

Appendix 3 Bridgend College

1. Question and analysis - consultation survey

In order to gather the views of young people the consultation and engagement team and the lead officer for post-16 education attended comprehensive schools across the county borough. Pupils were given an overview of the consultation and then were guided through the youth version of the survey.

The youth version of the consultation contained 18 questions related re-organisation of post 16 education across the county borough. All questions were optional, so participants could choose to answer all or some of the questions. One additional question was asked if students selected that they attended Bridgend College.

Respondents were provided with information about each of the potential options and outcomes and asked if they agreed with the proposals. After each option respondents were asked to rank their preferred outcome within that option. Finally respondents were asked to rank the three options into their preferred options and make any other comments about the proposals.

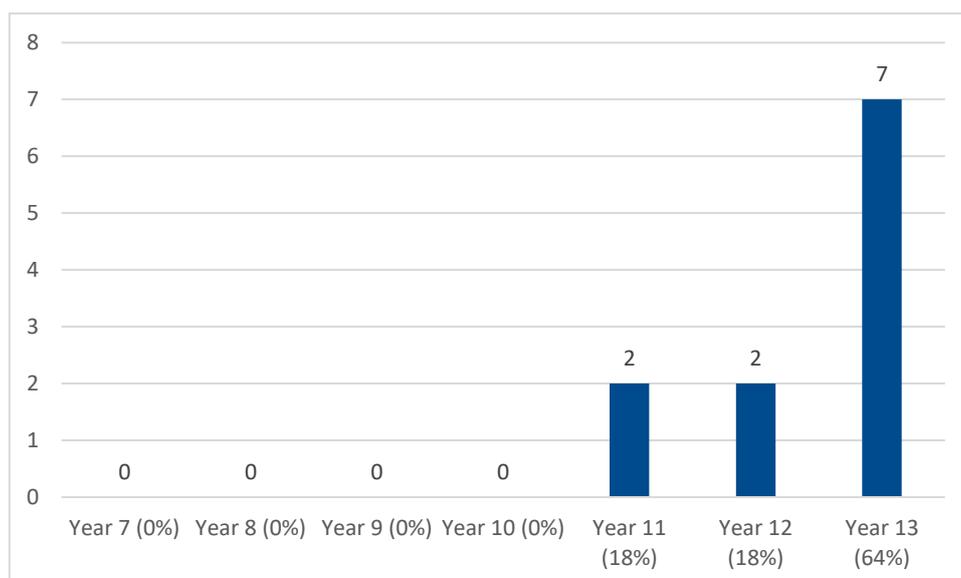
This report details the responses received in the Bridgend College engagement session. 19 learners were involved in the engagement session.

1.1 About you

1.1.1 Year group

Respondents that said they were a student were then asked to select their year group.

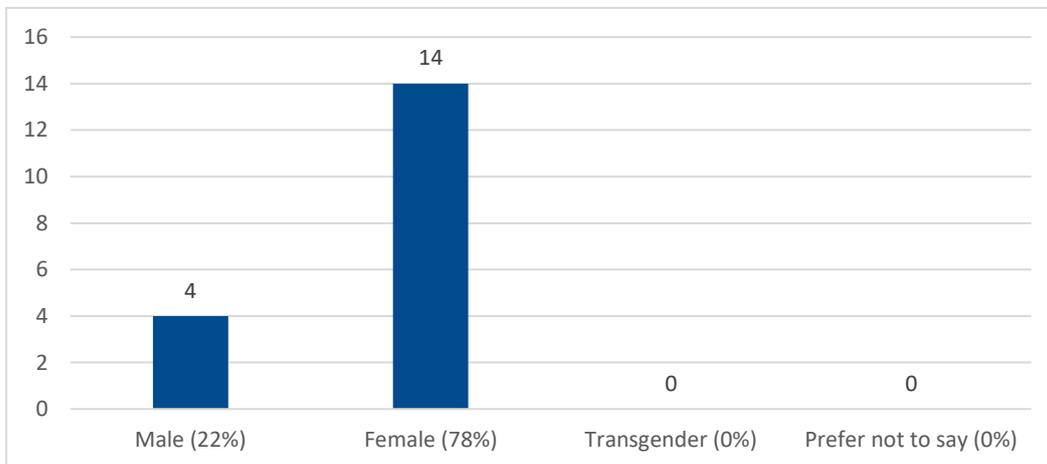
11 people responded to this question.



