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The Free Grammar School in Beaumaris, Anglesey was founded by David Hughes in 1603. Following its establishment he bought several farms in Anglesey and Caernarfonshire in order to provide a permanent endowment to his charity. Other lands were purchased at a later date and many of these farms were still owned by the charity when the school was taken over by the county in 1895.

The terms for the administration of the school and charity were set out in the founders will (1609) in which it was stipulated that it was to remain under the management of a body of feoffees - two members of which were always to include the Bishop of Bangor and the Mayor of Beaumaris. It also determined the conditions under which the master and usher were to serve and a codicil to the will gave directions for the distribution of fellowships so that worthy pupils could attend a University at Oxford.

The feoffees appointed the master and usher and also decided what books should be studied. In 1710, they appointed a writing master to instruct the poor boys in writing and arithmetic. Although very few details of the curriculum followed by the boys in the early days of the school have survived, the only subjects studied in the grammar schools of the time were the classical languages and literature.

In 1889, the Welsh Intermediate Education Act established secondary schools in Wales and England and the school was taken over by the County Authorities in 1895. Three quarters of the endowment was appropriated by the County Education Authority to be shared with schools in Holyhead and Llangefni. However, the school retained something of the character of the old grammar school until 1953, when Anglesey became the first LEA in Wales and England to pioneer the comprehensive system.

Records of particular interest in this collection include: Petitions for Apprenticeships and Exhibitions, 1790 Aug. 24 – 1864; Apprenticeship Indentures, 1793 Oct. 7 - 1865 Apr. 8; List of Scholars, [1784] – 1868; and Miscellaneous Farms on Anglesey, 1771 – [1928 Feb. 3]. These farms include:

Bodfeddan, Ceirchiog, Anglesey  
Bodhala, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Bodhenlli, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Bryn Llwyd, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Canol Rhos, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Cott (or Bodneuadd), Llanfflewin, Anglesey  
Graiglwyd, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Maenhir, Llantrisant, Anglesey  
Penterfryn, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Plas Bach, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Prysiowerth, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Rhos Isaf, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Rhostrehwfa, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Rhos Uchaf, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Tremoelgoch, Llanddeusant, Anglesey  
Ty Coch, Llangristiolus, Anglesey  
Ty Llwyd, Cerrig Ceinwen, Anglesey  
Ty Moel, Ceirchiog, Anglesey  
Tyddyn Gyrfer, Llechgynfarwy, Anglesey  
Ysgubor Fawr, Aberffraw, Anglesey  
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