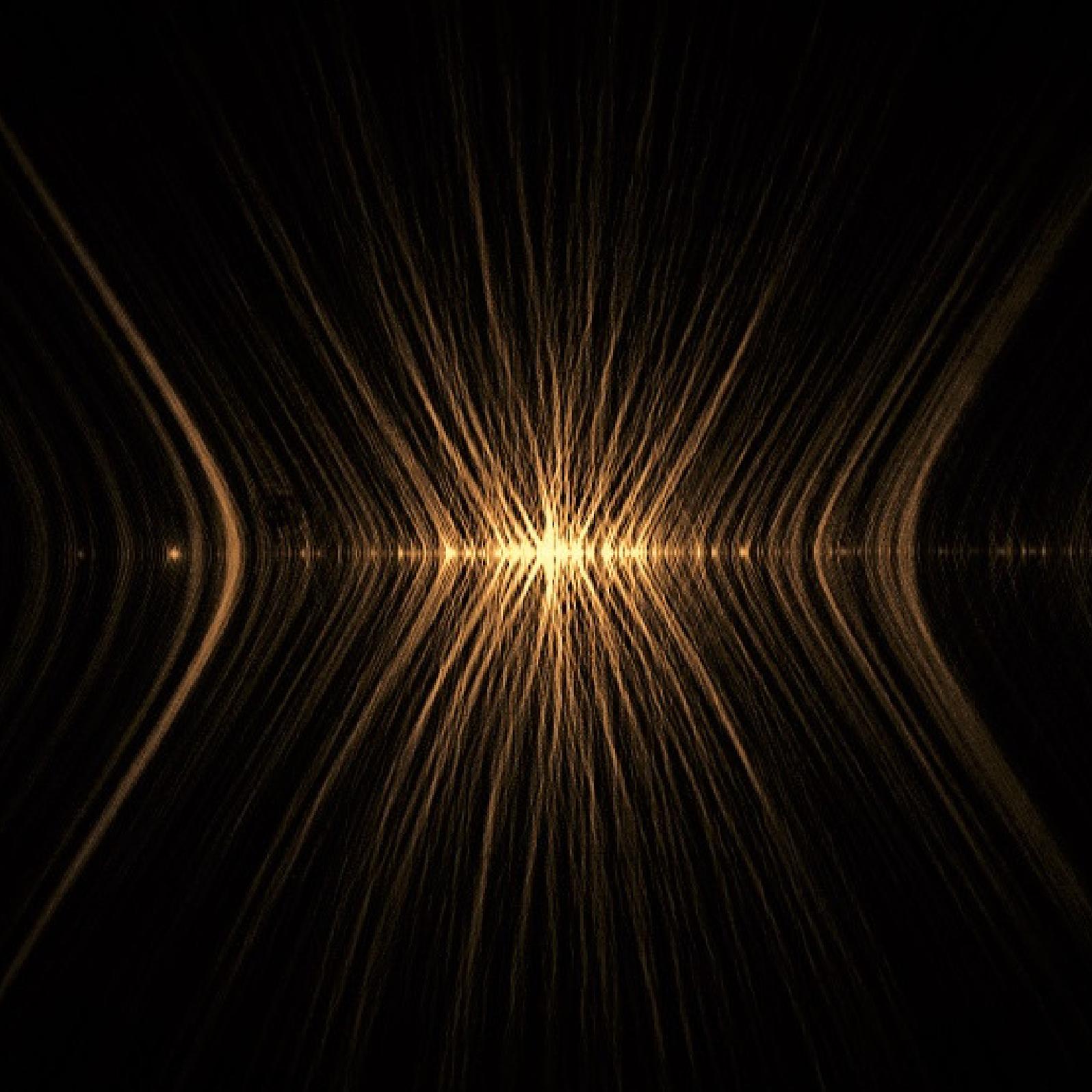
The awards have gone to teachers and support staff who care about what they do, who have supported and inspired and who have made a difference to students across the whole University.

Mae'r ail olygiad yma o Ragoriaeth yn Abertawe yn adeiladu ar lwyddiant y flwyddyn ddiwethaf sydd yn parhau i arddangos ac amlygu'r nodweddion gorau o rhai o'n hathrawon arbennig, sydd wedi cael eu cydnabyddi eleni am eu hansawdd o ymarfer nodedig.

