

Appendix 4 Brynteg Comprehensive School

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.

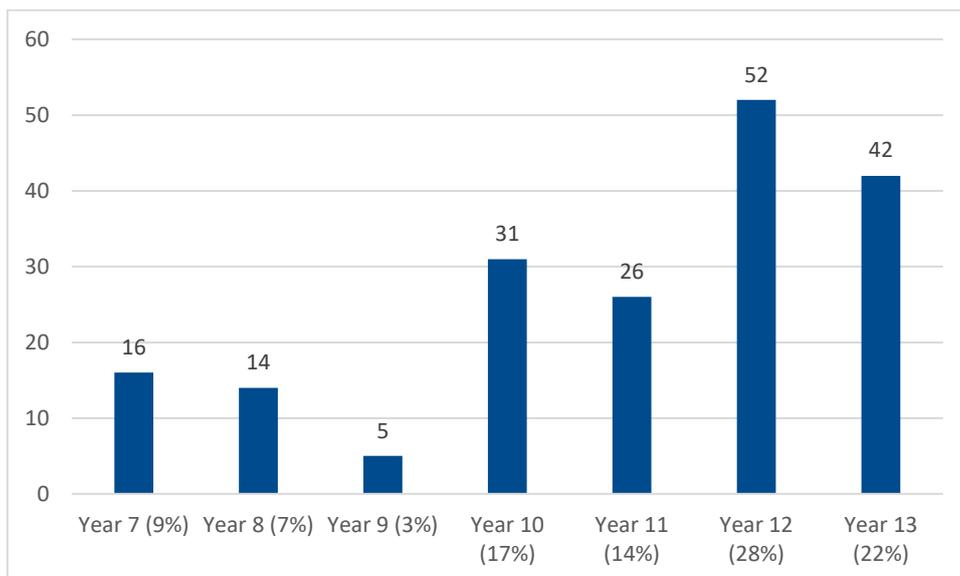
This report details the responses received in the Brynteg Comprehensive school engagement session. 187 learners were involved in the engagement session.

1.1 About you

1.1.1 Year group

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

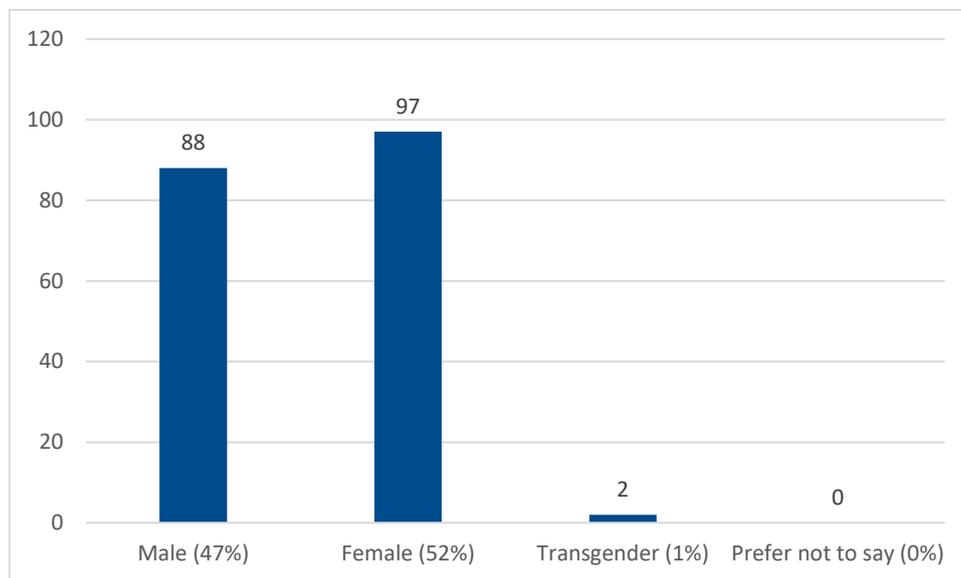
186 people responded to this question.



28% of respondents stated that they were in year 12, followed by year 13 (22%) and then year 10 (17%).

1.1.2 Gender

187 people responded to this question.



