



Luke Spence with Airbus mentor, Charlie Brooke, drilling holes in a rivet plate, using some of the techniques used by the apprentices.

Youngsters complete fun aviation course

HIGH school students are looking forward to their flying day having completed an aviation course.

As part of the Airbus Foundation's Flying Challenge Programme, the group of 19 year nine Ysgol Treffynnon students have undertaken a wide variety of tasks with the aim of developing new workplace skills, gaining practical experience, learning about careers in aviation and developing a passion for learning.

The programme is accredited at Industrial Cadets Gold Level, a nationally recognised qualification,

and a graduation ceremony will be held at the school on July 4.

Since commencing the programme in September, the students have been working in groups with their Airbus mentors on numerous aviation related projects involving weekly sessions at Airbus, Broughton and tours of the A320 and A330 factories, as well as classroom lessons and talks.

Over the last three months, the students have produced rivet plates to meet inspection standards, learned about drones and their uses,

and undertaken a variety of STEM activities.

Each student also designed and made their own drone using recycled materials as well as producing a helipad to land their drones on.

Prizes were awarded for the best concept design and best build. The next challenge was learning to fly the drones through several assault courses and successfully landing them on the helipad.

The students will now put all they have learned into practice during a flying day at Airbus.

They will work with the police and RAF participating in different activities and also have a free flying lesson courtesy of Fly2Help.

The students will be taken up into the sky with a pilot and passengers and they will fly a small plane for about 30 minutes.

Vicky Bond, science technician at Ysgol Treffynnon, said: "They are all very excited about the upcoming flying day which will be a truly memorable experience for them all and possibly a stepping stone to a future career for some."

Banned from club after christening

BY COURT REPORTER

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A MAN was told he should be ashamed of his behaviour after he admitted punching a bar manager during a family christening.

Stuart Christopher Gary Whales, 29, of Sealand Avenue in Garden City, appeared before North East Wales magistrates in Mold.

He admitted having assaulted Ian Duckers at Saltney Social Club on June 2, as well as breaking a pair of glasses belonging to Mr Duckers on the same date.

Prosecutor Rhian Jackson told the court that 53-year-old Mr Duckers, the bar manager at the social club in High Street, had been working on the day of the incident.

A christening event with about 60 guests was taking place at the club and he had stepped outside in

the afternoon when he spotted two men in the smoking area.

Mr Duckers saw a man in his 20s, who was later identified as Whales, behaving in an "aggressive" manner towards the other man, who was described as being in his 50s and was later identified as Whales' father.

Whales was seen to grab his father before they both began shouting at each other, at which point Mr Duckers said he feared the situation was "turning nasty" and he attempted to calm both men.

Mrs Jackson said Whales initially walked away, but then returned and became abusive towards Mr Duckers before punching him in the face.

The prosecutor added: "He was punched with such force that he landed on the ground. His glasses were forced off and he felt pain in

his cheek."

The glasses, Mr Jackson said, were broken in the incident.

Whales was apprehended by police officers and at interview he said he was unable to recall the events and that he had been drinking alcohol prior to the incident.

Mrs Jackson told the court that at the time of the incident Whales was subject to an ongoing community order, which was due to end in December.

Gary Harvey, defending, said: "He does not remember anything about it and he is very remorseful."

"He suffers from ADHD and drinking doesn't help him. You can see from this offence that it has made his behaviour worse."

"He hasn't been drinking since and he has sorted things out with his father. He recognises it was wholly unacceptable."

Lady Sally Kenyon, chairing the magistrates, told Whales: "It was a dreadful thing to do."

"It is unacceptable behaviour anywhere, but at a family christening - you should be ashamed of yourself."

"We don't want to see you here again."

She ordered Whales to pay court costs of £85, a fine of £80, a victim surcharge of £85 and compensation of £70 for the broken glasses, as well as £100 compensation for the damage to Mr Duckers' face.

Whales was also made the subject of a new 12 month community order with an extra 10 days of rehabilitation work and he must undertake 240 hours of unpaid work.

He is also excluded from Saltney Social Club for a year.

Mystery over car abandoned



MYSTERY surrounds the ownership of a car which has been abandoned outside Flintshire Council's HQ.

The silver Hyundai vehicle has been left in a pay and display car park at the front of County Hall in Mold for several weeks.

During that time, enforcement officers have placed two parking tickets on the windscreen.

However, no-one has come forward to claim the car which records show was originally manufactured in 1999.

The local authority has now revealed it intends to remove the car unless the owner makes themself known.

Steve Jones, chief officer for Streetscene and transportation, said: "Notice was served on the vehicle in order to establish its owner and attempts are now being made to make direct contact with them."

"In the event that the vehicle has not been removed this week, it will be removed by the council."

According to the DVLA website, the car has not been taxed since the end of March.

A notice placed on the vehicle under the Refuse Disposal Act states: "Under section three of the above act, this vehicle is deemed to be abandoned."

"If it is not removed within seven days of the installation date of this notice, this vehicle will be removed and disposed of without further notification."

Inquest is opened

AN inquest has opened following the death of a 35-year-old Flintshire woman.

Kaye Thorley, who was born in St Asaph, died on June 7 this year at her home in Maes Gwyn in Flint.

Opening an inquest at Ruthin Town Hall, John Gittins, coroner for North Wales (East and Central), said Ms Thorley was a former retail assistant. An initial post mortem examination showed cause of death to be liver disease connected to long-term alcoholism.

Mr Gittins adjourned the inquest until a date later in the year.