

Rhyl High School, Denbighshire



"I would just like to say thank you for the work put in over the last year to achieve our hand over of the building on time and to a very happy client.

The teachers were made up when they walked around.
Look forward to working with you all again. No more to say but 'thanks'!"

John Sale
Build Manager, Willmott Dixon Construction Limited



The Project

We were delighted to supply the recently completed Rhyl High School with both fitted and loose educational furniture; in a project worth just under £700,000.

Rhyl High School in Denbighshire have recently opened the doors to their new building, a £25 million development. The school encompasses one of the largest SEN schools we have had the pleasure of working on: known as Tir Morfa; we furnished activity rooms, a nurture room and some great breakout spaces.

Design Challenges

Site architects AHR were devoted to their design and interior vision from the start of the project. The overall colour scheme was driven by the school colours and brand; and our team spent time working closely with the architect, to ensure that the furniture for each space met the high aspirations of the build. The furniture selections needed to lend themselves to the overall brand; as well as performing on a practical level.

The food technology area was an especially challenging design. This room was designed as a showcase at the main entrance to the building; and so had to incorporate an aesthetically impressive design with a safe and practical learning environment.

Our Solution

Our Design and Space Planning teams were instrumental in achieving this; attending on site meetings during the design and build process. Emma Hall, one of our Senior Designers; worked closely with both Willmott Dixon and AHR to ensure the design layouts achieved the client's requirements and standards across all disciplines. The design of the building was also aimed at achieving a BREEAM 'Excellent' rating.

The school were pro-active & kept the students informed of progress throughout the build. The provision & use of our FF&E layout drawings along with 3D BIM visualisations enabled the students to understand, appreciate & look forward to using the new facilities that were being created for them.

Design Highlights

A particular highlight of the scheme was the development of the 'Homebases' - open; flexible learning spaces, which also lend themselves to study and group work.

Furniture layout in any space always has to be well considered; for practicality, design vision and to ensure user safety. The Homebases were a particular challenge, balancing fire and safety regulations with space layout; but the hard work of everyone involved paid dividends, and these spaces lend a real 'wow factor' to the school.