52% of respondents stated that they were female and 47% stated male. 1% of respondents stated that they were transgender.

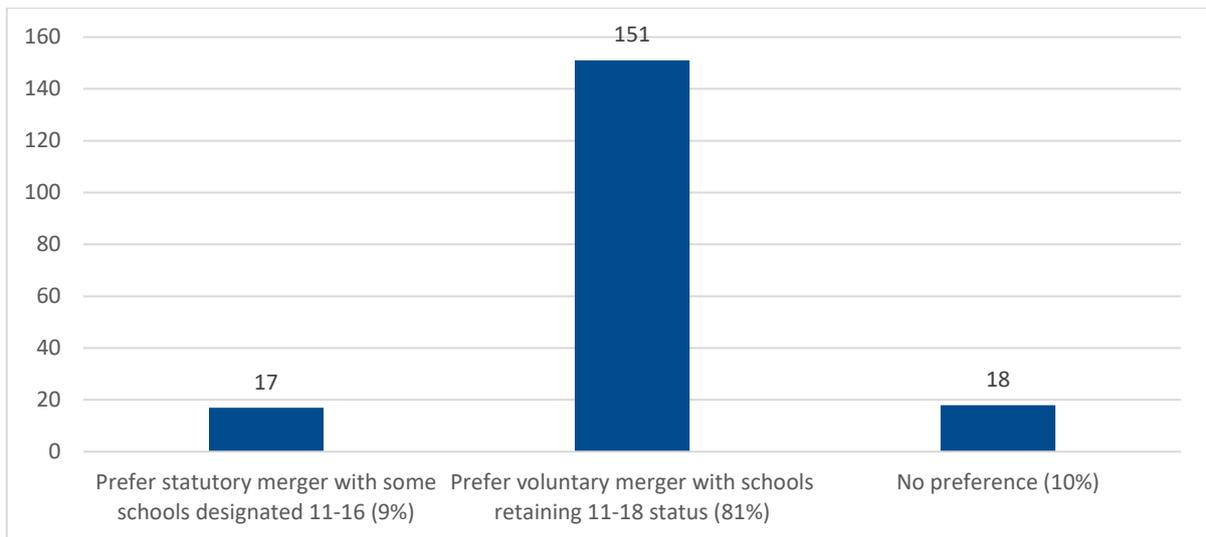
1.2 Survey questions

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

186 people responded to this question.

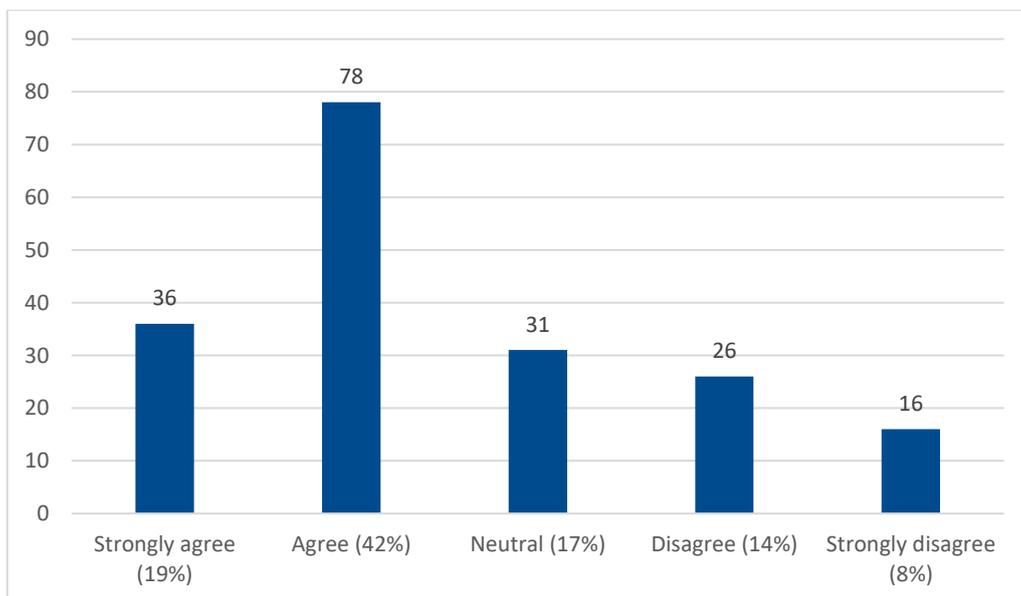


81% of respondents preferred voluntary merger with both schools training 11-18 status, 10% of respondents stated that they had no preference and 9% of respondents preferred a statutory merger with some schools being designated 11-16.

