

Cabinet Secretary Opens School Extension



A major new extension at Ysgol Bro Gwaun in Fishguard has been officially opened by the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams AM.

The £10.9 million development provides an innovative teaching and learning environment for 525 pupils aged between 11 and 16.

It also includes provision for bilingual Additional Learning Needs and new community facilities.

The extension is part of an overall investment of £14.7 million in Ysgol Bro Gwaun which includes demolition of most of the current school building and new sports facilities.

It also includes work associated with the retention of the existing hall, gym and kitchen and dining facilities.

It is one of several new schools which have been built - or are being built - in Pembrokeshire under the 21st Century Schools and Education Programme, a collaboration between Pembrokeshire County Council and the Welsh Government who are sharing the funding.

Mrs Williams was welcomed to the school on Thursday (3rd May) by Council Chairman, Paul Harries - himself a past pupil of the former Fishguard High School - and headteacher Paul Edwards.

Before unveiling a plaque marking the official opening, she said that the £1.4 billion 21st Century Schools scheme would see the replacement and refurbishment of over 150 Welsh schools and colleges by next year with a further £2.3 billion investment from 2019 onwards.

During the ceremony, guests were entertained by Year 11 pupils Ioan Evans, Elin Williams and Vaughan Batty playing the harp.

The Cabinet Secretary later toured the new 5,000 square metre teaching block and met pupils and teaching staff.

The extension was built by BAM Construction Limited. Both the company and the new build have been shortlisted in the year's Construction Excellence in Wales Awards.

Captions

Pic 1: Year 7 pupils Morgan Bateman and Keisha Burton helped Cabinet Secretary Kirsty Williams unveil the plaque. Also pictured is headteacher Paul Edwards and County Council Chairman, Paul Harries.



Pic 2: Kirsty Williams is pictured with harpists Vaughan Batty, Elin Williams and Ioan Evans.

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