

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FARM VET?



WELSH FARMING / VETERINARIAN

# TASTER WEEK



## It's career decision time!

The week is intended for students in the 16-19 year old category who may be considering a career in the agricultural industry. The emphasis will be on those considering studying veterinary medicine though other students may find the course of interest.

The Welsh Branch of the British Veterinary Association is fully supportive of this week and several speakers are members of the Branch Council.

### What we aim to give you:

During your time with us we are aiming to give you as a person that has ambitions to become a veterinary surgeon the chance to discuss the nature of being a farm vet with practicing vets and farmers. We also aim to give you an insight into where the veterinary surgeon fits in the modern food industry.

This course will be run by members of the Royal Veterinary College and Coleg Sir Gâr.



# The 'only' Welsh Veterinary Taster course

## Course Features:

- Farm focused
- Taster of the industry
- Reference to support entry into Vet School
- College Certificate of Attendance
- Potential career paths and income
- Helping you decide on a future career
- Short Course

## Location:

Gelli Aur Campus, Gelli Aur, Carmarthen,  
Carmarthenshire, SA32 8NJ  
Telephone 01554 748578 / 748570

The campus is purpose built complex which is also home to the 211 hectare college farm. Situated in the fertile Tywi valley, three miles from Llandeilo and 14 miles from Carmarthen.





# The Week

Gelli Aur is a commercial working dairy farm as well as an agricultural college, your week will start here discussing how the dairy farm works, the pressures it faces and how the veterinarian and the farmer work together on this farm. Farm staff and experienced dairy vets will be there to guide you through the workings of the farm and to answer questions as well as challenge you with thoughts that you may not have considered.

Beef and sheep farming are two important Welsh farming industries and once again we will visit farms to discuss with farm staff and vets how their industry works.

The farming industry is in place to produce food and vets also have a role once the animals leave the farm. We will visit an abattoir (once they have finished their mornings work!!) and chat to the vet about his role.

During the week attendees will be given the chance to discuss other career opportunities that vets can be involved in such as the pharmaceutical industry, AHVLA etc.

Speakers from the RVC will give guidance on the application process for all the universities.



# Example Timetable

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Morning</b> Arrival - Introductory talk (CVO or BVA President). <b>Afternoon</b> Gelli Aur Farm Walk /Milking/Dairy Farmer. <b>Evening</b> Social event with staff.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Morning</b> Beef farmer visit/housing/nutrition. <b>Afternoon</b> Sheep veterinary issues (parasites lameness). <b>Evening</b> Diseases of farming importance.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Morning</b> Poultry production/pig production. <b>Afternoon</b> Pathology/bacteriology. Interviews by students. <b>Evening</b> Socialise with current vet students (RVC +/- other schools).
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Morning</b> Market <b>Afternoon</b> Slaughterhouse/Butchery demonstration. <b>Evening</b> Careers (Pharm rep +/- other industries).
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Morning</b> Surgery Practical <b>Afternoon</b> Application process/open day information. Keynote speaker. Leave.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the cost of the week. Those attending the course can stay on local farms. The cost of the accommodation is £35 per night Bed & Breakfast. Transport to the college is included in the price.

## Food

Dinner & lunch will be provided on full days along with refreshments.



## The Staff

Neil Paton is a lecturer for the Royal Veterinary College teaching Farm Animal Medicine to undergraduate students. In addition he is Technical Director of Animal Health Wales - Gwaredu BVD and senior Vice President of the Welsh Branch of the British Veterinary Association.

Neil gained a BSc in Veterinary Pathology in 1997.

He spent three years in Scotland working in mixed practice before moving on to start a PhD at the University of Edinburgh and at the Moredun Research Institute.



John Griffiths is Manager of the Dairy Development centre at Gelli Aur. He is involved in running research, development and training programmes for the dairy farming industry throughout Wales.



# Application

Completing the full week will entitle the attendees to a certificate demonstrating attendance. In addition references will be supplied following the course on request. The course will be run during the Summer Holidays.

Date	Name	I include a deposit of £150	I include the whole payment of £450	I have specific dietary requirements (listed below).
27/07/2020				

Please make your cheques payable to Coleg Sir Gâr and return in the prepaid envelope along with your application or contact Sarah Roberts ☎ 01554 748578 to pay by Direct Debit.

<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>Contact Numbers:</b>	<b>Home:</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>
<b>E-mail:</b>		

## Parental Agreement

I agree to my son/daughter taking part in the activities outlined above. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge that my son/daughter does not suffer from any medical condition that will render them unable to take part. I consent to my son/daughter travelling by any form of public transport, minibus or motor vehicle driven by a course staff member. I understand that the organisers accept no responsibility for loss, damage or injury caused by or during attendance on any of the organised activities except where such loss, damage or injury can be shown to result directly from the negligence of the organisers.

**Parental Signature:**

**Print Name:**