64% of respondents stated that they were in year 13, followed by year 12 (18%) and year 12 (18%).

1.1.2 Gender

18 people responded to this question.



78% of respondents stated that they were female and 22% stated male.

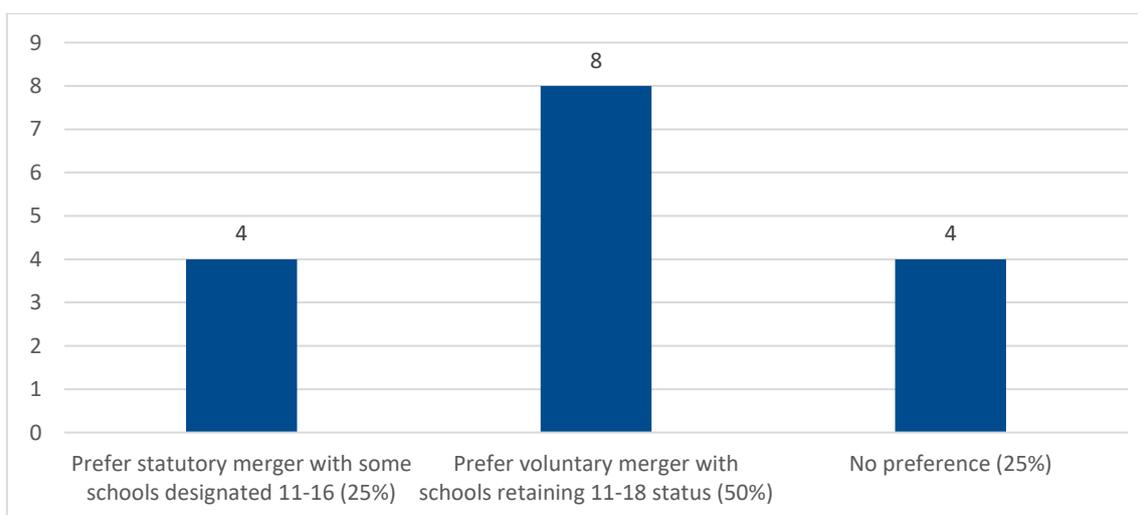
1.2 Survey questions

1.2.1 Sixth form mergers

Respondents were given information about the types of mergers under consideration, described as statutory and voluntary mergers.

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

16 people responded to this question.

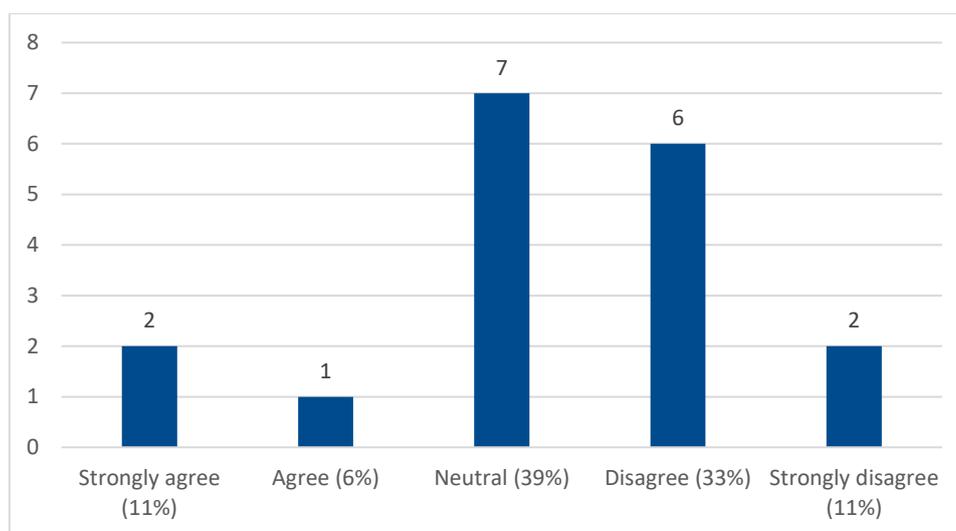


50% of respondents stated that they preferred voluntary mergers with both schools retaining 11-18 status. 25% had no preference in relation to mergers and 25% of respondents preferred a statutory merger with some schools being designated 11-16.

1.2.2 Option one – a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth form centre(s)

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

18 people responded to this question.



33% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal for Brynteg School to become a sixth form centre and host sixth form students from Bryntirion comprehensive, a further 11% disagreed. 39% of respondents gave a neutral responses. 6% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 11% strongly agreed.

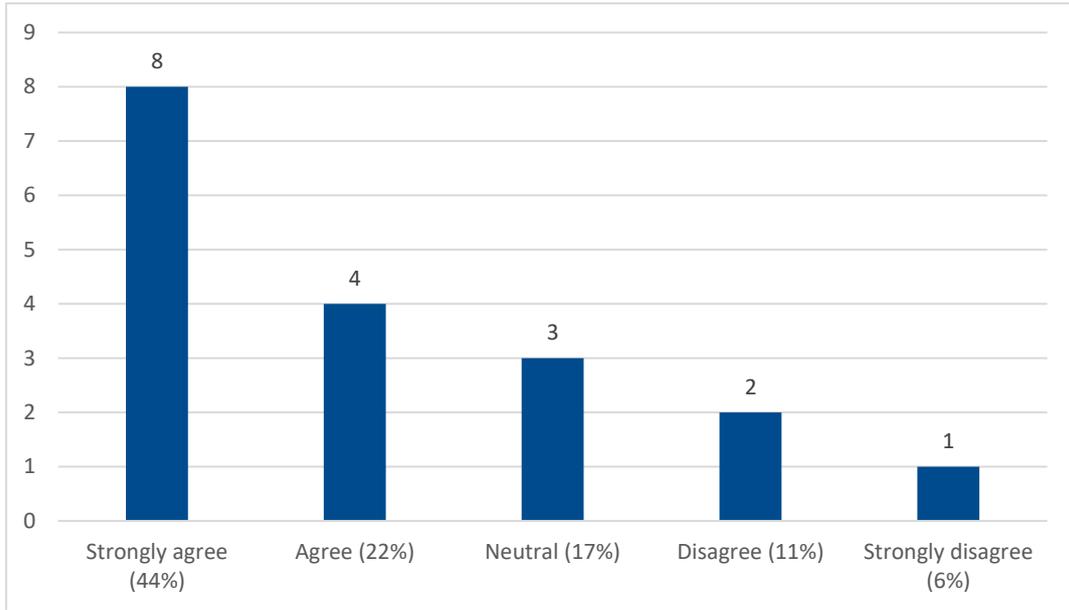
Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

Three comments were received in relation to this proposal, some comments contained multiple themes. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Travel distances will increase	1
Keep all sixth forms	1
Increased travel will impact on out carbon footprint	1
Could be easier to go to college than transfer school	1
Bullying may increase	1
Will reduce the number of students choosing to go to sixth form	1

1.2.2.2 Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form

18 people responded to this question.



44% strongly agreed with the proposal that Porthcawl should keep its sixth form and a further 22% agreed with the proposal. 17% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 11% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 6% disagreed.

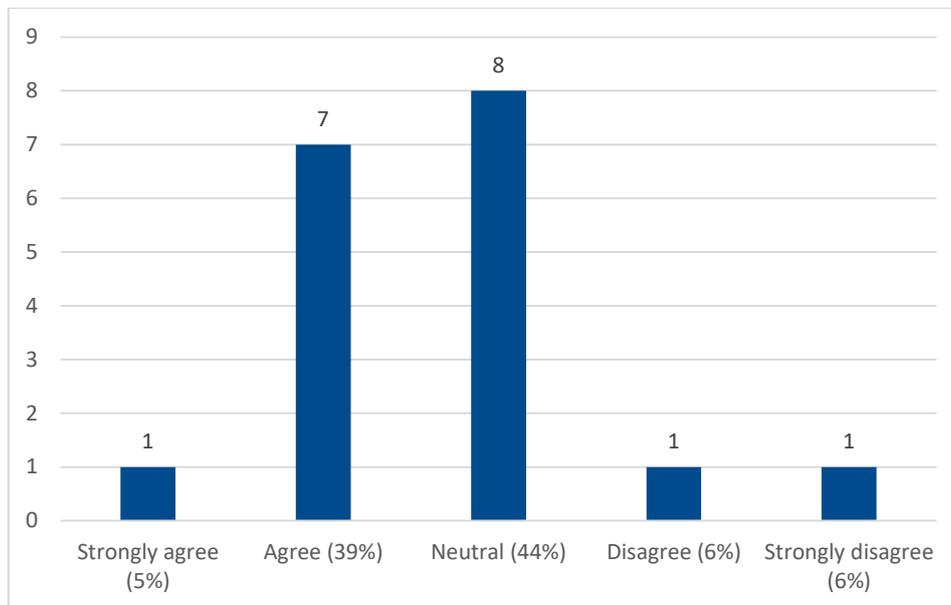
Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome.

One comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
While Porthcawl is a big school there may be subjects that are not offered	1

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

18 people responded to this question.



44% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 39% of respondents agreed, and 5% strongly agreed with the proposal for Cynffig comprehensive to close or merge its sixth form with Porthcawl comprehensive. 6% of respondents disagreed and 6% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal.

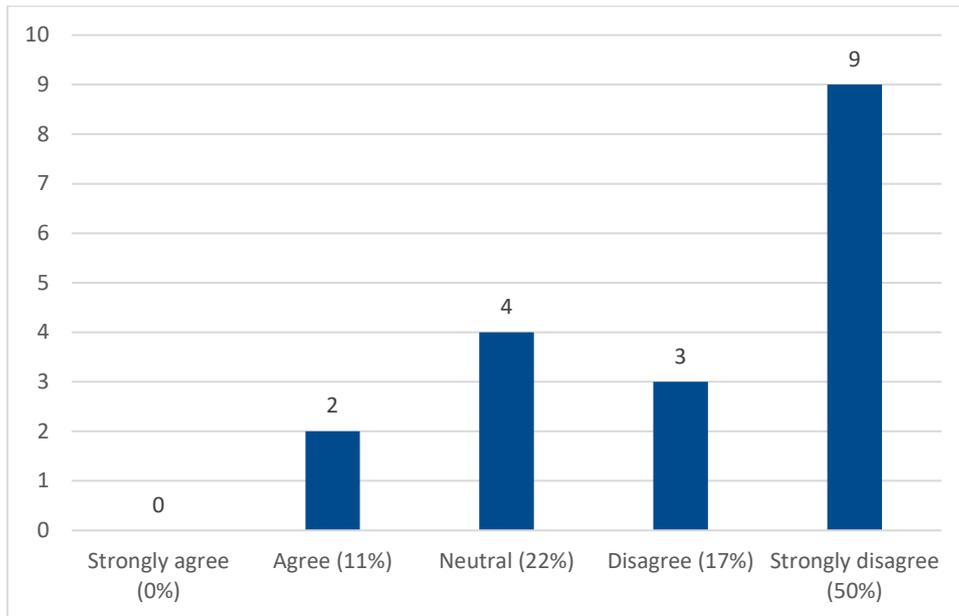
Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

Two comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Cynffig students shouldn't have to travel to Porthcawl	1
Agree with this merger	1

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

18 people responded to this question.



50% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal that Cynffig could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from Pencoed and CCYD. A further 17% disagreed with the proposal. 22% provided a neutral response. 11% of respondents agreed with this proposal.

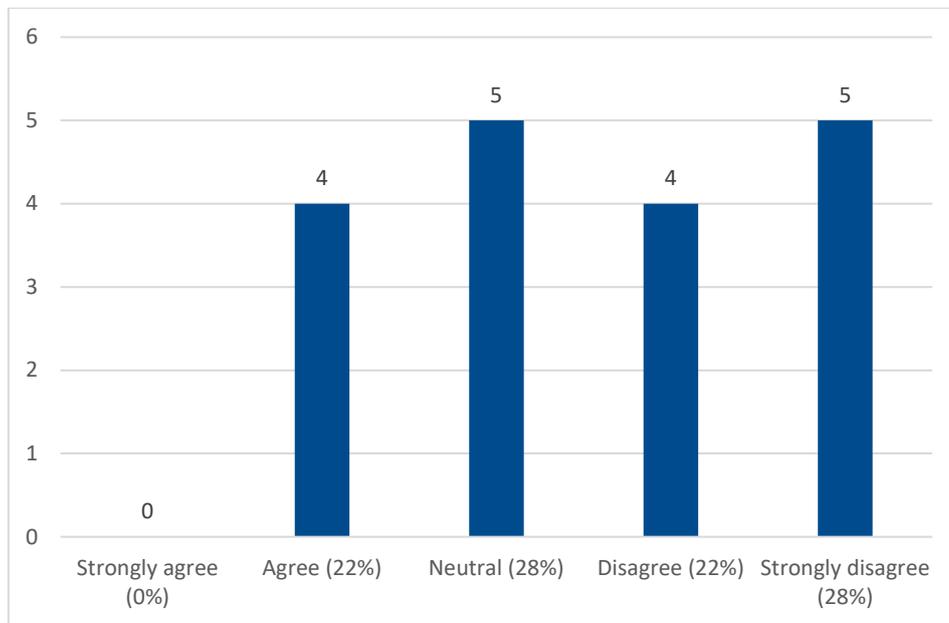
Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

