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## Abbey Gate College Campus Strategy



### Project Profile

Abbey Gate College is an independent, co-educational day school founded in 1977 by the Deeside House Educational Trust. The College provides full academic, sporting and cultural education to pupils between four and nineteen years, on two sites - the junior school at Aldford and the senior school at Saighton Grange, a fine sandstone stately home.

Over the years Abbey Gate has continued to expand and improve its accommodation. TNW have worked closely with the College to identify areas of immediate need and to develop a campus strategy that considers educational needs and the potential for new build and adaptation.

A key driver for the strategy was to consider the links *between* teaching spaces, as much as the individual classrooms themselves. Recent development in school design has moved towards more flexible plan forms, with break out spaces that allow activities to flow into common areas and circulation spaces. This can lead to casual supervision and considerate behaviour, and contribute greatly to the well being of users.

The first phase of the College's long term development plan started with the building of the Arts & Media Centre in 2001. This was designed to provide specialist accommodation for the teaching and performance of music and drama, and the teaching of ICT and the visual arts.

A second phase of work, to enhance the facilities for art, science and technology, comprised a new purpose-built centre to meet the curriculum demands of these three specialist subject areas. The Senior departments at Abbey Gate are within the grounds of Saighton Grange, and extensions and alterations give full consideration to the Grade 2 listed environs.