


The potential re-organisation of post-16 provision across Bridgend County Borough Council

The **consultation starts** on: **2 December 2019**
and will **close** on: **21 February 2020**

For further information please visit www.bcbc.gov.uk/post16 where you can find out the detail of the proposals and take part in a survey.

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The Options

BCBC is now consulting on three options for the provision of post-16 education. Within these options there are a number of possible outcomes which are described below.

The three options are:

Option 1

A mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s).

Option 2

A mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s)

To note: Options 1 and 2 are not mutually exclusive and elements of both could be taken forward.

Option 3

The retention of sixth forms in all schools - the current position (ie a distributed tertiary model based on collaboration, but with further development in order to improve the delivery of this option)

About you

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

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| <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

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| <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?

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| <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

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

Sixth-form mergers

Two types of sixth-form merger are under consideration.

1. Where one or more schools are re-designated as 11-16 schools and their post-16 students transfer to a neighbouring sixth form or sixth-form centre. This will involve a **statutory process**. The new sixth form or centre would be managed independently of the 11-16 schools.
2. Where schools remain 11-18 secondary schools and the sixth-form mergers are **voluntary**. In this case there would be a joint management board to oversee the merged sixth form. All partner 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

The detailed options

You will be asked for your overall preference after the different option outcomes have been explained. You will also be able to provide additional comments on each outcome.

Option 1 - A mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s).

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

This outcome would involve the development of a post-16 centre of excellence on the Brynteg School campus. It would require capital investment which may lie outside of Band B proposals for the 21st Century Schools Programme and therefore take place in Band C from 2025.

The proposal could change the two schools to 11-18 schools with a joint or federated sixth form that is run by both schools. Alternatively Bryntirion Comprehensive School could be re-designated an 11-16 secondary school. This outcome would create a strong town centre sixth form with partnerships with Bridgend College and Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School.

(See paragraphs 26 and 27 of the main paper for further details)

Do you agree with this proposal?

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

Please add any further comments on this outcome

Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive retains its sixth form

Porthcawl Comprehensive School in the west of the County has an established and successful sixth form of 242 and is forecast to have an average of around 259. This sixth form therefore meets the general viability requirements and given the distance from other settings (excluding Cynffig Comprehensive School) it is proposed that this is one of the retained sixth forms under Option 1.

(See paragraph 28 of the main paper)

Do you agree with this proposal?

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

Please add any further comments on this outcome

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

Cynffig Comprehensive School has BCBC's smallest sixth form of currently 61 students. This falls below the expected minimum size for a sixth form. The number of timetable subjects is limited to around 12 to 14 and this may impact on the choices students make. They can take advantage of subjects in day time collaboration or through twilight sessions in Bridgend College both of which will require additional travel during or at the end of the day.

Although A level results are improving being a small sixth form it is less resilient to changes in students and/or staff which increases the likelihood of variances in outcomes. There will always be a financial pressure on small sixth forms trying to match subject availability against limited resources.

In this outcome consideration is given to the statutory closure of the sixth form at Cynffig Comprehensive School or its voluntary merger with Porthcawl Comprehensive School sixth form.

(See paragraph 29 of the main paper for further details)

Do you agree with this proposal?

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

Please add any further comments on this outcome

Outcome D – Cynffig Comprehensive becomes a sixth-form centre drawing students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and Pencoed Comprehensive School

Cynffig Comprehensive School also has the capacity to act as a host for an expanded sixth-form centre. This is being considered because of the capacity issues that are projected to be experienced by both Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and Pencoed Comprehensive School.

This outcome would require some investment to increase the capacity for sixth-form students at Cynffig Comprehensive School. Currently the three schools have 362 sixth-form students between them and this is projected to rise to 398 by 2027. By then both Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and Pencoed Comprehensive School, if they retained their sixth forms, are expected to have excess demand for places over their capacity.

This outcome would increase the amount of travel for students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and Pencoed Comprehensive School.

Under this proposal there would be a sixth-form centre at Cynffig Comprehensive School and the statutory closure of sixth forms at Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and

Pencoed Comprehensive School. An alternative would be the voluntary merger of the three sixth forms.

(See paragraph 30 of the main paper for further details)

Do you agree with this proposal?

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

Please add any further comments on this outcome

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

The position of Maesteg School at the head of the valley does create issues for transport and travel times. In this outcome the proposal is to develop an enhanced sixth-form centre provision in Maesteg School. The partner school would be Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen where over capacity in the future is predicted to become a problem.

Maesteg School which has a current surplus of 294 places falling to 145 over time would host the 160 to 170 sixth-form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.

This outcome would result in the statutory closure of the sixth form at Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen or the voluntary merger of the two sixth forms.

(See paragraph 31 of the main paper for further details)

Do you agree with this proposal?

