

# **YSGOL CAER ELEN (3-16 Welsh Medium School, Haverfordwest)**

**A £28.1 million investment in a new 3–16 Welsh Medium School in Haverfordwest, to replace the existing Welsh medium primary school and establish 11–16 Welsh medium secondary education provision to serve Haverfordwest and the surrounding areas.**

The main reasons and the advantages of the scheme was:

- to address the increased demand for Welsh medium provision in the south, mid and north west of Pembrokeshire and shorten the journey times for pupils;
- to rationalise primary and secondary teaching accommodation onto a single site which will improve standards and learner outcomes;
- to ensure seamless education provision from nursery to year 6 ensuring progression from Foundation stage to Key Stage 2 and continuity in teaching and learning approaches throughout the primary provision;
- to provide a cost efficient and effective model for delivery, removing unnecessary duplication, aligning capacity with demand, generating economies of scale;
- to maintain education provision and outcomes for pupils in the area and build upon the strengths of Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau;
- to contribute towards meeting the Council’s vision for developing and extending Welsh medium education provision as set out in its Welsh in Education Strategic Plan;
- to address concerns from a large number of parents voicing concerns that journey times to Ysgol y Preseli was too long and therefore had a negative impact both on their child’s general wellbeing and on their ability to join in with clubs and activities after school, so although they wished their child to learn in the medium of Welsh, they were inclined to send them elsewhere for these reasons;
- Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau was at capacity and faced challenges in accommodating an increasing number of pupils; the proposed change would therefore contribute to Welsh medium capacity in the primary sector. This will

in turn create a strong and sustainable base from which to grow new secondary Welsh medium provision.

- to develop a school environment that met 21<sup>st</sup> Century School requirements;

<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>LOCATION</b>	Withybush Road, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Community
<b>AGE RANGE</b>	3-16
<b>LANGUAGE CATEGORY</b>	Primary phase: Welsh Medium Secondary phase: Bilingual (AB 2A – at least 80% of subjects excluding English and Welsh are taught only through the medium of Welsh to all pupils. One or two subjects are taught to some pupils in English or both languages).
<b>CAPACITY</b>	Reception-Year 6: 315 Year 7-Year 11: 600
<b>ADMISSION NUMBERS</b>	Reception-Year 6: 45 Year 7-Year 11: 120
<b>NUMBER OF NURSERY PLACES</b>	45
<b>ADMISSIONS ARRANGMENTS</b>	<p>Pembrokeshire County Council will be the Admissions Authority for the school. The Council's admissions policy and oversubscription criteria will apply. The school will admit pupils of both sexes and there will be no provision for selection by either aptitude or ability.</p> <p>3-16 schools are regarded as "middle schools" according to the Welsh Government's School Admissions Code. Therefore, this type of model will have an admission number for Nursery, Reception and Year 7. Pupils entering Nursery or Reception in September 2018 would need to apply for admission in accordance with the published admissions policy.</p> <p>No admission applications would be needed for Year 7 admissions from pupils already attending Year 6 from September 2018 in the primary element of the school as they would automatically transfer from primary to secondary phase within the school. Parents of pupils in Year 6 at other</p>

	<p>schools (including 'feeder primary schools') who wish their child to attend Year 7 at the new school will be required to apply as per the normal secondary transfer admission round.</p> <p>All pupils attending Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau at the time of implementation would not need to apply for a place in the school as they would automatically transfer.</p>
<b>SCHOOL TRANSPORT</b>	<p>Transport arrangements are in accordance with the law and County Council policy.</p>

### BUILD INFORMATION

**ARCHITECT:** Stride Treglown

**CONTRACTORS:** Willmott Dixon

**CAPITAL COST:** £28,112,915

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2018

**BUILD SPECIFICATIONS:** The school will be a new build which will be fully accessible throughout and compliant with DfE requirements.

The build will result in primary and secondary facilities being shared, but effective timetabling will ensure that they are not shared at the same time. Age groups will be segregated appropriately to maximise safety and curriculum management.

In addition to the above, it was proposed that the school will include provision for pupils regarded as latecomers to the Welsh language as part of a Language unit attached to the school.