

Appendix 4

Phase 4 of the consideration for potential re-organisation of post-16 provision across Bridgend County Borough Council

Student prior performance at GCSE

In the value-added data provided by Alps prior performance is measured by average GCSE scores across the best eight achievements at GCSE: A*=8, A=7, B=6, C=5, D=4, E=3, F=2, G=1.

The data is banded into three categories:

Average GCSE score of 6.4 and above – a mix of A*, A and B grades

Average GCSE score of 5.5 to 6.4 – students gaining grade B's on average

Average GCSE score of 5.5 or below – students gaining mainly grade C's or mix of B, C and D

The overall average GCSE score across BCBC for students entering the sixth forms has risen slightly over the last four years. The proportions of students in the three categories above has remained relatively constant.

Indicator	Examination Year			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Overall average GCSE score for BCBC sixth-form students	5.95	5.88	5.91	6.00
% of students with prior GCSE averages above 6.4	31.2%	30.8%	32.4%	35.9%
% of students with prior GCSE averages between 5.5 and 6.4	36.4%	32.9%	34.7%	32.2%
% of students with prior GCSE averages below 5.5	32.4%	36.2%	32.9%	31.9%

This data indicates that the BCBC sixth forms are operating a fairly inclusive policy from year to year and not restricting access to just the more able. It does mean that students who have talents in a more defined area of the curriculum are given the opportunity to take forward their studies in this area to advanced level.

It is also important to view the retention data now being published by Welsh Government on sixth-form provision to check that students are not dropping out of provision in inclusive sixth forms because they might have been better suited to vocational provision at college.