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

187 people responded to this question.



42% of respondents agreed with the proposal for Brynteg School to become a sixth form centre and host sixth form students from Bryntirion comprehensive, a further 19% strongly agreed. 17% of respondents gave a neutral responses. 14% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 8% strongly disagreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

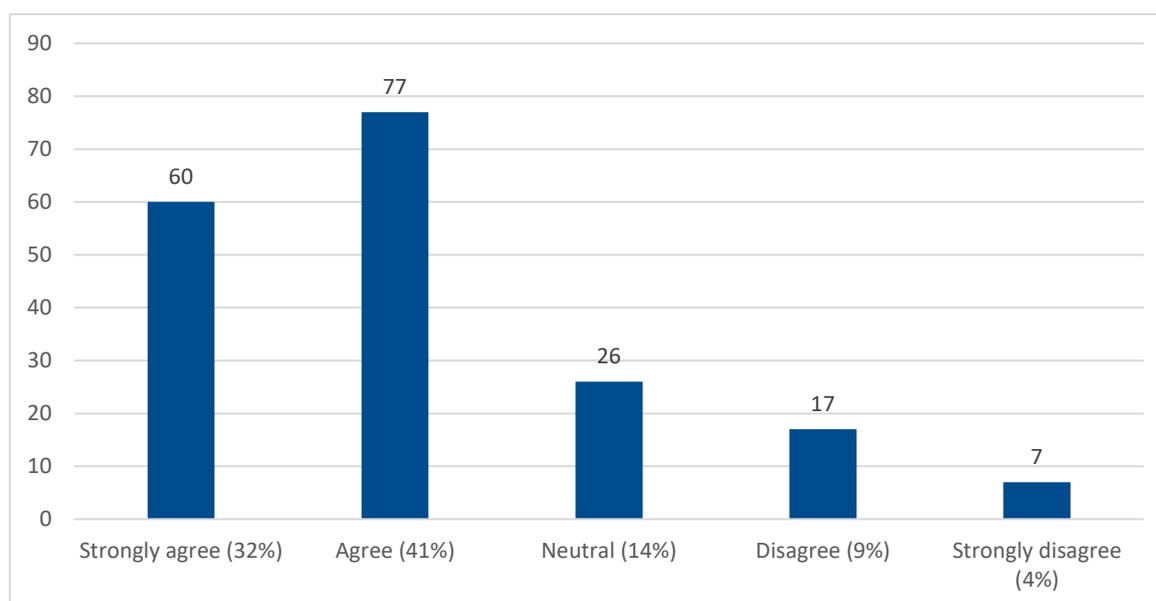
114 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal	25
Would need adequate space and resources	18
Travel may be difficult/ this would cause increased traffic	16
This would cause overcrowding	12
Would cost a lot of money and take a long time	10
It may be difficult for Bryntirion pupils to transition	10
Sixth form should stay in Brynteg (culture, history)	7
Will offer more subject choice for pupils	5
Disagree with proposal	3
The centre may be difficult to manage (with two schools in charge)	2
Keep all sixth forms	2
How would this affect grade boundaries for entering sixth form?	1
Unsure of impact	1
Will Brynteg sixth form close in the future?	1
Make one school for all sixth formers	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal (25), adequate space and resources would be needed (18) and travel may be difficult and cause an increase in traffic (16).

1.2.2.2 Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form

187 people responded to this question.



41% of respondents agreed with the proposal and 32% strongly agreed that Porthcawl should keep its sixth form. 14% of respondents gave a neutral response, 9% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and 4% strongly disagreed.