Three comments were received in relation to this proposal, some comments contained multiple themes. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Students shouldn't have to travel further	2
Would impact on relationships between teachers and students	1
Would impact more on children from poorer backgrounds	1
Pencoed sixth form is successful so shouldn't close	1

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

18 people responded to this question.



28% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal that Maesteg School could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from CCYD. A further 22% disagreed with the proposal. 28% provided a neutral response. 22% of respondents agreed with this proposal.

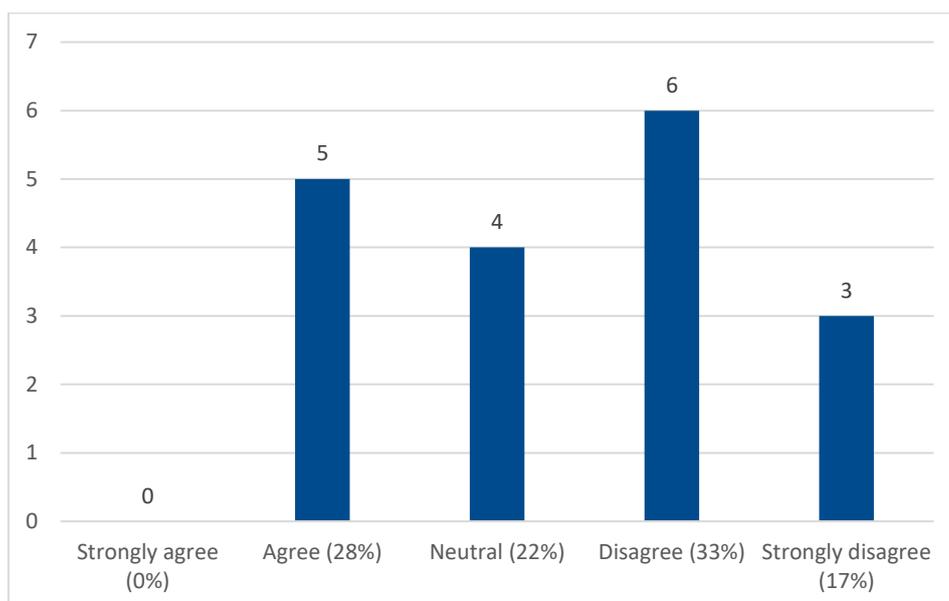
Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

One comments was received in relation to this proposal. This has been themed and detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Maesteg is too far and inaccessible	1

1.2.2.6 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.

18 people responded to this question.



33% of respondents disagreed with the proposal that Maesteg School and Pencoed Comprehensive both become sixth form centres and host pupils from CCYD and Cynffig. A further 17% strongly disagreed with the proposal. 22% provided a neutral response. 28% of respondents agreed with this proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

One comments was received in relation to this proposal, this comment contained multiple themes. These have been themed and detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Students prefer to stay in Pencoed Comprehensive	1
Proposal will impact on teacher and student relationships	1

1.2.2.7 Overall consideration of the options

Respondents were asked to rank in order of preference the options outlined in outcomes A-F.

The overall list of preferred concepts are:

