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## Ysgol Bae Baglan (Baglan Bay School)





The first 'super school' for Wales, with a strong visual identity that required bespoke curved benches





A feature gate manufactured to designs developed from a concept provided by the school and architect, and one of the swing gates installed within the 2.5 miles of fencing

- Project type New build
- Year completed 2016
- Project location Seaway Parade, Port Talbot, SA12 7BL
- Client Neath Port Talbot Council
- Main contractor Bouygues UK
- Services provided Design, manufacture, supply and installation
- **Products used** 27 swing gates, 2.5 miles of fencing, 13 cycle shelters, 78 cycle hoops, 96 stainless steel bollards, 53 bespoke colour-coded benches, litter bins, bin/recycling stores with roofs

The client and main design/build Contractor wanted Ysgol Bae Baglan to be truly outstanding in terms of quality and facilities, and the head teacher had a clear vision for the new academy. All of the fencing, gates and street furniture had to fit within the overall design concept and the fencing and gates had to be Secured by Design – yet the budget on the  $\pounds 40$  million project was very tight.

Procter Contracts worked closely with the main contractor, architect and head teacher to ensure all goals were met. For example, the academy and architect provided an initial concept for the feature gates, from which Procter Contracts developed detailed designs for bespoke gates that met the necessary safety standards and could be manufactured costeffectively in Procter's factory in Bedwas, Caerphilly. Most of the fencing, gates and street furniture were value engineered to remove cost while still meeting the functional and aesthetic requirements.

## Main contractor feedback

Luke Owen, Bouygues UK's quantity surveyor for the Ysgol Bae Baglan project, was very pleased with Procter Contracts' involvement, saying: "Procter Contracts successfully delivered the fencing and street furniture package at Ysgol Bae Baglan. There was a broad spectrum of products from bespoke feature gates to conceptual seating, then to your more common items such as Secure by Design fencing, cycle shelters, bollards and the like.

"Procter worked closely with us from the outset to value engineer the specification to enable the client to have everything on his wish list. The products that were manufactured by Procter were of an excellent standard and they were able to significantly reduce lead in times which was fantastic on such a fast-paced project. Procter successfully managed the purchasing and delivery of products which come from specialist manufacturers, keeping us informed of delivery dates and the like. Procter assisted with the design process by meeting our architect to look at the bespoke gates, which resulted in a safer, improved gate design which improved the quality of the final product and reduced the cost. The whole offsite process was excellent.

"The high standards of the design and manufacture process were replicated by the site installation process. Procter adequately resourced the project to achieve increasingly stringent programme constraints. All key dates in their subcontract were met or improved on and there were no surprises in the final account, which was agreed very swiftly and with little effort. Any snags that were identified by the Client were taken seriously and Procter put a gang on site to solely deal with these items and close out within the agreed timescales.

"On the whole a first class service both operationally and commercially."