Mar ein myfyrwyr, unwaith eto, wedi arwain ni i ddarganfod ein dawn addysgu. Mae dyfyniadau oddi wrth y myfyrwyr ar y tudalenau yma, yn dangos beth rydym yn edrych am yn ein hathrawon ac yn ein hennillwyr. Mae yna waith arloesol wedi dangos yma ac mae'r Brifysgol yn gwerthfawrogi'n fawr iawn.

Yr athrawon a'r staff cymorth sydd wedi ennill gwobrau yw'r rhai sy'n mwynhau a gofalu am beth yr ydynt yn gwneud, sydd wedi cefnogi ac ysbrydoli a gwneud gwahaniaeth i fyfyrwyr ar draws y Brifysgol.

**Professor Martin Stringer – Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) /
Yr Athro Martin Stringer – Dirprwy Is-ganghellor (Academaidd)**



Tom Hewes

Paramedic Science /
Gwyddor Barafeddygol

Teaching /
Addysgu

Student Comments / Sylwadau Myfyrwyr:

“Tom goes above and beyond to support students not only in our practical lectures but theoretically too. He is sensitive to our needs and is patient explaining information to our learning requirements.”

“Always positive, always smiling. It's a high intensity and stressful course. He isn't aware of this but Toms input however minimal goes a long way, reassuring students that we're on the right track and there is light at the end of the tunnel.”

“Tom has a gift. Quite simply he can communicate with every type of person /personality there is.”

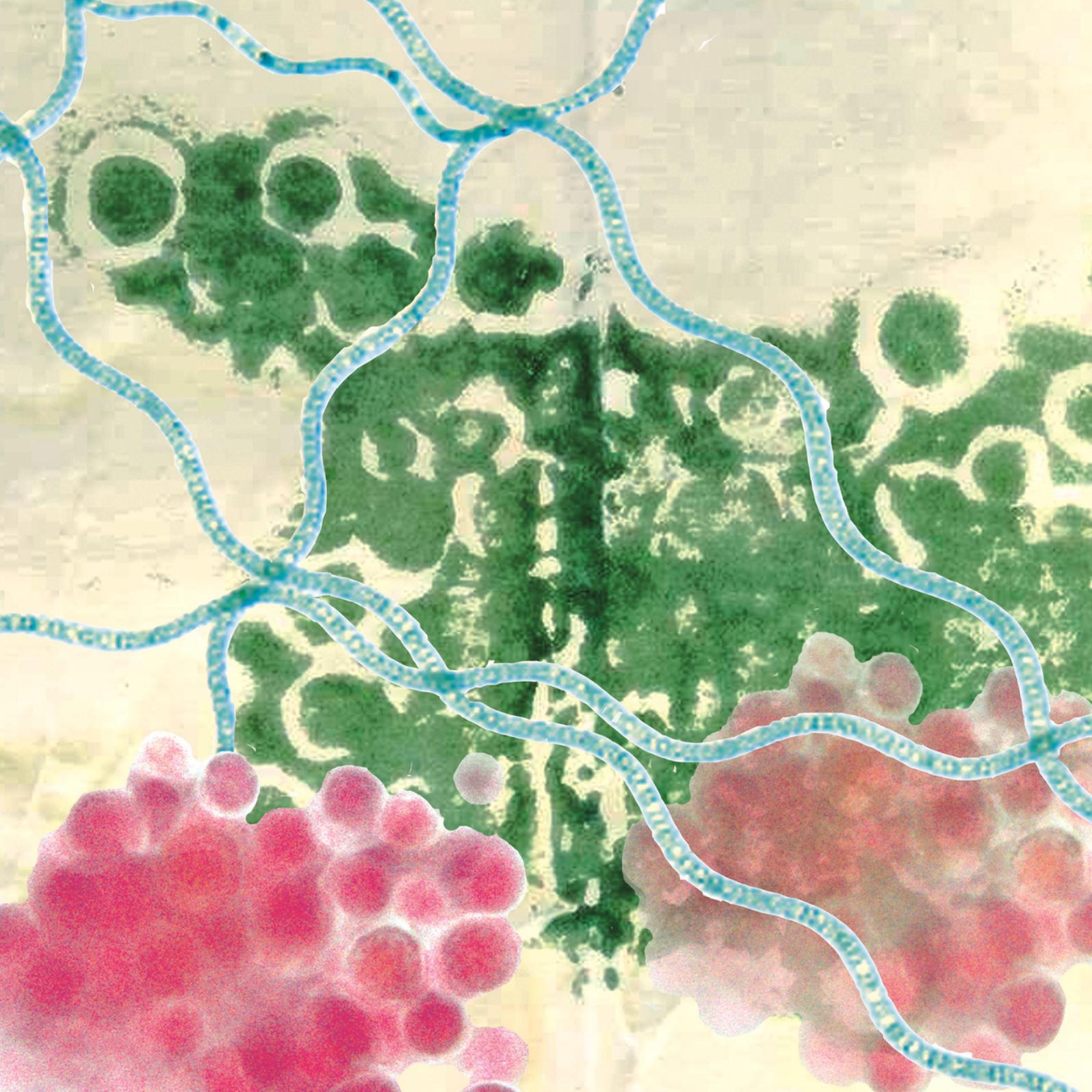
“Tom is openly invested in all his students and this positivity shines through. Whether he feels like it or not, he is proactive in his enthusiasm and is always smiling :)”