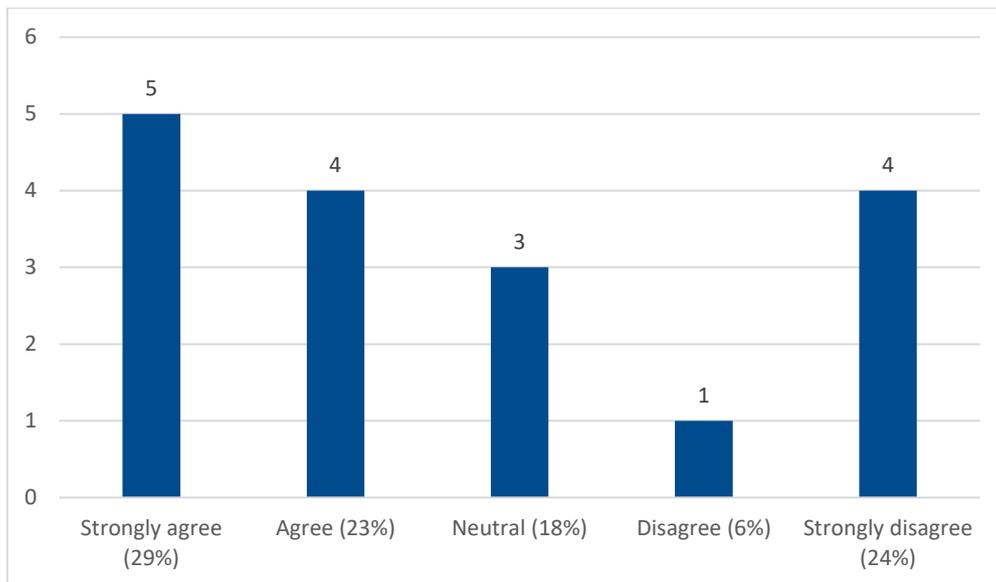
Rank	Outcome	Number of respondents who ranked each concept in position	% of groups who racked each concept in positon
1	Outcome A1 Brynteg School becomes a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Bryntirion Comprehensive Outcome A2 Brynteg school and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth for provision	4	25%

2	Outcome A2 Brynteg school and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth for provision	3	19%
3	Outcome B Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form	4	25%
4	Outcome C Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive	6	38%
5	Outcome D Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	6	38%
6	Outcome E Maesteg School hosts a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	5	31%
7	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.	4	25%

1.2.3 Option two – a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create a new FE college governed sixth form centre(s)

1.2.3.1 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 Cymunedon 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).

17 people responded to this question.



29% of respondents strongly agreed with this proposal and a further 23% agreed with the proposal. 18% provided a neutral response. 24% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 6% disagreed with the proposal.

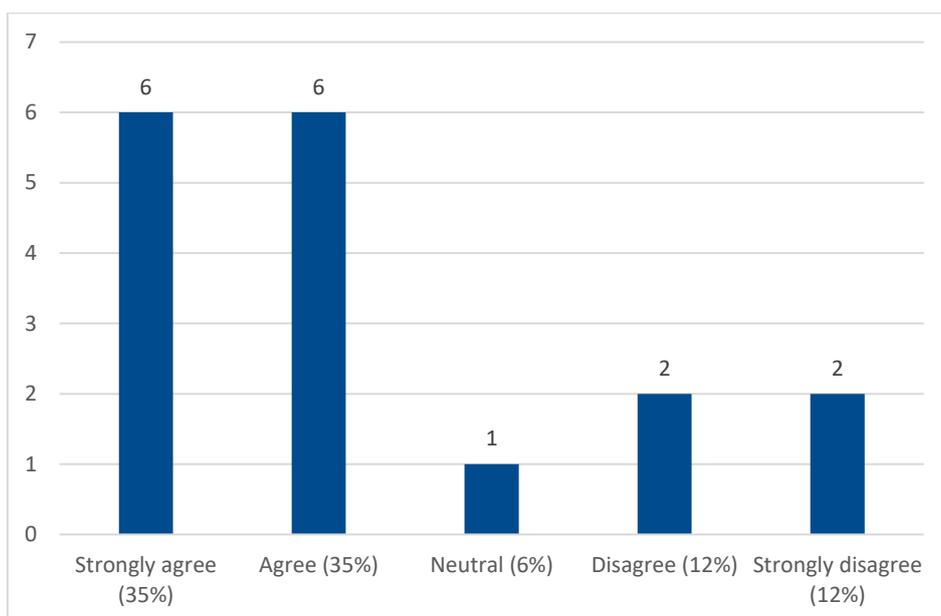
Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

One comments was received in relation to this proposal, this comment contained multiple themes. These have been themed and detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms	1
Provide opportunities for more able and talented students	1

1.2.3.2 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 and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.

17 people responded to this question.



35% of respondents strongly agreed with this proposal and a further 35% agreed with the proposal. 12% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 12% strongly disagreed with the proposal. 6% provided a neutral response.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

One comments was received in relation to this proposal, this comment contained multiple themes. These have been themed and detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Poor transport links	1
There are already problems with traffic	1

1.2.3.3 Overall consideration of the options

Respondents were asked to rank their preferred choice for Outcome A and B by numbering the options one and two.

