

Vale 21st Century Schools Community Newsletter

The 21st Century Schools Programme is a long term strategic investment in educational estate throughout Wales. More than £135 million is proposed to be invested in schools across the Vale of Glamorgan between April 2019 and March 2024.

A Safe Return to School

During the Covid-19 pandemic, ISG and 21st Century Schools team have supported schools by creating an app to help schools return safely.



The contractors have also delivered PPE and signage and developed construction and ecology themed activities for primary pupils that are suitable for social distancing.



The three Barry school projects are now in full flow, with Ysgol Bro Morgannwg settled into its new buildings this term. Work is also progressing well at Whitmore and Pencoedre High Schools. The social and economic benefits for the local area and Wales are already having a fantastic impact.

Nearly £20million has been spent in Wales through these construction projects, with 58 new jobs created and 80% of the workforce also coming from Wales.



The contractors have taken part in the CITB "Career Changers" programme. From this programme, two groundworks apprentices have undergone training on the sites. One of the apprentices, previously employed within the care sector, has spent a year on the Whitmore site working towards her apprenticeship and has now moved onto Pencoedre High School to continue her programme.



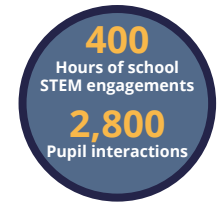
Another successful initiative has been Y Bocs Bwyd. This is a catering service run by Ysgol Y Deri in Penarth, which provides workplace learning for young people aged between 16 and 19 who have additional learning needs. These young people may ordinarily be excluded from traditional work experience and work placements, but thanks to this initiative they have set up a works canteen at the Morgan Sindall site at Whitmore High School and will soon be doing the same at the Bouygues UK project site at Pencoedre High School.

Over the last 18 months, the Vale's 21st Century Schools community benefits projects have delivered...



Workforce from...	
Wales =	Postcode =
87%	50%
1,024 People	548 People

58 New full-time jobs = 4,400+ Person weeks of new jobs
26 Apprenticeships 30 Work experience placements
2,665 Person weeks of training



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YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG



Project Progress

Ysgol Bro Morgannwg opened its new doors and buildings to staff and pupils on schedule at the start of the autumn term, despite lockdown having a massive effect on contractor ISG's work schedule.

The ISG team and local supply chain pulled together to ensure the new entrance building, three storey teaching block, changing rooms, sports hall and plant room were fully commissioned, decorated and fitted out with new furniture for the return of the staff and pupils.

External hard landscaping, a new bus drop-off and the new World Rugby certificated 3G rugby pitch were also completed in time for the new term. A multi-use games area was handed over last year.

Works on the £21.5 million project will continue until August 2021 and the new facilities will see the school's capacity increase from 1,361 to 1,660.



Community Support

ISG has been working with a local company, Sparkles Cleaning, on the site since April 2019. In total 14 staff have been employed from the local area and many have achieved qualifications which will enable them to secure work on future sites.



PENCOEDTRE HIGH SCHOOL



Project Progress

Good progress has been made at Pencoedtre High School, with the groundworks now nearing completion, the steel frame erection started in mid-August and the outline of the new building now is now emerging.

The permeant site accommodation is now in place and Bouygues UK is happily working alongside the pupils and staff now they have returned to school.



Community Support

Bouygues UK has launched its School and Community Ambassadors scheme over the summer. These ambassadors will provide a vital link between the school, the contractor and the local neighbourhood.

Eight Pencoedtre High School pupils and five members of the local community will get special access to the build, how it is being constructed, as well as regular updates on progress. The student Ambassadors will also get an insight into what it is like to work in the construction industry and will report back to their fellow students on every aspect of the project. The Community Ambassadors will be the link to the local neighbourhoods, informing them about the project as it evolves.



WHITMORE HIGH SCHOOL



Project Progress

Despite lockdown, a lot has happened on site in the past six months on site of Whitmore High School. All of the steel framework has been erected allowing for remaining trades to begin work on site.

Works progressing on site include; hot melt roofing, boarding, the Courtyard drainage, block paving to the courtyard and car park, mechanical and electrical work on all floors and the fitting of sprinklers throughout.

Contractor Morgan Sindall has also worked hard to amend welfare facilities for its onsite operatives to ensure their place of work is safe during the pandemic and beyond.

Works on the £30.5 million project will continue until August 2021.



Community Support

Morgan Sindall has supported eight local people with work placements – such as Cody Cole (pictured).

These work placements are a great way for people interested in working in the construction industry to gain much-needed experience and the scheme has been so successful that two people have been given full time jobs. One with a supply chain partner and another has been helped by Morgan Sindall to apply for an apprenticeship with Y Prentis.

