

# Education Engagement

## How BAM have continued to deliver during COVID-19

Through the pandemic it has been vital to ensure that we continue to be connected to the communities surrounding our projects. Working towards a prosperous and resilient Wales, our aim has been to keep young people engaged and inspired. Supporting the priorities of the **Future Generations Act** and ways of working, BAM are working collaboratively with our education partners and with 'long-term' in mind to adapt and flex our educational opportunities. Active in sharing our learning with our industry partners on a number of strategic platforms, we have trialled a number of examples as part of our project social value delivery:



### 'New HQ used to help train the engineers and architects of the future'

Working in partnership with Coleg Gwent, BAM are helping to train Gwent's future architects and engineers. Following a virtual insight session with technical construction students, we invited course leaders to capture 360 footage, which will be used as part of an online training package for students. Due to the pandemic the students have been unable to complete physical site visits, so the content will ensure that they have access to 'real material' from a local site to support their learning.

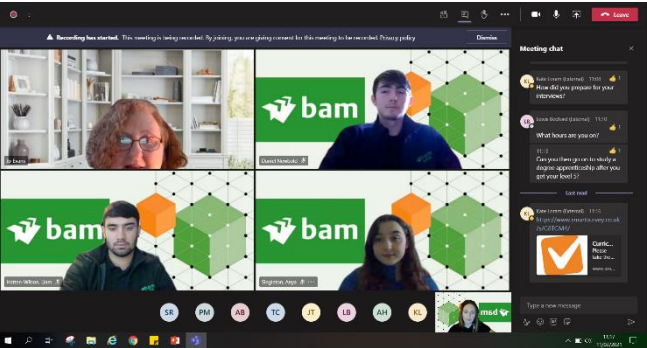
### 'Construction activity day for key worker pupils at Ysgol Gyfun Is Coed'

It was important to the school that pupils continued to engage with the project. To supplement learning for key worker pupils who were continuing to attend school throughout lockdown, we provided a COVID safe site perimeter walk, insight on careers in the industry and fact finding challenge which focused on important aspects such as site safety, sustainability and technology. The information collected will be used for a future media project, where the pupils will be encouraged to use a variety of channels such as videos, podcasts and digital articles to share news on the progress of the build of their new school.



### 'Delivering virtual work experience and careers sessions'

Working with our partners from Careers Wales and Speakers for Schools, we have provided virtual work experience and insight sessions, reaching over 1000 individuals. BAM engaged with Year 9 pupils from St. Teilos School to introduce them to the Centre for Student Life project and deliver workshops which explored construction roles, skills and key facts about the build. Our apprentices have also joined us at a number of Careers Wales events to share their journeys into the industry and offer useful tips and advice.



### SEWSCAP Projects:

Gwent Police Head Quarters  
Centre for Student Life  
Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed

*"The last year has been hard for our students. We haven't been able to make any of the usual site visits or carry out the practical exercises that we would normally do and they are missing out on a crucial part of their learning experience. It was great to be able to visit the new Gwent Police HQ site and the photos and videos captured will give students experience of a live construction project. Hopefully we can make a real visit to the site in the near future."*

**Matthew Hillier, Technical Construction Course Leader, Coleg Gwent**

*"Young people are the lifeblood of our industry and as such we feel it is incredibly important to keep engaging with them during these difficult times. We are extremely proud to be involved with these organisations and to provide the support to allow these young people to continue their studies."*

**Justin Price, Construction Director, BAM Construct UK**

