

## **New £4.1m Construction Centre for Hugh Baird College – Another AA Projects Development**

Construction and Property Consultants, AA Projects, were proud to attend the official opening of a new £4.1m construction centre at one of Merseyside's biggest colleges. AA Projects has provided the Project Management Expertise, Quantity Surveying and Building Surveying services along with Health & Safety Advice during the development of this state-of-the-art facility. Strategic Property Advice from the consultancy also helped to attain necessary funding from the Learning & Skills Council.

Work on the centre started in July last year and the College will start welcoming students within the next few weeks. The 1,500 sq m new build is being described as a "world class facility" which will put students on the road to employment. The new area has been built alongside and linked to the existing construction centre and work included the refurbishment of the 3,500 sq m existing facility and a new car park. It has designed to provide the highest specification for 240 bricklayers, 300 joiners, 60 painters and 40 tilers, taking courses ranging from pre-entry and NVQ qualifications right through to foundation degrees. The building has been specifically designed to give students a realistic insight into the construction industry and the skills needed within each discipline.

The building utilises space and light, to aid all of the vocational construction training. It comprises 99 windows and large shutters which allow the passing community to see the work going on inside. Solar panelling provides 10% of the renewable energy of the existing and new campus.

David Hunter, Project Manager at AA Projects is proud of the company's involvement with the new scheme. "This new build extension and renovation of the existing Construction Centre provide first class, vocational facilities.

Hugh Baird College is an outstanding College and these new facilities will help all students to improve their skills and maximise their potential”.

**Photos:**

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**Notes to editor:**

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The company has received the title 'Building Good Employer' in both 2007 and 2008, having been selected by Building Magazine as one of the Top Employers within the construction industry. AA Projects is an Equal Opportunities Employer and is proud to have been awarded the Investor in People accreditation.

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