

**Reference code(s):** GB 0214 ESBMT

**Title:** Merthyr Tydfil School Board and Education Committee Schools records

**Creation date(s):** 1863-1931

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 0.48 (4 shelves of filing boxes)

**Name of creator(s):** Merthyr Tydfil School Board; Merthyr Tydfil Education Committee; Abercanaid Board/Council School; Aberfan Board/Council School; Abermorlais Board/Council School; Brecon Road Infants School; Caedraw Board/Council School; Clwydyfagwyr Board/Council School; Craigberthlywd National School; Dowlais Central Board School; Dowlais Roman Catholic School; Edwardsville Council School; Gellifaelog Board/Council School; Georgetown Board/Council School; Merthyr Vale Board/Council School; Mount Pleasant Council School; Pant Infants Board/Council School; Pengarddu Board/Council School; Pentrebach National School; Penydarren Board/Council School; Penyrheolgerrig Board/Council School; Pontmorlais, St. Cynons National School; St. Davids national School; Treharris Board/Council School; Troedyrhiw Board/Council School; Twynyrodyn Board/Council School; Webster Street Board/Council School; Woodlands Council School

## CONTEXT

**Administrative/Biographical history:** Following the Education Act 1870, School Boards were established to provide education in areas where no such provision existed. The School Boards were elected bodies, empowered to levy rates and to set up and maintain schools in areas where voluntary provision was inadequate, to frame bye-laws for the compulsory attendance of children aged between 5 and 13, and for setting the school leaving age. After the Education Act 1902, the School Boards passed their responsibility for elementary education on to the Local Education Authorities within county councils and county boroughs. The Merthyr Tydfil School Board opened new board schools around the rapidly growing mining areas, which catered for adults and young people who had left school inadequately prepared as well as children below the age of 13.

## CONTENT

**Scope and content/abstract:** Merthyr Tydfil School Board and Education Committee Schools records comprising of Education Department and Board of Education letters and circulars, 1863-1926; minute books, 1871-1877; buildings and improvements records, 1863-1926; summaries of attendance, 1876-1905; HM Inspectors reports, 1879-1926; register of admissions, 1878-

1911; account and finance records, 1863-1926; official and miscellaneous correspondence, 1863-1926; *The School Board Chronicle*, 1900; higher/advanced elementary schools papers, 1880-1900; non provided/voluntary schools general papers, 1903-1931; evening continuation classes papers, 1893-1903; board schools general records 1871-1904; elementary education for deaf and blind children act papers, 1893-1900

## ACCESS AND USE

**Language/scripts of material:** English

**System of arrangement:** Arranged alphabetically by individual schools and general records comprising of

**Conditions governing access:** No restrictions

**Conditions governing reproduction:** Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply

**Finding aids:** A handlist is available at the Glamorgan Record Office

## ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

**Accruals:** Accruals are possible

**Archival history:** Deposited by Merthyr Borough Education Department, 1947-1985

**Immediate source of acquisition:**

## ALLIED MATERIALS

**Related material:** ESB70; EMT

## DESCRIPTION NOTES

**Archivist's note:** Compiled by Annabel Wickham for the ANW Project; sources used: Merthyr Teachers Centre Group, *Merthyr Tydfil, AValley Community*, (Cowbridge 1981)

**Rules or conventions:** Description follows Archives Network Wales guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition; AACR2 and LCSH.

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