

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 0214

**Title:** Caerphilly/Caerffili Boys' Secondary School, and St Martin's Comprehensive School, Caerphilly

**Dates :** 1927-1989

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.6 cubic metres

**Name of creator(s):**  
Caerphilly Junior Technical School, Caerphilly/Caerffili Boys and St Martin's Comprehensive School, Caerphilly

### **Administrative/biographical history**

Caerphilly Boys' Secondary School originated as Caerphilly Higher Elementary School in 1912. This school was established under the Education Act 1902 and was intended to provide an extended elementary education for selected pupils aged 12 to 15, drawn from a wider catchment area than Elementary Schools, with practical and preparatory schooling for local employment. Strictly speaking, these schools were not 'Secondary' or even vocational and, owing largely to uncertainty over their status and function, few education authorities created them. Glamorgan, however, set up six, all of which became Secondary Schools under the county scheme 1920. Intermediate or 'Grammar' School standard pupils were still expected to go to Hengoed, Pontypridd and Trefforest Intermediate Schools.

In practice, the existence of dedicated staff, the long headmastership of W. Gladstone Rees (1912-1936) and effective use of the pupil teacher system raised standards. The restrictions on many 'Intermediate School subjects' and vocational subjects were largely ignored and practical employment subjects (practical science, office skills, domestic work, woodwork, metalwork and needlework) were added to a core formed by English, Welsh, mathematics, history, geography, drawing and general science. The popularity of the school grew rapidly when it was replaced by the non fee-paying Caerphilly Secondary School for mixed sexes in a new building in Crescent Road in 1921. Status stopped short of 'Intermediate' and pupils of this standard were still expected to go to Pontypridd Intermediate School.

The school was divided in 1929 and replaced by Caerffili/Caerphilly Boys' Secondary School in a new building on Mountain Road. The Girls' Secondary School remained at Crescent Road. Senior Elementary School pupils were then expected to stay on in the Elementary Schools until 1933 when Gwyndy Girls' and Twyn Boys' Senior Schools were provided. Caerphilly Boys' School was effectively an Intermediate or 'Grammar' School and extended its curriculum to include traditional Grammar School subjects such as Latin and French. Its wider vocational function developed further when pupils of the Junior Technical School were added in 1953. The change in status was formally recognised in 1953 when it became Caerffili Boys' Secondary Grammar Technical School. The Junior Technical School opened in 1930 in the building constructed for the Mining and Technical Institute in 1927.

Caerffili Boys' and Girls' Schools were amalgamated in 1974 to form St Martin's Comprehensive School, Hillside, Mountain Road. The Girls' Schools in Crescent Road and Pontygwyndy Road became St Ilan Comprehensive School, Upper and Lower.

**Archival history**

Records were accumulated over the period 1929 to 1989 and many standard records such as log-books are missing.

**Immediate source of acquisition**

St Martin's Comprehensive School, Caerphilly

**Scope and content****Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

**Accruals**

Accruals are possible

**System of arrangement****Conditions governing access**

Items containing information on named individuals may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Record Office policy

**Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

**Language/scripts of material**

English

**Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Generally fair to poor condition. Records were received in very poor condition.

**Finding aids**

Detailed list available.

**Existence and location of originals****Existence and location of copies****Related units of description**

**Publication note****Note****Archivist's note**

Compiled by Richard Morgan for the Glamorgan Record Office, with reference to *Forty Years On. A history of Caerphilly Higher Elementary, Secondary, Boys' Secondary, Boys' Grammar Schools, 1912-53* by Henry Simons (Risca 1985) and Caerphilly Urban District Council *Handbook and Guide* (1947).

**Rules or conventions**

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

**Date of description**

August 2005

**Caerphilly Junior Technical School**

Opened 1930 in the Mining and Technical Institute and described as the Caerphilly Junior Technical School, later Caerphilly Secondary Technical School. Merged with Caerphilly Secondary (Grammar) School 1953

