

TENBY PRIMARIES

Tenby Church in Wales VC Primary School and

Ysgol Hafan y Môr

A £8.87 million investment to include a new-build 3 – 11 English-medium primary school, remodelling of the former Tenby Junior School to accommodate a 3 – 11 Welsh medium primary school, and demolition of the vacated Tenby Infants School.

Following a review of primary education and Welsh-language provision in the Tenby area, a decision was made to discontinue both Tenby Junior Community and Tenby VC Infants Schools on 31 August 2016. As a result, a new 3-11 English-medium primary school (Tenby CiW VC Primary School) and a new 3-11 Welsh-medium primary school (Ysgol Hafan y Môr) were established on 1 September 2016.

Tenby Church in Wales VC Primary School moved into a purpose-built school on land adjacent to the former Tenby Junior School, which was remodelled and refurbished ready for occupation by Ysgol Hafan y Môr.

The main reasons and the advantages of the scheme were:

- to strengthen primary provision and opportunities for pupils;
- for the schools to serve the community and catchment area;
- to strengthen Welsh-medium provision, and to respond to forecast demand;
- to further develop community-focused schools;
- to address issues of capacity and future requirements;
- to seek greater efficiency, and seek access to investment and capital funding;
- to recognise flexibility and opportunities offered by larger schools;
- to examine implications for all through primary education;
- that both the Infant and Junior schools were Dual Stream in terms of their Language Category; this meant that both Welsh-medium and English-medium existed side-by-side in these schools;
- to meet the Authority's vision for the development of Welsh-language learning. This vision is based on the key principles of universal opportunity and access to Welsh learning, and promotion of the highest standards;

- to meet the Authority's target within its Welsh Language Scheme of extending provision in the Tenby area, and;
- to ensure that Welsh-medium education is available to all children whose parents/guardians wish them to receive their education through the medium of Welsh.

KEY INFORMATION	
LOCATION	Heywood Lane, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8BZ
CATEGORIES	<p>Hafan y Môr - Community</p> <p>Tenby CiW VC Primary - The school is a Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Primary school. The school has a religious character which will conform with the doctrines of the Church in Wales, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.</p>
AGE RANGES	3-11
LANGUAGE CATEGORIES	<p>Tenby CiW VC Primary – English medium (EM) Foundation Phase – through the medium of English. KS2 – Welsh taught as a second language. Less than 20% of the teaching is through the medium of Welsh. English is the language used in day-to-day business of the school – some Welsh used as a language of communication with pupils to improve capacity to use every day Welsh. The school communicates with parents either in English or in both languages.</p> <p>Hafan y Môr – Welsh Medium (WM) Foundation Phase – through the medium of Welsh. KS2 - at least 70% of teaching is through the medium of Welsh. Welsh is the language of communication with pupils and the language of day-to-day business of the school. The school communicates with parents in both languages.</p>
CAPACITIES	Tenby CiW VC Primary – 318 Hafan y Môr - 210
ADMISSION NUMBERS	Tenby CiW VC Primary – 45 Hafan y Môr - 30
NUMBER OF NURSERY PLACES	Tenby CiW VC Primary – 45 FTE

	Hafan y Môr – 30 FTE
ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS	Pembrokeshire County Council is the Admissions Authority for the schools. The Council's admissions policy and oversubscription criteria applies. The schools will admit pupils of both sexes and there will be no provision for selection by either aptitude or ability.
SCHOOL TRANSPORT	Transport arrangements are in accordance with the law and County Council policy.

BUILD INFORMATION

ARCHITECT: Pembrokeshire County Council – in house

CONTRACTORS: Andrew Scott Ltd

CAPITAL COSTS: £8.87 million

COMPLETION DATE: August 2016

BUILD SPECIFICATIONS: Hafan y Môr is the product of extensive refurbishment works to the former Tenby Junior School. The scheme remodelled the existing layout to provide more suitable and practical spaces for early years, and a playgroup/community room; infant and junior facilities were also upgraded.

Technologies were upgraded, including installing fibre optic broadband to create a learning environment in line with Welsh Government's 21st Century School ethos.

Externally, areas were modified and included a new canopy, along with segregated play areas, to allow the younger children to play within a safe environment.

Tenby CiW VC Primary School was constructed on the field adjacent to Hafan y Môr. The new-build element is low-lying with references to the adjacent '70s school. When the landscaping is established, it will re-enforce the 'campus' feel of the development. Built with high-quality, robust materials – blue-black and matt glazed bricks, render, terne-coated stainless steel roofs and aluminium windows – the school should withstand the punishing coastal environment. The 'ice cream' colours were chosen to reflect what the stakeholders felt was special about their school and location, with the children voting on their favourites for the main entrances.

Passive design informed the design philosophy, with classrooms arranged to avoid overheating and a high and low-level natural cross-ventilation strategy; the classroom wings comprised mono pitches, with a flat roof section over the corridor and whiteboard zone that houses the solar panels. The children can therefore see what is generating the power in the classrooms from their desks, looking through the clerestory windows.

The school comprises a playgroup and three early years/reception classrooms, three further Foundation Phase and six KS2 classrooms. In addition, junior and infant learning resource centres are included. Ancillary spaces such as a library, technology room and sensory room are also provided.