

Title: Levenmouth High School

Client: Fife Council

Location: Buckhaven, Fife



Project team: Robertson Capital Projects/hub East Central Scotland, BAM Construction (contractor), FES (FM operator), AHR (architect), URS (civil & structural), Rybka (building services), CDMC David Adamson)

The Levenmouth Campus project involved the design and construction of a new high school catering for 1800 pupils built on the existing site of Buckhaven Secondary School.

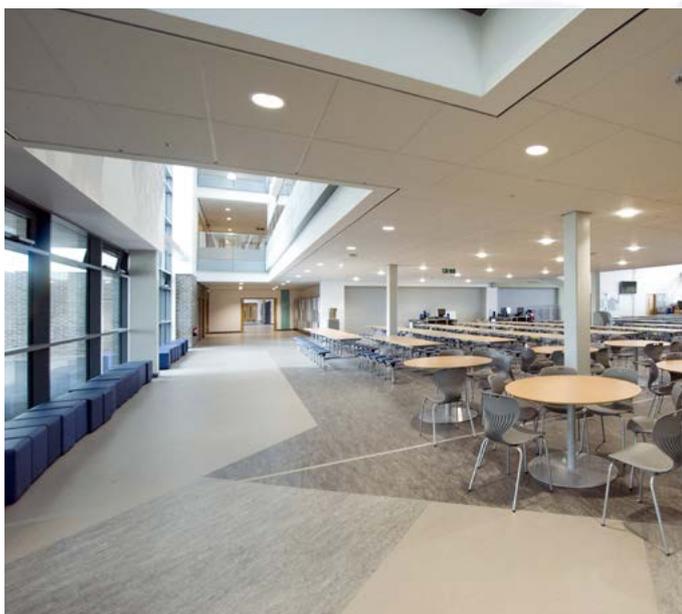
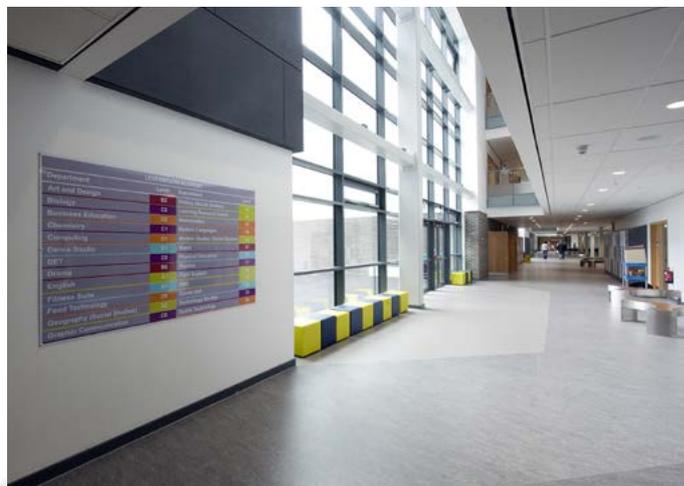
The new, single site, purpose-built school involved merging the catchment areas of both Kirkland and Buckhaven High Schools to form a new single catchment area and a school tailored to meet the needs of the whole of the Levenmouth and Landward community.

By merging two schools into one purpose built, more energy efficient building, the overall school estate footprint is smaller, therefore reducing ongoing operating costs and carbon emissions.

One of the overall design aims taken from the community consultation process was to create both an education and community valued additional asset. The design allows for areas of the school to be made available for community use whilst maintaining a secure lock-down to other areas. The new sports block and assembly spaces will become a highly valued community asset for use by community groups.

Key statistics

- **VALUE:** £39m
- **COMPLETION DATE:** July 2016
- **CONTRACT DATES:** 24 months build period
- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** BAM exceeded their hub requirements in relation to community benefits and also went above and beyond when working with the local community.
- **TOTAL USERS/RESIDENTS:** 1800 pupils
- **LOCAL EMPLOYEES:** 812



External sports provision includes: two grass football pitches, two grass rugby pitches, a grass running track, shot put/discus ring and javelin throwing court.

Increasing the hard surface playground around the sports hall allowed for the inclusion of a basketball/netball court, and a full size all-weather pitch.

“The new Levenmouth Academy building is helping us to give our children the best education. It’s an exciting environment to work in, for all of us. The building itself is inspiring and innovative but above all functional which means we can get on with our jobs knowing that we have everything we need to help us to do that. At the school we are determined to deliver excellence and equity for the learners in our community. We are all so lucky to have been given this opportunity and we are very grateful for it. The children are proud of their school and we are proud of them.”

Ronnie Ross, Headteacher

To ensure the new school building encapsulates the ethos of the community, detailed community consultations within each secondary school took place and were beneficial in creating a positive relationship with the community and providing a new identity for the school.

Following completion of the new build facility the existing Buckhaven High School was demolished as part of the contract and the area developed into a playing field area for the new school and community.