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

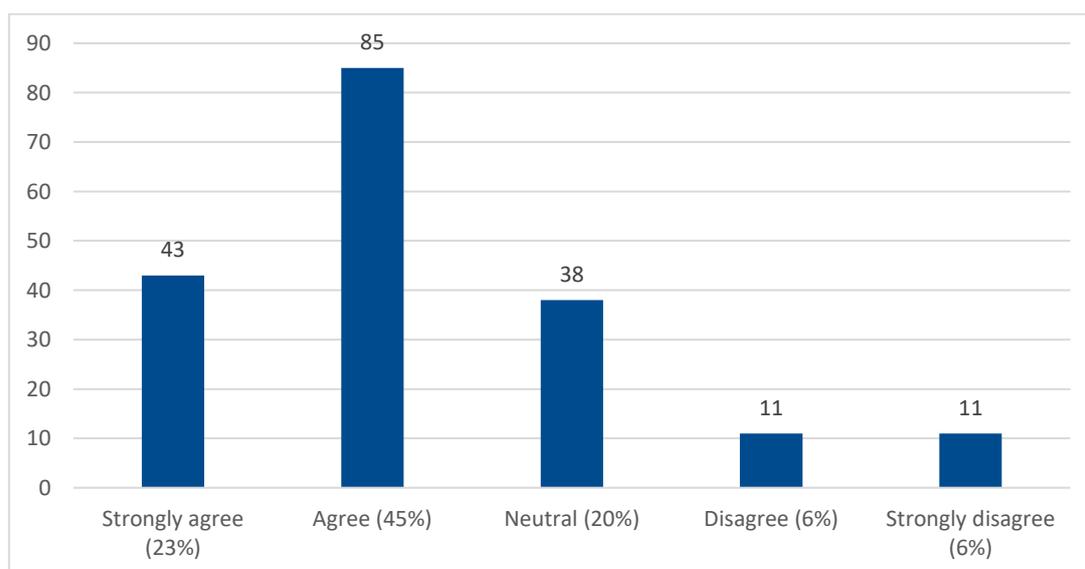
67 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree due to the location and additional travel that pupils would have	31
Agree with proposal	18
Brynteg should also keep their sixth form	6
Bigger sixth forms should be kept	3
Not fair on other sixth forms	2
Some students will still have to travel long distances	2
Unfair as people travel to Brynteg	2
Keep all sixth forms	1
They should merge with Cynffig	1
They won't have any additional opportunities offered through mergers	1

The most common responses were agree due to location and additional travel pupils would have (31) followed by agree with proposal (18) and then Brynteg should also keep its sixth form (6).

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

188 people responded to this question.



45% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 23% strongly agreed with the proposal. 20% provided a neutral response, 6% of respondents disagreed, and 6% strongly

disagreed with the proposal for Cynffig comprehensive to close or merge its sixth form with Porthcawl comprehensive.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

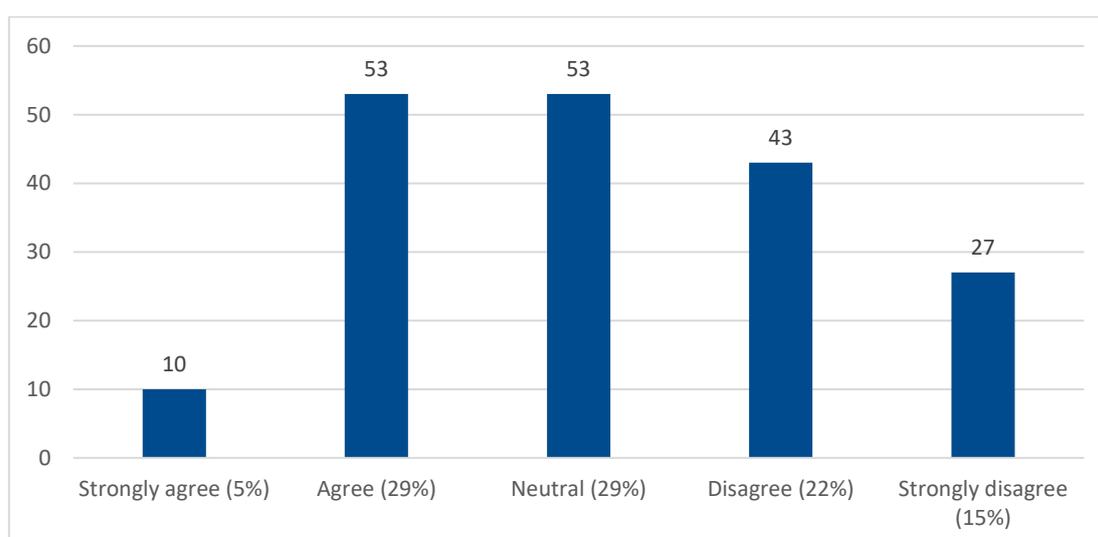
90 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal	39
Would be difficult/expensive for the pupils to travel	24
Pupils will have better subject choices and facilities	13
It would be difficult for Cynffig students to transition	6
Cynffig should keep its sixth form	2
As long as there is space for additional pupils at Porthcawl	2
Cynffig has capacity to let more students in	1
Boost up the numbers	1
Teachers at Cynffig would lose their jobs	1
Unsure of impact	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal (39), followed by would be difficult/expensive for the pupils to travel (24) and then pupils will have better subject choices and facilities (13).

