

Student site is link to new life



LEADING THE WAY: Website entrepreneur Ashish Poddar and his head of IT Doug Blake of Porthcawl are behind new website Freshties.

A WEBSITE that helps students find out more about college life has been set up with the help of a Porthcawl software engineer.

"Freshties" is the brainchild of former London lawyer Ashish Poddar and aims to link experienced students with those venturing into higher education.

At the same time the website will benefit small charity projects by donating up to 60 per cent of the

revenue it receives in subscriptions.

Mr Poddar enlisted the help of IT engineer Doug Blake, aged 53, of Nottage Meadows, Nottage, to manage the software side of things.

Website members can search for others planning to apply, or who have already experienced the exact course or campus under consideration.

Though the site is still in its infancy, Mr Poddar hopes its popularity will soon rival that of FriendsRe-

united.com, a website set up to link old schoolmates.

"Students can see who else is on their course before they arrive, helping to quash any concerns, share information and prepare for their new stage in life.

Parents too can feel better that their child is more confident about leaving home for the first time."

Freshties is at www.freshties.com/corpHome.php