“A talented teacher that makes learning the hard stuff bearable. Unaware of the impact he has on our cohort.”

“Tom Hewes inspires me to work harder and smarter, to learn more and strive to become the best paramedic that I can be.”

“Tom Hewes should win the Teaching Award because win or not; he will continue to be a great lecturer - it's in his nature.”

“Supportive and encouraging. He treats us with respect.”



Dr Clive Weston

Medical School /
Ysgol Feddygaeth

Teaching /
Addysgu

Student Comments / Sylwadau Myfyrwyr:

"In supporting us Dr Weston, in teaching and in feedback, opens himself up in a way that other lecturers wouldn't. To become vulnerable and with us, one of us, rather than dictating or haranguing from a professional pedestal (one that he would have every right to inhabit as a Consultant of his experience)."

"Clive will go out of his way to provide individual feedback on assessment pieces. Not just a few lines - but in one case I received a 4 paragraph email providing detailed feedback and also challenging my line of thinking in a constructive but corrective manner. He even managed to quote Byron as part of the constructive feedback!"

"Clive has the ability to put everything into layman's terms - and make you want to listen to him. More and more. You want every subject taught by him. Within perhaps 2 lectures he made himself massively respected by the students (a huge feat in itself). Clive is inspirational, he makes you want to strive to be a better person, not just a better doctor."

"Clive is the best lecturer / educator I have ever seen during many years of higher education. His ability to connect, hold the audience in the palm of his hand, and get across the core messages is outstanding."

"He is so open and honest in his teaching that many of us are genuinely moved. Sharing complaints, and thanks, from the family of patients after their loved ones have died, and seeing him genuinely emotional and at times disturbed, really hit home the need and the impact of our actions. It was a powerful moment, and just one of many."

"A single conversation with a wise man is worth a month's study of books." Clive is the epitome of wise. (PS - not my quote!)"



Dr Bryn Willcock

Political & Cultural Studies /
Gwleidyddol a Diwyllianol

Teaching /
Addysgu

Student Comments / Sylwadau Myfyrwyr:

“Outstanding didactic skills !”

“Bryn's lectures are insightful and deeply interesting. He doesn't just provide the information needed to pass the module but gives students knowledge that we'll be able to use outside of the lecture hall.”

“He also clearly wants to be here. Other lecturers can feel like researchers that have to get through lectures so they can go back to their work, but Bryn really seems to enjoy lecturing and that makes it a joy to go to his lectures.”

