

## ComputerXplorers

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#### Newport boxing ref teaches youngsters IT skills

This Newport man teaches children about computers by day and referees boxing bouts by night.

John Reynolds, 36, runs his own educational IT firm ComputerXplorers and has also refereed for some of the country's top amateur boxers since retiring from the sport himself.

After being made redundant from his job as a physics teacher in Cardiff, which he had worked as for almost 20 years, he decided to set up his own business and chose to open a franchise of ComputerXplorers to continue teaching.

Through his company he visits schools and nurseries to teach children aged between three and 13 about IT through movie-making, animation and activities relating to class topics.



Outside work he officiates two or three fights a week, mainly held in South Wales.

He has been refereeing for six years since he decided to retire from boxing when he was 30 because of his age.

He took up boxing when he was 10 and boxed 69 bouts during his career.

He has refereed for former Olympian Billy Joe Saunders, Newport boxer Matthew Edmunds and Commonwealth Games medallist Jamie Arthur.

Mr Reynolds said: "I missed boxing and wanted to carry on being a part of it. I just love everything about it and always expect a clean fight."

He said there is a big difference between his day and evening jobs but enjoys both: "Sometimes I come across children I've taught because they're members of boxing clubs and suddenly they're in front of me in the ring."

Mr Reynolds was brought up in High Cross and now lives in Malpas with his wife Linda and daughters Megan, nine, and Emma, five.

