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An improved train service is promised today as schools and colleges reopen across England.

An article in the Daily Express says extra and longer trains will run on Great Western Railway, Greater Anglia, West Midlands Trains, Southeastern and TransPennine Express networks.

Enhanced cleaning to limit the spread of COVID-19 is also promised.

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The railway through Llangennech has reopened for the first time in six months, following one of the biggest environmental recovery efforts Network Rail has ever been involved with.

The southern end of the Heart of Wales line has been closed since August 2020 after a freight train pulling 25 wagons, derailed.

The devastation to follow saw the train wagons catching fire before around 350,000 litres of diesel spilled into the ground.

Since then, ground teams from Network Rail, Natural Resources Wales, Adler and Allan and partner agencies have put in a total 37,500 hours to work to protect the local environment, excavating 30,000 tonnes of contaminated soil.

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After a year of Northern under new ownership, the train operator is announcing a series of further improvements, including new depot upgrades designed to transform the service it provides to its customers.

Over the past 12 months, Northern has transformed its fleet with a multi-million pound investment in brand new trains, completed the refurbishment of more than 250 trains, retired its Pacers, and continued to extend platforms to make way for better, longer trains.

Throughout the lockdown period, Northern has invested in a series of new projects and upgrades across the network to further improve customers' experience. These include a £2.5million facelift of more than 40 sites and £650,000 of car park improvements.

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Finally, and 'go for it', that is the message from Avanti West Coast trainee driver who is hoping her positive experience in the railway industry will encourage other women to pursue a similar career path.

Chloe McKinlay has spoken out on International Women's Day telling people not to be afraid to challenge gender stereotypes.

She is just one of the inspirational women working on the railways and speaking out about her positive experience, who like so many others is playing a vital role in keeping the industry moving.

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