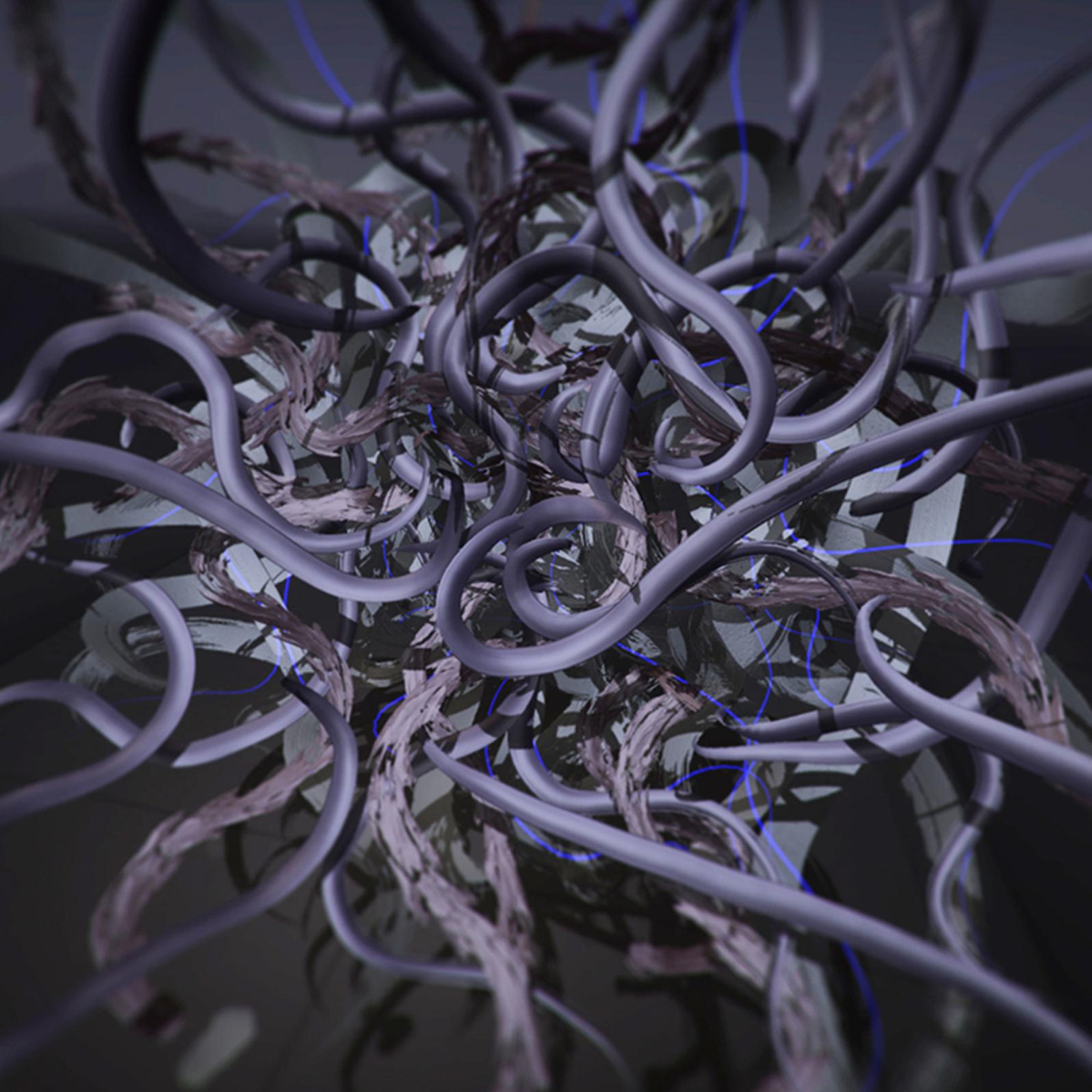
“Within tutorials, Bryn will always ask directed questions which make us genuinely think about what we've learnt and form an opinion. This method especially has solidified a great deal of my knowledge within Bryn's modules and has broadened my understanding”

“Bryn's enthusiasm for his teaching makes every lecture a unique and enjoyable experience, almost making university work feel like fun!”

“The feedback provided on our work by Bryn is really detailed and thorough - it goes into detail and allows us to understand what needs correcting and also, how we could possibly extend our work and make it that little bit better.”

“Bryn is not just a most competent lecturer, but a didactic genius, an entertaining presenter, and an inspiring character to learn from. The best teacher I've ever had in the entirety of my academic career.”

“Bryn is an extraordinary individual. I feel grateful for not only being his tutee, but for having the opportunity to be taught by him in one of my modules this semester.”



Sophie Cunningham

Midwifery /
Bydwreigiaeth

Teaching /
Addysgu

Student Comments / Sylwadau Myfyrwyr:

“Sophie uses a variety of different teaching styles to ensure the whole class understands what she teaches. She always explains new information in a way that helps it stick, so it becomes embedded in my memory. This has really helped me to consolidate my knowledge as I am able to link what Sophie has taught me to my experiences on placement.”

“Sophie was module leader for our 2nd year obstetric emergency OSCE module and exams - we could not have had a more dedicated, passionate and committed lecturer to help us through one of the most stressful modules in the programme.”

“I always feel Sophie has our long term development and goal to be great midwives at the heart of her teaching. Her passion for everything Midwifery is infectious and she is very inspiring.”

