

# The potential re-organisation of post-16 provision across Bridgend County Borough Council – phase 4 consideration of options

The **consultation starts on: 2 December 2019**

and will **close on: 21 February 2020**

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This consultation is to invite views on three main options for post-16 education across Bridgend County Borough and a range of outcomes within these options.

### **The options**

**Option 1** – Keep some sixth forms and merge some sixth forms to make sixth-form centres run by the council

**Option 2** - Keep some sixth forms and merge some sixth forms to make sixth-form centres run by Bridgend College

**Option 3** – Keep all sixth forms in all schools (but have better collaboration)

## About you

Please tick the option(s) that best describe you as a respondent.

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Governor               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff   | <input type="checkbox"/> Business               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

Please specify (If you chose 'Business' or 'Other'):

Year group

- |                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7  | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8  | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9  | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 |                             |

Which secondary school are you connected to?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Maesteg School          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brynteg School                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencoed Comprehensive   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bryntirion Comprehensive                | <input type="checkbox"/> Porthcawl Comprehensive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen               | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cynffig Comprehensive                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bridgend College        |

Gender

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Prefer not to say

## Sixth-form mergers

Two types of sixth-form merger are under consideration.

1. A school could change from one for 11-18 year olds to one just for 11-16 year olds. This means their post-16 students would go to a different school or sixth-form centre. This will be a **statutory** process which means the council will decide which schools, if any, merge. The new sixth form or centre would be managed independently of the 11-16 schools.
2. Where schools stay as schools for 11-18 year olds and **voluntary** merge their sixth forms. These would be jointly managed by the schools that merge. All schools would contribute resources and staff to the new sixth form with common timetables between the schools.

**Please indicate if you have a preference or not for either type of sixth-form merger.**

- Prefer statutory merger with some schools designated 11-16
- Prefer voluntary merger with schools retaining 11-18 status
- No preference

## Option 1

### **Outcome A – Brynteg School becomes a sixth-form centre and hosts sixth-form students from Bryntirion comprehensive**

A sixth-form centre would be developed on the Brynteg School campus

Because of the money needed for building this, it may not start being built until 2025

The sixth-form centre could be managed and run by both schools or Bryntirion Comprehensive could become an 11-16 year olds school and the centre run by Brynteg School.

#### ***Do you agree with this proposal?***

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neutral*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*

*Do you have any other comments on this option?*

## **Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form**

Porthcawl Comprehensive has an established and large sixth form with 242 students. In addition, because of the distance students would have to travel to another school or sixth-form centre it is proposed that Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form in place.

***Do you agree with this proposal?***

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neutral*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*

*Do you have any other comments on this option?*

**Outcome C – Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive**

Cynffig Comprehensive has the smallest sixth form in Bridgend with 61 students. Because of this it is proposed that the sixth form closes, or merges with Porthcawl Comprehensive.

***Do you agree with this proposal?***

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neutral*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*

*Do you have any other comments on this option?*



**Outcome D – Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth-form centre and hosts sixth-form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen**

There is space at Cynffig Comprehensive to accommodate a sixth-form centre. If the centre was developed the sixth forms at Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen (CCYD) would close and students would have to travel to Cynffig Comprehensive. *An alternative would be that all three schools merge their sixth forms.*

***Do you agree with this proposal?***

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neutral*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*

*Do you have any other comments on this option?*

**Outcome E – Maesteg School hosts a sixth form-centre and hosts sixth-form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen**

Because of the distance students would have to travel to another school or sixth-form centre it is proposed that Maesteg School would be developed into a sixth-form centre. If the centre was developed then the sixth form at Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen (CCYD) would close and students would attend Maesteg School. *An alternative would be that the two schools merge their sixth forms.*

***Do you agree with this proposal?***

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neutral*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*

*Do you have any other comments on this option?*

**Outcome F – Maesteg School and Pencoed Comprehensive both become sixth-form centres and host sixth-form students from Cynffig Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen**

Maesteg School and Pencoed Comprehensive both become sixth-form centres and host students from Cynffig Comprehensive School and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.

Students would also have the opportunity to attend a sixth-form centre at Pencoed Comprehensive School. However, Pencoed Comprehensive School is expected to have a demand for places that exceeds its capacity.

***Do you agree with this proposal?***

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neutral*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*

*Do you have any other comments on this option?*

## Summary of outcomes

Please rank your preferred choice for Outcomes A to F in Option 1.

Please number the options one to seven.