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

186 people responded to this question.



29% of respondents agreed with the proposal that Cynffig could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from Pencoed and CCYD and further 5% strongly agreed with this

proposal. 29% of respondents provided a neutral response. 22% disagreed and 15% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

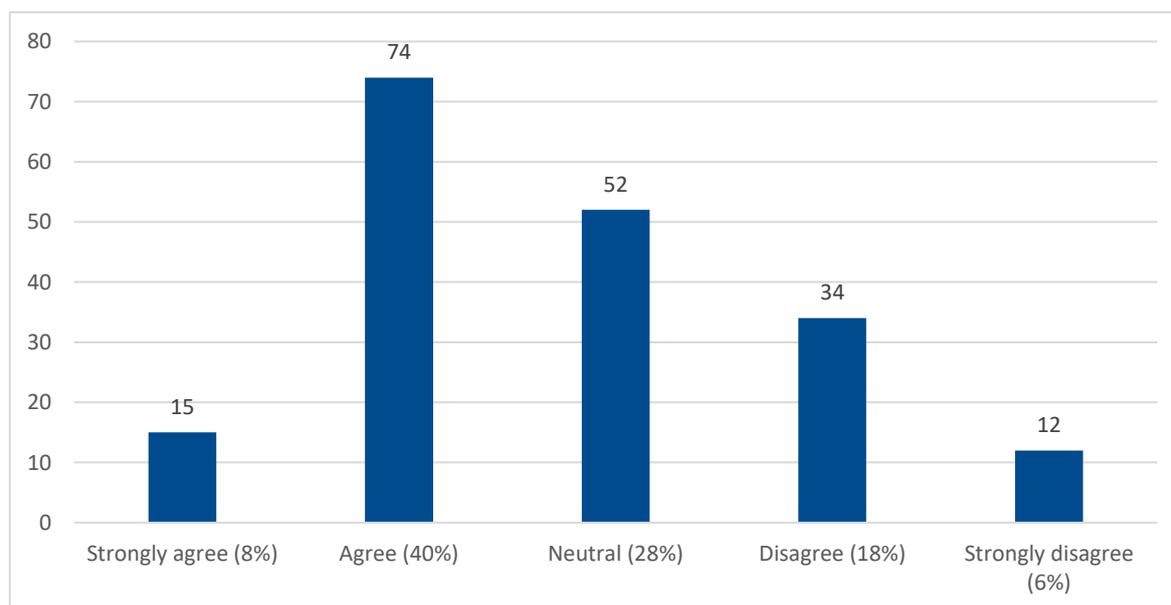
93 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Too far/too long/too expensive to travel	42
Agree with proposal	19
Disagree with proposal	6
How will the centre at Cynffig be staffed?	6
Pupils will lose teacher relationships/familiar environment	5
It will be inconvenient for students	3
Keep all sixth forms	3
This may cause overcrowding	3
This will increase the number of subject choices	2
Possible split (years 12 and 13)	1
Smaller schools will lose money	1
Would a school base be provided?	1
Too much change for too many students	1

The most common responses were too far/too long/too expensive to travel (42), followed by agree with proposal (19) and then disagree with proposal (6).