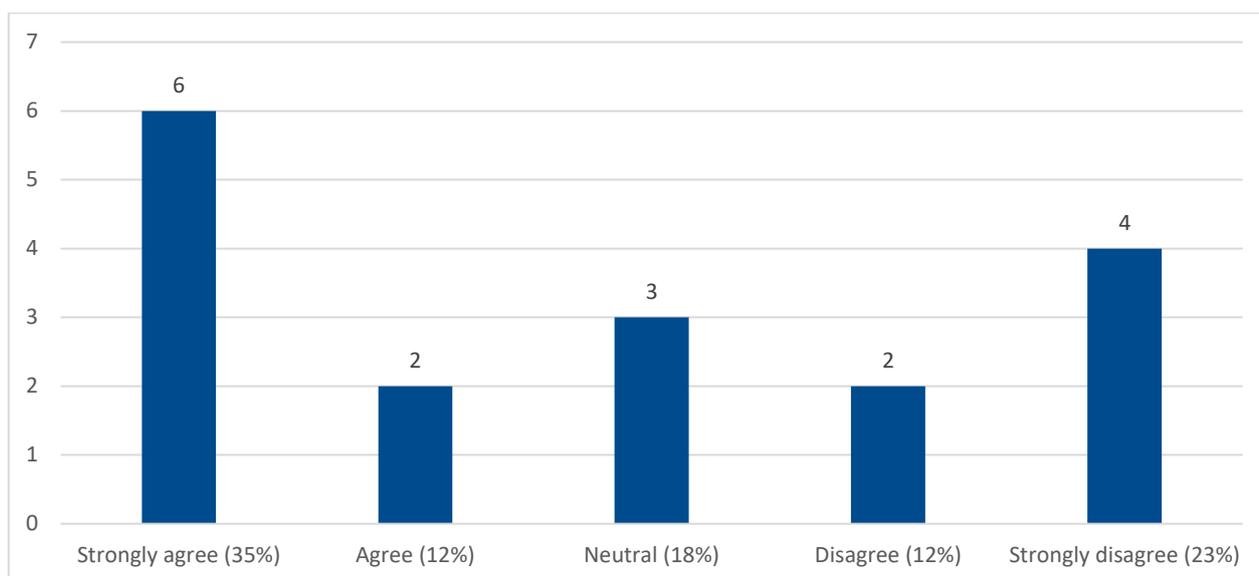
Respondents ranked outcomes A and B as:

- Outcome A Bridgend town centre sixth form centre run by the college (50%)
- Outcome B Sixth Form centre at Bridgend College’s Pencoed campus run by the college (50%)

1.2.4 Option three Keeping sixth forms in all schools

1.2.4.1 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)

17 people responded to this question.



35% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools and a further 12% of respondents agreed with this proposal. 18% provided a neutral response. 23% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 12% disagreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

Four comments were received in relation to this proposal, these comments contained multiple themes. These have been themed and detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Offers little subject choice in many schools	2
Keep all sixth forms	2
Does not offer students the experience of transition to further education	1
Not cost effective	1

1.2.5 Overall consideration of the options

Respondents were asked, having reviewed all the options and outcomes, to rank their preferred choice for Options 1, 2 and 3.

Overall respondents ranked the outcomes in first position as follows:

- Option 3 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) (56%);
- Option 2 a mix of school sixth form with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s) (31%);
- Option 1 a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s) (13%).

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

Respondents were asked if they had any further comments that they would like to make about the proposals.

Three comments were received in relation to this proposal, these comment contained multiple themes. These have been themed and detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Better value for money	2
Pupils should have more choice in their further education	2
Better prepares learners for university	1
Use funding to make a sixth form centre in CCYD	1
Building a sixth form centre in the town centre will be better for commuters	1

1.2.4.2 Bridgend College students

There was one question aimed specifically at Bridgend College students, which asked if you are a student at Bridgend College, please give us your reasons for going to college.

Six people responded to this question. These comment contained multiple themes. The comments received are detailed below:

Theme	No.
Better opportunities for learning/grades in the college	3
Access to under 16 junior apprenticeship scheme	2
Didn't want to attend university so didn't choose A levels	1
Didn't like school	1
Chose college for apprenticeship opportunities	1