D375/1/1	Mining and Technical Institute. Evening School admissions register [1 vol.; poor condition]	1929-1934
D375/1/2	Junior Technical School admissions [1 bdle. from vol.; poor condition]	1932-1938
D375/1/3	Junior Technical School. Admission records compiled for Board of Education [1 bdle.; good condition]	1941
D375/1/4	Register of fees, naming pupils [1 vol.; fair condition]	1934-1945
D375/1/5	Attendances register. 3rd year 'alpha'	1945-1946
D375/1/6	Attendances register. 2nd year 'beta'	1945-1946
D375/1/7	Attendances register. 1st year 'gamma' [3 vols.; poor condition]	1945-1946
D375/1/8	Attendances register. 3rd year 'alpha'	1946-1947
D375/1/9	Attendances register. 2nd year 'beta'	1946-1947
D375/1/10	Attendances register. 1st year 'gamma' [3 booklets; poor condition]	1946-1947
D375/1/11	Attendances register. 3rd year 'alpha'	1947-1948
D375/1/12	Attendances register. 2nd year 'beta'	1947-1948
D375/1/13	Attendances register. 1st year 'gamma' [3 booklets; poor condition]	1947-1948
D375/1/14	Attendances register. 3rd year 'alpha'	1948-1949
D375/1/15	Attendances register. 2nd year 'beta'	1948-1949
D375/1/16	Attendances register. 1st year. 'gamma' [3 booklets; poor condition]	1948-1949
D375/1/17	Attendances register. 3rd year 'alpha'	1949-1950
D375/1/18	Attendances register. 2nd year 'beta'	1949-1950
D375/1/19	Attendances register. 1st year 'gamma' [3 booklets; poor condition]	1949-1950
D375/1/20	Attendances register. 3rd year 'alpha'	1950-1951
D375/1/21	Attendances register. 2nd year 'beta'	1950-1951

D375/1/22	Attendances register. 1st year 'gamma' [3 booklets; poor condition]	1950-1951
D375/1/23	Attendances register. 3rd year 'alpha'	1951-1952
D375/1/24	Attendances register. 2nd year 'beta'	1951-1952
D375/1/25	Attendances register. 1st year 'gamma' [3 booklets; poor condition]	1951-1952
D375/1/26	Attendances register. 3rd year 'alpha'	1952-1953
D375/1/27	Attendances register. 2nd year 'beta'	1952-1953
D375/1/28	Attendances register. 1st year 'gamma' [3 booklets; poor condition]	1952-1953

**Caerffili Boys Secondary School, Caerphilly Junior  
Technical School**

D375/2/1	Admissions register [1 bdle. taken from vol.; poor condition]	1941-1944
D375/2/2	Admissions register [1 vol.; fair condition]	1945-1953
D375/3	Register of fees, naming pupils [1 vol.; poor condition]	1933-1945

**Attendance registers**

A complete series of these has been retained down to 1946. Registers for the period from 1947 to 1954 have been sampled by alternate years. From 1957 to 1986, every fourth register has been retained. An incomplete register has also been retained for 1987-1988.

D375/4/1	Attendance register arranged by class	1929-1930
D375/4/2	Attendance register arranged by class	1930-1931
D375/4/3	Attendance register arranged by class	1931-1932
D375/4/4	Attendance register arranged by class	1932-1933
D375/4/5	Attendance register arranged by class [5 bdles.; fair condition]	1933-1934
D375/4/6	Attendance register arranged by class	1934-1935
D375/4/7	Attendance register arranged by class	1935-1936
D375/4/8	Attendance register arranged by class	1936-1937
D375/4/9	Attendance register arranged by class	1937-1938
D375/4/10	Attendance register arranged by class [5 bdles.; fair condition]	1938-1939
D375/4/11	Attendance register arranged by class	1939-1940
D375/4/12	Attendance register arranged by class	1940-1941
D375/4/13	Attendance register arranged by class	1941-1942

D375/4/14	Attendance register arranged by class	1942-1943
D375/4/15	Attendance register arranged by class	1943-1944
D375/4/16	Attendance register arranged by class [6 bdles.; fair condition]	1944-1945
D375/4/17	Attendance register arranged by class [1 bdle.; fair condition]	1945-1946
D375/4/18	Attendance register arranged by class [1 bdle.; fair condition]	1947-1948
D375/4/19	Attendance register arranged by class	1950-1951
D375/4/20	Attendance register arranged by class [2 bdles.; fair condition]	1953-1954
D375/4/21	Attendance register arranged by class	1957-1958
D375/4/22	Attendance register arranged by class	1961-1962
D375/4/23	Attendance register arranged by class	1965-1966
D375/4/24	Attendance register arranged by class [4 bdles.; fair condition]	1969-1970
D375/4/25	Attendance register arranged by class	1973-1974
D375/4/26	Attendance register arranged by class	1977-1978
D375/4/27	Attendance register arranged by class	1981-1982
D375/4/28	Attendance register arranged by class [4 bdles.; fair condition]	1985-1986
D375/4/29	Attendance register arranged by class (incomplete. 3rd- 6th years only) [1 bdle.; fair condition]	1987-1988
D375/4/30	Attendance register of teachers [1 booklet; fair condition]	Jan 1982-Nov 1982
D375/4/31	Attendances register of non-teaching staff	Aug 1982-Nov 1982
D375/4/32	Attendances register of non-teaching staff	Dec 1982-Sep 1983
D375/4/33	Attendances register of non-teaching staff	Sep 1984-Aug 1985
D375/4/34	Attendances register of non-teaching staff [4 booklets; poor condition]	Feb 1988-Jun 1989
D375/5	Record of pupils discharged [1 file; fair condition]	1927-1938
D375/6/1	County entrance agreements	1953
D375/6/2	County entrance agreements	1954
D375/6/3	County entrance agreements	1955
D375/6/4	County entrance agreements	MISSING
D375/6/5	County entrance agreements	1957
D375/6/6	County entrance agreements	1958