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

187 people responded to this question.



40% of respondents agreed with the proposal that Maesteg School could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from CCYD and a further 8% strongly agreed with this proposal. 28% provided a neutral response. 18% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and 6% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

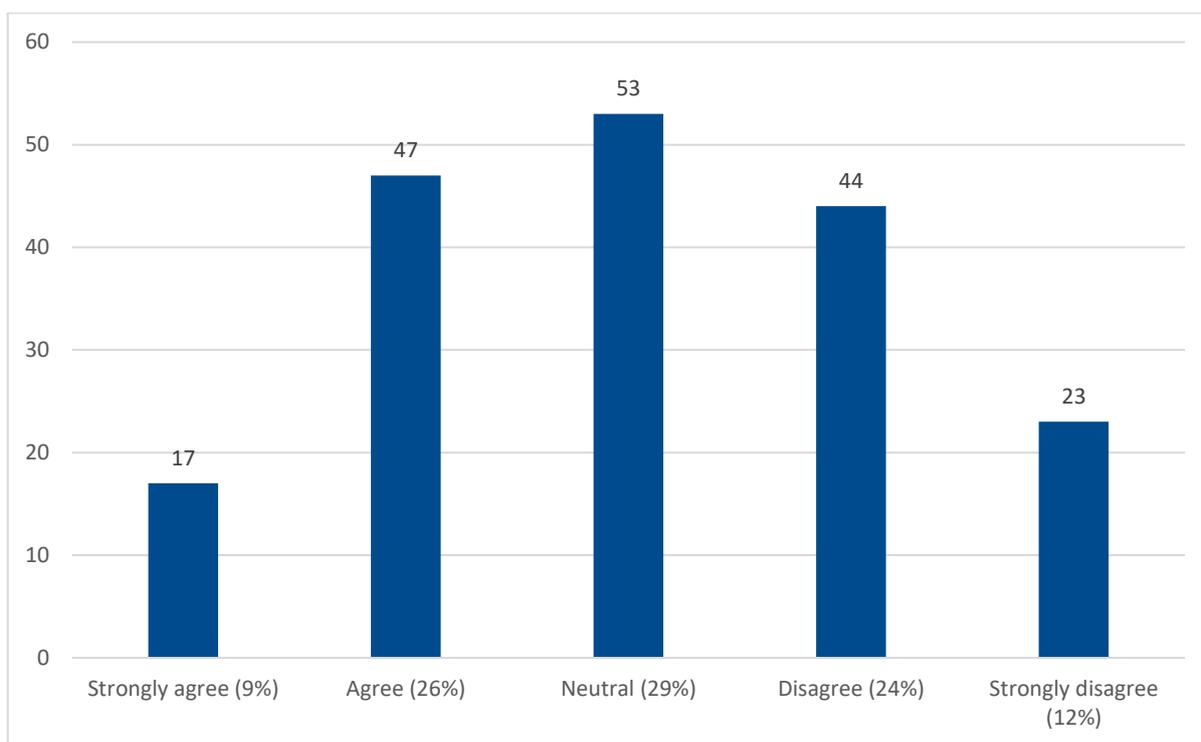
72 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Too far/too long/too expensive to travel	34
Agree with proposal	19
Disagree with proposal	4
CCYD could host the centre	3
Will offer more subject choices	3
CCYD would lose its sixth form community	2
Public transport is available to the school	2
CCYD students could come to Brynteg if it was closer	1
Additional travelling will have negative environmental impact	1
Keep them both open	1
Because of overpopulation there may not enough spaces for courses	1
Unsure of impact	1

The most common responses were too long/too far/too expensive to travel (34), followed by agree with proposal (19) and disagree with proposal (4).

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.

184 people responded to this question.