“Sophie's feedback is always considered and insightful. She also requests feedback on her lecturing approach, to see where she could improve for the next year.”

“Sophie is one of the most approachable people I've come across. Nothing is too much trouble.”

“Sophie is a dedicated and inspirational lecturer, clearly passionate about her career as a midwife, but also about sharing her expertise, knowledge and experience - in doing so helping her students to become the best midwives they can be.”

“Sophie is the most passionate lecturer I have ever met - she completely inspires me.”



Trilby James

Law & Criminology /
Y Gyfraith a Throseddeg

Teaching /
Addysgu

Student Comments / Sylwadau Myfyrwyr:

“Trilby goes above and beyond what is necessary to help us LPC students out. Without her the LPC would not be the same and a lot of us wouldn't still be there! Truly an amazingly kind hearted and thoughtful woman.”

“Trilby does everything she possibly can to aid us in gaining the LPC qualification which is crucial in securing a career in Law. Trilby explains things in 'plain' English ensuring we understand every aspect clearly.”

“Subject knowledge excellent, feedback superb, teaching style second to none, humble and always willing to assist student.”

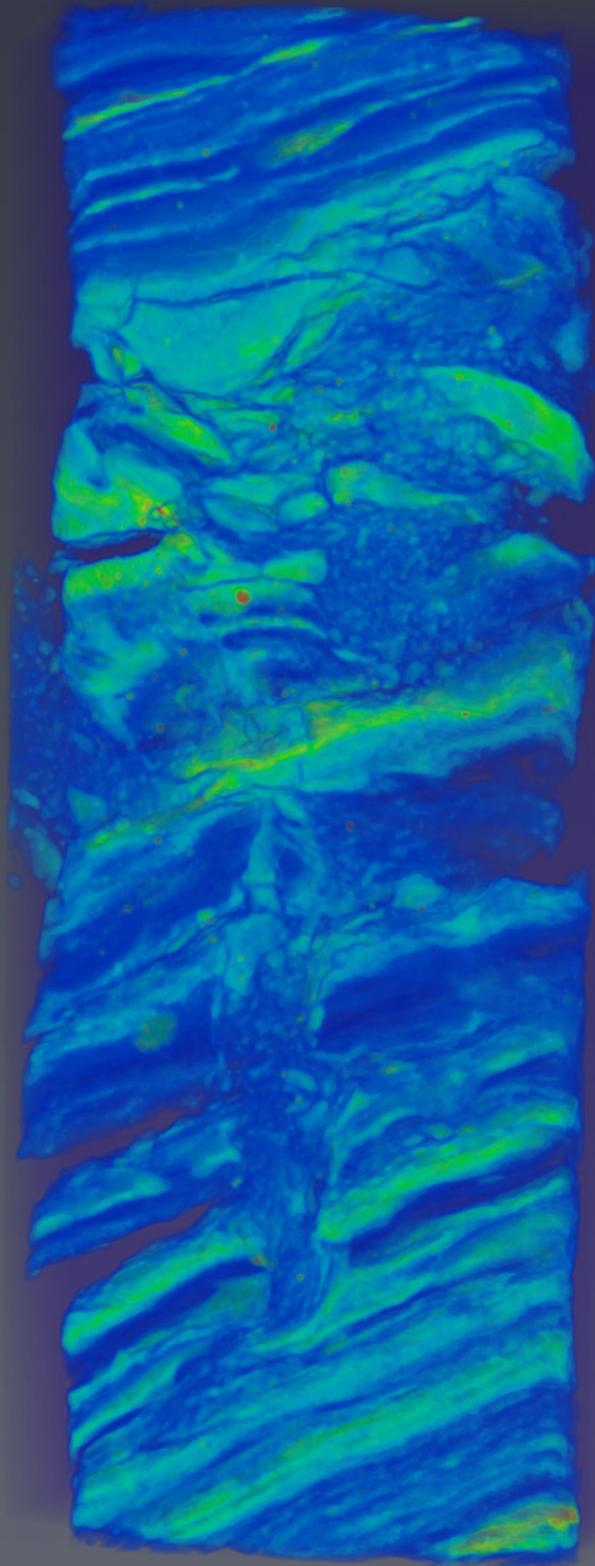
“Trilby is enthusiastic, knowledgeable and most of all approachable. She is always encouraging and takes the time to explain more complex matters, whilst always remaining professional.”

