

Innovation Awards 2026

28th and 29th September 2026 – South Wales - Cardiff

5th October 2026 – North Wales – Bangor

This prestigious event is a showcase exhibition and competition for the most innovative project work at GCSE, AS and A Level in Design & Technology. The exhibition will be held in the autumn term at The All Nations Centre, Cardiff, and Riechel Hall, Bangor University.

The exhibition will give teachers and students the opportunity to see some of the best work of students aged 16 to 18 in Wales. All centres in Wales entering students for WJEC examinations in Design and Technology are automatically eligible. Visiting moderators and teachers will nominate projects for inclusion in the exhibition. The event will showcase 80 of the most innovative A2, AS and GCSE projects.

A team of distinguished judges will select 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize winners at A level, AS Level and GCSE level and choose an overall Innovation Awards winner.

There will also be individual prizes for the project displaying the most potential for Intellectual Property protection, a prize for Science and a prize for the project displaying the greatest creativity.

Students will also be able to attend short talks on important aspects of their courses and at A Level see marked past paper questions.

Schools and colleges are invited to bring students from years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 to view the exhibition and attend the seminars.

Please study the Programme below to identify Teachers Seminars and Students Seminars that you wish to attend. Places are limited and offered on a 'first come first served basis'.

South Wales- Cardiff Event- All Nations Centre (CF14 3NY)

Judging to take place on Monday 28th September 2026.

2026 Programme of events at Cardiff, South Wales

Monday 28th September 2026

GCE D&T Teacher CPD Focus: Unit 1/3 Examinations Feedback Focus: Unit 2/4 NEA – Iterative design and innovation	10.00am – 11.30am Wallis Room
GCSE Student Seminar Managing your Contextual Challenge/NEA in school Year 10/11 only	10.00am – 10.25am Muller Hall
AS and A Level Student Seminar ‘Iterative designing for delivering innovative solutions that meet user requirements’ Cardiff Metropolitan University ‘Effective sustainable design for creative products’ University of Wales Trinity Saint David	10.35am – 11.35am Muller Hall
AS and A Level Student Seminar ‘Iterative designing for delivering innovative solutions that meet user requirements’ Cardiff Metropolitan University ‘Effective sustainable design for creative products’ University of Wales Trinity Saint David	1.00pm – 2.00pm Muller Hall
GCSE D&T Teacher CPD Focus: Effective iterative design for innovative GCSE NEAs.	12.00pm – 1.30 pm Wallis Room



Tuesday 30th September 2026

GCE D&T Teacher CPD Focus: Unit 1/3 Examinations Feedback Focus: Unit 2/4 NEA – iterative design and innovation	10.00am -11.30am Wallis Room
GCSE Student Seminar Managing your Contextual Challenge/NEA in school Year 10/11 only	10.00am -10.25am Muller Hall
AS and A Level Student Seminar 'Iterative designing for delivering innovative solutions that meet user requirements' Cardiff Metropolitan University 'Effective sustainable design for creative products' University of Wales Trinity Saint David	10.35am -11.35am Muller Hall
GCSE D&T Teacher CPD Focus: Effective iterative design for innovative GCSE NEAs.	12.00pm – 1.30pm Wallis Room

EXHIBITION CLOSES AT:

3:00pm on Tuesday 29th September 2026.

All Nations Centre (CF14 3NY)

North-Wales- Bangor Event – Bangor University

The exhibition will include all prize winners and a selection of GCSE, AS, A level projects (Approx 60).

Monday 5th October 2026

GCE D&T Teacher CPD Focus: Unit 1/3 Examinations Feedback Focus: Unit 2/4 NEA – iterative design and innovation	10.00am – 11.30am Dinorwig
GCSE Student Seminar Managing your Contextual Challenge/NEA in school Year 10/11 only	10.00am – 10.25am Ffestiniog
AS and A Level Student Seminar ‘Iterative designing for delivering innovative solutions that meet user requirements’ Cardiff Metropolitan University ‘Effective sustainable design for creative products’ Bangor University	10.30am - 11.30am Ffestiniog
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GCSE D&T Teacher CPD Focus: Effective iterative design for innovative GCSE NEAs.	12.00 pm – 1.30 pm Dinorwig

EXHIBITION CLOSES AT 3:30 pm.

Bangor University, Reichel Hall, Bangor, LL57 2QT.

Prize Ceremony

Date TBC December 2026 at The Senedd / Pierhead Building (next to the Senedd) to be confirmed.