

YSGOL BRO DINEFWR, CARMARTHENSHIRE



LOCATION: CARMARTHENSHIRE
CLIENT: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
VALUE: £22M
SIZE: 12850M ²
COMPLETION: 2015
SERVICE: ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN
SECTOR: EDUCATION
CONTRACTOR: BOUYGUES
LANDSCAPE: AUSTIN-SMITH:LORD
STRUCTURES: CB3
SERVICES: SABA CONSULT

Austin-Smith:Lord acted as Executive Architects for the design of this 1200 pupil secondary school in Ffairfach near Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire. The school includes sports facilities suitable for community use, a SEN provision for autistic pupils and vocational catering facilities that are also utilised by partnering schools in the local area. Clearly identifiable departments, a Learning Resource Centre and a central performance space put education right at the heart of the school. Designed to achieve BREEAM Excellent, and an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of 'A', environmental sustainability has been a key driver behind the design of the school.



By adopting passive environmental principles, which include the use of orientation, natural ventilation and the use of natural light as much as possible, the design solution provides a holistic approach to achieving a school fit for the 21st Century.

The school will become a key facility for the local community that is easily accessible to all. The sports hall is the main community facility together with vocational teaching facilities such as a simulated restaurant and training kitchen.

The school hall provides a quality performance space for use by both the school and local community groups.

Outdoor sport facilities provide sports pitches with externally accessible changing facilities so that they can be accessed and utilised outside of school hours with ease.