D375/6/7	County entrance agreements	1959
D375/6/8	County entrance agreements	1960
D375/6/9	County entrance agreements	1961-1962
D375/6/10	County entrance agreements	1962-1963
D375/6/11	County entrance agreements [10 vols.; fair condition]	1963-1964
D375/7/1, 2	School pupils' record cards: alphabetical by surname or surname bundle, with address, name of father, previous school, and academic progress [2 boxes of bundle cards; fair condition]	1940-1957
D375/8/1, 2	Cumulative and admission record cards: alphabetical by surname, some bearing photographs. [Many original bundles were broken open and disordered and cards lost. Surviving cards have been sampled at 20%] [2 boxes; fair condition]	c.1949-c.1969
D375/9/1, 2	Pupils' records cards, arranged by class [2 boxes; fair condition]	1948-1954
D375/10/1-4	Pupils' report cards, recording name, address, admission number, house, date-of-birth, date of admission, marks for examinations, masters' initials, and remarks. Some bear photographs	
D375/10/1	Surnames A-E	
D375/10/2	Surnames F-J	
D375/10/3	Surnames K-R	
D375/10/4	Surnames S-W [4 large boxes; fair/poor condition]	
D375/11	Report cards for handicapped pupils, surnames D-W only and incomplete, containing cumulative record cards, and miscellaneous reports including special class record book [1 large box; good condition]	1967-1975
D375/12	Pupils' medical record cards, arranged alphabetically [2 bdles.; fair condition]	1949-1959
D375/13	Simplex Junior Intelligence Scale tests for pupils in Cwmifor County Primary School [1 bdle; good condition]	1959
D375/14	National Institute of Industrial Psychology group test 36 [1 bdle.; fair condition]	1950

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D375/15	Industrial Psychology Tests 1944. Record of marks [1 vol.; fair condition]	1951-1953
D375/16/1	Record book. Forms I 1971-1972 and II 1972-1973 recording name, marks, position, date-of-birth, and order of merit [1 vol.; good condition]	1971-1973
D375/16/2	Record book. Forms I 1972-1973, II 1973-1974, III 1974-1975 [1 vol.; good condition]	1972-1975
D375/17/1	Roll lists and records submitted to Ministry of Education	1957-1960
D375/17/2	Roll lists and records submitted to Ministry of Education	1960-1963
D375/17/3	Roll lists and records submitted to Ministry of Education	1963-1966
D375/17/4	Roll lists and records submitted to Ministry of Education	1966-1968
D375/17/5	Roll lists and records submitted to Ministry of Education [5 vols.; fair condition]	1968-1971
D375/18/1	St Martin's Comprehensive School. Punishment book	1974-1986
D375/18/2	St Martin's Comprehensive School. Punishment book [2 vols.; fair condition]	1978-1986
D375/19	Register of dinners supplied under Maintenance Grant Regulations [1 vol.; fair condition]	1939-1942
D375/20/1	Caerphilly Secondary School for Boys. Poster advertising opening on 18 September 1929 [1 paper and duplicate; poor condition]	Sep 1929
D375/20/2	'The Merthyr Express', containing article on the new school with illustration [1 newspaper; poor condition]	21 Sep 1929
D375/20/3	Photocopy of article [2 papers]	
D375/21	Photograph of staff including woman in Women's Royal Air Force uniform and man in Royal Navy uniform [1 mounted photograph; fair condition]	c.1939-1945
D375/22	Ysgol Ramadeg-Dechnegol y Bechgyn Caerffili. <i>Emynau</i> [1 booklet; fair condition]	c.1929-c.1930



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| D375/23/1, 2 | Caerphilly Grammar School Past Students Association. Names and addresses 1954-1965, with miscellaneous papers extracted from file including lists of pupils who left school 1922-1936<br>[1 bdle. in boards and 1 file; fair/poor condition] | 1922-1965 |
| D375/24      | Board duster marked 'Mr A. Nash'<br>[1 wooden board duster]  | c.1990?   |