“Not all heroes wear capes !”

“Trilby gives excellent feedback, as she explains the feedback thoroughly and answers our questions as fully as she can. No matter how silly a student may feel asking a question she will always be very patient and helpful.”

“Nothing is too much trouble for her. She will do all she can to help you, even for subjects which she doesn't teach.”

“Excellent lecturer who goes extra mile in her lecture preparation and delivery with wonderful attitude.”



Dr Stephanie Best

Public Health /
Iechyd Cyhoeddus

Teaching /
Addysgu

Student Comments / Sylwadau Myfyrwyr:

“Stephanie takes time to ensure understanding of sometimes difficult concepts. she makes the lectures innovative and fun and has an excellent knowledge of current health affairs.”

“Dr Best gives feedback, be it positive or negative, with empathy and understanding. She has the ability to explain where mistakes have occurred and/or give praise where it is due.”

“A dynamic approach to lectures, and a vibrant delivery !”

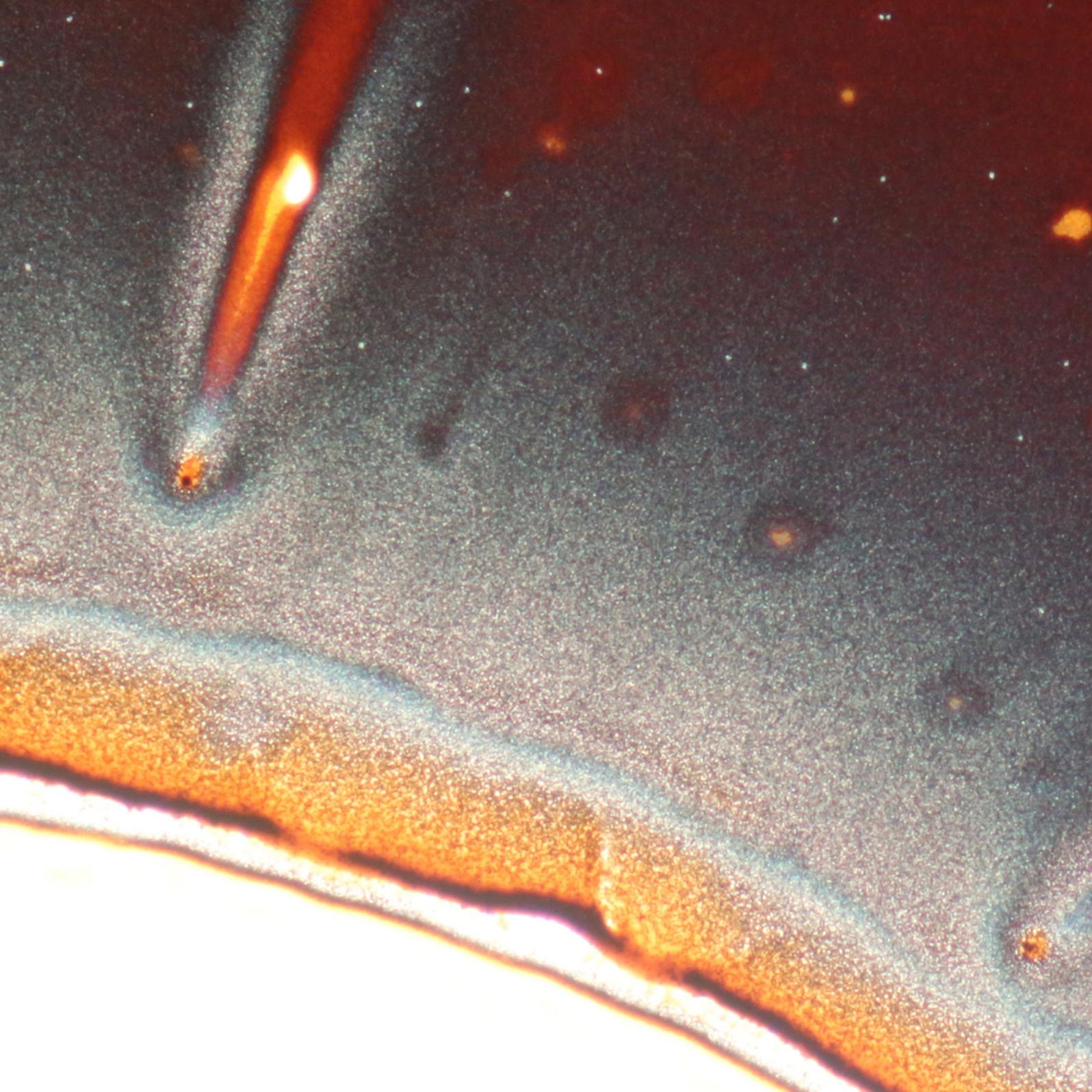
“Dr Best shares her enthusiasm for learning in every lecture which makes it a joy to come to University as a mature student!”