**Outcome A1** – Brynteg School becomes a sixth-form centre and hosts sixth-form students from Bryntirion comprehensive

**Or A2** – Brynteg School and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth-form provision

**Outcome B** – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form

**Outcome C** – Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive

**Outcome D** – Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth-form centre and host sixth-form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen

**Outcome E** – Maesteg School hosts a sixth-form centre and hosts sixth-form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen

**Outcome F** – Maesteg School and Pencoed Comprehensive both become sixth-form centres and host sixth-form students from Cynffig Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen

## Option 2

**Outcome A – Sixth-form centre in Bridgend town run by the college for students from Cynffig Comprehensive School, Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and Pencoed Comprehensive School and Bryntirion Comprehensive School (if Bryntirion does not merge with Brynteg).**

Part of the town centre in Bridgend would be redeveloped to provide a new campus for Bridgend College which would include a new sixth-form centre.

Bridgend College is more likely to develop sixth-form centres that can support more learners.

This centre would be expected to draw sixth-form students from Cynffig Comprehensive School, Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and Pencoed Comprehensive School and Bryntirion Comprehensive School (if Bryntirion does not merge with Brynteg).

There may be an issue with competition and duplication of courses with the sixth form at Brynteg School.

***Do you agree with this proposal?***

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neutral*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*

*Do you have any other comments on this option?*

**Outcome B – Sixth-form centre at Bridgend College’s Pencoed Campus run by the college and hosting sixth-form students from Pencoed Comprehensive, Cynffig Comprehensive School and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.**

Bridgend College has plans to build a new centre at its Pencoed campus for Science, Technology, Engineering and Arts and Media.

The design of the centre will also allow for its future expansion to incorporate a sixth-form centre.

Pencoed Comprehensive already works in partnership with the college. This proposal would mean sixth-form pupils at Pencoed Comprehensive completely transferring to the college.

Pencoed Comprehensive School could become an 11-16 school or merge its sixth form with the college.

It is expected that this FE sixth-form centre would also attract students from Cynffig Comprehensive School and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.

***Do you agree with this proposal?***

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neutral*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*

*Do you have any other comments on this option?*

## Summary

Please rank your preferred choice for Outcomes A and B in Option 2.

Please number the options one to two.

- Outcome A – Bridgend town centre sixth-form centre run by the college
  
- Outcome B – Sixth-form centre at Bridgend College's Pencoed Campus run by the college

## Option 3

### **Keeping sixth-forms in all schools.**

Keeping all sixth forms is seen as a positive approach as it maintains the link between sixth-form students and the rest of the school, especially as role models and supporting younger learners. However, some students do not have the same choice or quality of subjects as students at other schools.

### ***Do you agree with this proposal?***

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neutral*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*



*Do you have any other comments on this option?*

## Summary

Please rank your preferred choice for Options 1, 2 and 3

Please number the options one to three.

- Option 1 – Keep some sixth forms and merge some sixth forms to make sixth-form centres run by the council
- Option 2 - Keep some sixth forms and merge some sixth forms to make sixth-form centres run by Bridgend College
- Option 3 – Keep all sixth forms in all schools (but have better collaboration)

*Please add any further comments you wish to make in support of your preferred choices.*

**Bridgend College students**

You have told us that you are a student at Bridgend College. Please give your reasons for going to college.

**Would you like to be emailed once the consultation report is available? (\*over 16s only)**

Yes

No

*If you have answered 'yes' please provide your email address below:*

## Equalities monitoring (*\*over 16s only*)

In order to help us ensure that we are providing services fairly to everyone who needs them, we would be grateful if you could answer a few more questions about yourself.

The information you supply will be kept confidentially and will only be used for the purposes of equalities monitoring.

**Completion of these questions is not required as part of the questionnaire. You do not have to answer any of the questions if you do not wish to do so. Alternatively, you can choose to answer some and not others by selecting the 'prefer not to say' options.**

**Are you happy to answer a few more questions about yourself?**

- Yes
- No

**Please select your age category. Please select one option only.**

- |                                   |                                  |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 - 74           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 24  | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75+               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 34  | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

**Do you consider yourself to be disabled? Please select one option only.**

- Yes (please type in box below)
- No
- Prefer not to say

Please type in the box below

**How would you describe your nationality? Please select one option only.**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh          | <input type="checkbox"/> British                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please type in the box below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish       | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Irish |   |

**What is your ethnic group? Please select one option only.**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/black British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed / multiple ethnic groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British         | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say                     |

**What is your religion or belief? Please select one option only.**

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sikh                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please type in the box below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu       | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish      |   |

**What is your gender? Please select one option only.**

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

**Are you pregnant? Please select one option only.**

- |                              |                             |  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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**Have you given birth within the past 26 weeks? Please select one option only.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|

**What is your sexual orientation? Please select one option only.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual / straight | <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gay man                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gay woman / lesbian     | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

**What is your marital status? Please select one option only.**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single          | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnered       | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married         | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil partnered |  |

**Are you able to...**

Please select one option per row.

	Not at all	A little	Fairly well	Fluently	Prefer not to say
speak Welsh					
read Welsh					
write Welsh					

**Thank you**