

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Former Grammar School, Mount Pleasant
Grade:-	II
Date of Notification:-	26.07.84 amended 30.03.87
National Grid Reference:-	6530093450
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Notes:-

Sited on a terrace within the Technical College grounds.

New building for Grammar School (founded by Bishop Gore 1682) erected 1852 by T Taylor, architect of London, and destroyed in 1939-45 War. Surviving cross-range of 1869 by B Bucknall, architect of Swansea.

The school building is a tall three-storey block in partly coursed rubble, rusticated quoins, freestone dressings to corbelled eaves, weathered string course and window surrounds. Raised gable ends, slate roof, tall chimney with triple round stems over east wall head. Continuous rectangular openings top floor, elaborate mullioned windows with paired lights and quatrefoils grouped under strainer-arches. One storey extension on east side with pair of large oculi. Gable end with sexpartite rose window, round headed ground floor windows. Narrow section of former west range with Romanesque detailing to doorpiece and bipartites over.

Interior retains fine Gothic stencilled detailing to dormitory on top floor, dining room and kitchens (ground floor) and chapel (basement). Diaphragm arches, hood chimneys etc.

Dylan Thomas attended Swansea Grammar School from 1925 to 1931.

Reference:-

Engraving and drawings in Royal Institution of South Wales, collections No's. 151 and 154.

Paul Ferris: "Dylan Thomas" (1978) page 40.

"Dylan's Swansea", Swansea City Council (n.d.) page 4.