“Stephanie provides constructive criticism of work, but is firm and can be direct when she needs to be. This ensures that students are given accurate and specific feedback that is neither vague nor 'woolly', helping students to improve work in the areas they need it most. Stephanie's broad depth of knowledge also enables her to signpost students to appropriate reading.”

“She is motivated, committed and enthuses about her subject, which motivates her students.”

“In her lectures you feel you are an equal and that all contributions are dealt with in a clear and measured way whether you are right or wrong.”

“She provides a solid foundation from which the student can explore the subject matter.”



Emma James

School of Management /
Yr Ysgol Reolaeth

Teaching /
Addysgu

Student Comments / Sylwadau Myfyrwyr:

“A unique connection and chemistry when teaching and communicating to students”

“Emma always reminds us that “no question is a stupid question” this is really reassuring as many in my class have already studied accounting so somethings I ask I feel may sound a bit silly ...”

“She is passionate about everything she does and you can tell she loves her job. She always makes the effort to speak to students individually within the seminars and explains everything thoroughly.”

“She is a kind and humble lecturer. She’s eager to help students and she treats every student fairly and warmly.”

“The feedback Emma gives on our work be it our mid-term exam or revision questions, is always very in depth, yet to a level we can all understand, appreciate and learn from. She doesn't just give a general feedback, whilst this can be useful it doesn't tailor to individuals' needs, she also makes personalised feedback an option for everyone who wants to, to attend. I never feel silly or stupid asking ANY question to Emma about accounting may it be simple or complex she always solves the query in a way I can understand, her approach may be different for another student which learns in another way, but what's great is that both are made available by Emma.”

“An outstanding lecturer who is dedicated to helping students improve themselves. Also one of the nicest people I have come across.”

“She is a supportive and cheerful lecturer, who doesn't sugar coat and is always honest.”

“An enthusiastic professional doing her best to inspire future professionals”



Jan Gosling

International Development / Support /
Datblygiad Rhyngwladol Cymorth

Student Comments / Sylwadau Myfyrwyr:

"Jan is excellent because she goes above and beyond her role to make a student feel welcomed and positive about their choice to come to Swansea University."

"Jan Gosling is an amazing example of the administration here at Swansea University !"

"She manages to retain a very human element, recognising the individuality of each student and their circumstances."

"Jan has always been a great support for myself and other students from North America."

"I am truly grateful for Jan and the work that she does !"

"I was always comfortable asking questions, knowing I would get an effective and friendly response."

"Jan is definitely an asset to Swansea University."

"... ultra-efficient and utterly professional, always ensuring she gives the best possible customer service !"

"She really cares !"

"Jan really made me feel like I was supported through the process of coming to Swansea."

"... warm, friendly and helpful."



Jonathan Hinkin

Nursing /
Nyrsio

Teaching /
Addysgu

Student Comments / Sylwadau Myfyrwyr:

“Jon has all the patience in the world and never makes you feel silly if you do not understand something.”

“He is confident, clear and instructive in his teaching. He is also extremely passionate and derives great joy from every student's success.”

“He is able to make his lecture sessions come alive in a real and fun way.”

“Jon is more than a lecturer, he encompasses the qualities I hope to one day employ when I go into practice.”

“You know how to move forward with your work. He provides you with manageable steps.”

“He makes the subjects he is teaching interesting and is excellent at keeping our attention.”

“Jon is understanding that we are still new to this level of work and takes time to explain the transition. He does not make you feel silly for not understanding something straight away.”

“I have formed an extremely high opinion of him in the short time I have known him, and I have no doubt he will go on to inspire many more students.”

“He has a no nonsense approach which we all appreciate because we are all here to learn and he facilitates that learning in a most relatable way.”

“He knows his stuff without being stuffy !”



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Barbie

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We are flattered by all of your support.
Barbie will be back up soon.