

GCSE Construction link with Ferndale School, South Wales

Details

Clients Carillion Building

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Location Merthyr Tydfil

Working with Ferndale School

Carillion Building are currently delivering new office accommodation for the National Assembly for Wales in Merthyr Tydfil, on behalf of David McLean Developments.

In collaboration with CITB Construction Skills Wales, the project team is working with Ferndale School. The local secondary school is the only school in Wales undertaking the pilot GCSE Construction course.

The team is forging the link with the school, to offer a practical example to support the theory taught within the curriculum. James Andrew, the Construction Manager on the project, has studied the curriculum alongside Ferndale's teachers, with a view to understanding the new curriculum, and identifying the areas in which the support of the Carillion team would be of benefit.

A link with Ferndale School, who are piloting the GCSE Construction course.

Improved community relations.

Promotion of the construction industry as a career option.

Improved relationship with the National Assembly for Wales, and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.

Opportunity to understand the pilot GCSE Construction course.

PR opportunity with the only school in Wales undertaking the pilot course.

A programme of activities and initiatives are being undertaken across the academic year, including site visits, and presentations to students.

Furthermore, the team has produced a pack of information to support the teachers in delivery of the curriculum. This includes such items as:

- A video produced by the Carillion South West team, on "How concrete is made".
- A CD-ROM on sustainability in construction.
- A series of Health & Safety and Sustainability posters.
- Case records of construction projects and sustainability initiatives.
- Carillion's "Don't Walk By" Health and Safety video.

The link sees the continuation of Carillion's relationship with CITB Construction Skills in South Wales, running in parallel with the initiatives being undertaken by the other project teams in South Wales.