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

Please add any further comments on this outcome

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 would act as sixth-form centres for students from Cynffig Comprehensive School and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.

In this outcome it is proposed that the sixth-form students from four secondary schools are combined into two sixth-form settings. The four schools are Cynffig Comprehensive School, Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen, Maesteg School and Pencoed Comprehensive School.

However Pencoed Comprehensive School is expected to have a demand for places that exceeds its capacity. This outcome therefore links through to Option 2 where an FE-based sixth-form centre could be developed on Bridgend College's Pencoed campus.

(See paragraph 32 of the main paper for further details)

Do you agree with this proposal?

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

Please add any further comments on this outcome

Overall consideration of the options

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 retains its sixth form

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

Outcome D – Cynffig Comprehensive becomes a sixth-form centre drawing students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and Pencoed Comprehensive School

Outcome E – Maesteg School becomes 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 - A mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s)

Outcome A – A sixth-form centre is developed in Bridgend town centre and run by Bridgend College drawing sixth-form students from Cynffig Comprehensive School, Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen, Pencoed Comprehensive School and Bryntirion Comprehensive School (if the merger with Brynteg School listed in Option 1/ Outcome A did not take place)

Under this proposal consideration is given to the potential re-development of part of the town centre in Bridgend to provide a new campus for Bridgend College. Under this outcome the new campus could incorporate a new FE-based sixth-form centre. Bridgend College is more likely to develop sixth-form centres with a capacity of 500 to 700 students rather than around 350.

Therefore this town centre proposal 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 the merger with Brynteg School listed in Option 1/ Outcome A did not take place)

There may be an issue with competition and duplication of provision with the sixth form based in Brynteg School.

(See paragraphs 33-35 of the main paper for further details)

Do you agree with this proposal?

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

Please add any further comments on this outcome

Outcome B – Bridgend College develops a sixth-form centre at its Pencoed campus incorporating students from Pencoed Comprehensive, Cynffig Comprehensive School and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen

Pencoed Comprehensive School and Bridgend College have developed a new partnership which has been branded as Penybont Sixth-Form College. Pencoed Comprehensive School entered the arrangement on the basis that it could no longer afford to run its sixth form and provide a good curriculum offer. Bridgend College has committed both staff and financial resources to the partnership and there has been a strong willingness and commitment from both partners to make the venture a success.

Bridgend College has developed plans to build a new centre on 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.

This outcome proposes that consideration is given to the development of a sixth-form centre on the college Pencoed campus taking forward the Penybont Sixth-Form Partnership and transferring the Pencoed Comprehensive sixth-form students to this new centre. This would help address the pressure for places that Pencoed Comprehensive School is expected to see in the future.

Pencoed Comprehensive School could, through statutory re-designation, become an 11-16 school or it could voluntary merge its sixth form with the college using the guidance from Welsh Government for FE/school collaborations.

This outcome also links with Outcome F in Option 1 with the expectation that the new FE sixth-form centre would also attract students from Cynffig Comprehensive School and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and aim to build up to a centre for 500+ sixth-form students.

(See paragraphs 36-37 of the main paper for further details)

Do you agree with this proposal?

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

Please add any further comments on this outcome

Overall consideration of the options

Please rank your preferred choice for Outcomes A and B in Option 2 by numbering the options one to two.

Outcome A – A sixth-form centre is developed in Bridgend town centre and run by Bridgend College drawing sixth-form students from Cynffig Comprehensive School, Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen, Pencoed Comprehensive School and Bryntirion Comprehensive School (if the merger with Brynteg School listed in Option 1/ Outcome A did not take place)

Outcome B – Bridgend College develops a sixth-form centre at its Pencoed campus incorporating students from Pencoed Comprehensive, Cynffig Comprehensive School and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen

Option 3

The retention of sixth forms in all schools - the current position (ie a distributed tertiary model based on collaboration, but with further development in order to improve the delivery of this option).

(See paragraphs 41-43 of the main paper for further details)

Do you agree with this proposal?

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

Please add any further comments on this outcome

Overall consideration of the options

Now that you have reviewed all the options and outcomes:

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

Option 1 - A mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s).

Option 2 - A mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s)

Option 3 - The retention of sixth forms in all schools - the current position (ie a distributed tertiary model based on collaboration, but with further development in order to improve the delivery of this option)

To note: Options 1 and 2 are not mutually exclusive and elements of both could be taken forward.

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about the proposals?

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?

Yes

No

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

Equalities monitoring

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.

- Under 18
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75+
- 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.

- Welsh
- English
- Scottish
- Northern Irish
- British
- Other (please type in the box below)
- Prefer not to say

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

- White
- Mixed / multiple ethnic groups
- Asian or Asian British
- Black/African/Caribbean/black British
- Other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

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

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| <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.

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| <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.

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| <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 |
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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.

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| <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