29% of respondents gave a neutral response. 26% agreed with the proposal that Maesteg School and Pencoed Comprehensive both become sixth form centres and host pupils from CCYD and Cynffig and a further 9% strongly agreed with the proposal. 24% disagreed with the proposal and 12% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Too far/too long/too expensive to travel	14
If Pencoed is expected to exceed capacity then it will become overpopulated	11
Agree with proposal	10
Disagree with proposal	8
This option gives sixth formers a choice	5
Will have additional cost to ensure there are resources to meet increased capacity	3
keep all sixth forms open	2
Schools will be overpopulated	2
Build one centre for all four schools	2
Additional travel will have negative environmental impact	1
Cynffig and CCYD lose teacher relationships/familiar environment	1

The most common responses were too long/too far/too expensive to travel (14), followed by if Pencoed is expected to exceed capacity then it will become overpopulated (11) and then agree with proposal (10).

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.

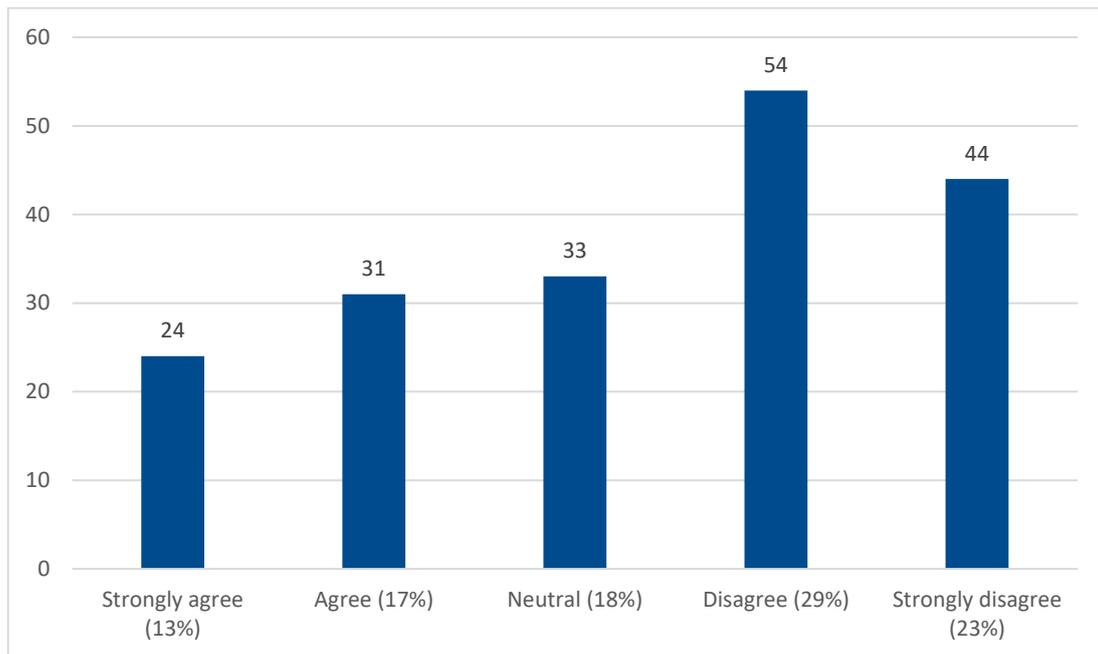
The overall list of preferred concepts are:

Rank	Outcome	Number of respondents who ranked each concept in position	% of groups who ranked each concept in position
1	Outcome A1 Brynteg School becomes a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Bryntirion Comprehensive	89	48%
2	Outcome A2 Brynteg school and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth for provision;	48	26%
3	Outcome B Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form	43	23%
4	Outcome C Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive	32	17%
5	Outcome E Maesteg School hosts a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	42	21%
6	Outcome D Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	43	22%
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.	46	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).

186 people responded to this question.



29% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 23% strongly disagreed with the proposal. 18% provided a neutral response. 17% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 13% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

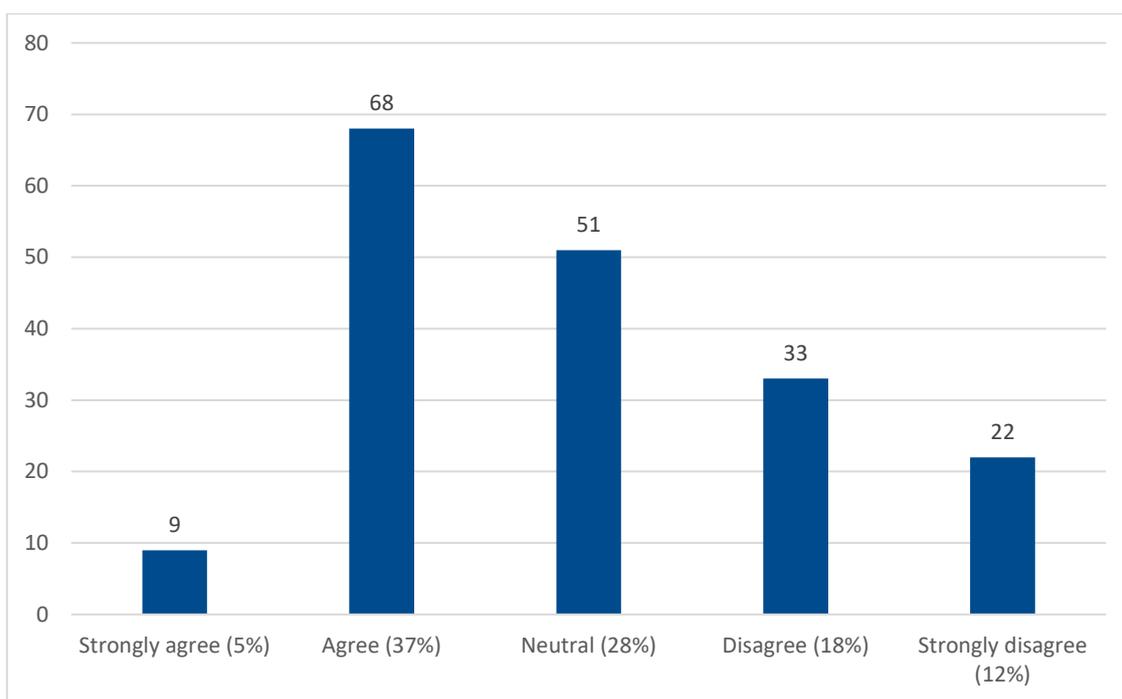
87 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Will increase competition for spaces and for Brynteg sixth form	12
May be difficult to travel to/will increase traffic in the town	11
There are differences between college and sixth form education	11
Brynteg should keep its sixth form	7
It would be expensive and hard to find a place to build	6
This option is just sending pupils to college	6
Unfamiliar environment/no relationships with teachers/less support	6
Will be overpopulated/a lot of people in town	6
This would provide more opportunities for pupils	5
Agree with proposal/It is a good idea	4
Schools will lose sixth form culture	4
Invest in sixth forms and improve/promote collaboration courses instead	2
Disagree with proposal	2
Merge Brynteg and Bryntirion	2
Where would the staff come from?	2
People would not attend sixth form if they change	1

The most common responses were will increase competition for spaces and for Brynteg sixth form (12), followed by may be difficult to travel to and will increase traffic in the town (11) and then there are differences between college and sixth form education (11).

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.

183 people responded to this question.



37% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 5% strongly agreed with this proposal. 28% of respondents gave a neutral response. 18% disagreed with the proposal and a further 12% strongly disagreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Too far/too long to travel	10
There are differences between college and sixth form education	9
This would provide more opportunities for pupils	7
Agree with proposal/This is a good idea	5
This option is just sending pupils to college	5
Too many students/overpopulation	4

Will increase capacity at the schools involved	4
Sixth forms in schools are important for younger years	2
What about other subjects?	2
Would be less personal learning/pastoral care/ extra-curricular activities	2
A sixth form centre in Bridgend town would better	1
Better than option B as it is less merging	1
Cheaper than building a new building	1
Disagree with proposal	1
Infrastructure in Pencoed may not support the additional traffic	1
It would be expensive to build	1
The college works fine as it is	1

The most common responses were too far/too long to travel (10), followed by there are differences between college and sixth form education (9) and then this would provide more opportunities for pupils (7).

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.

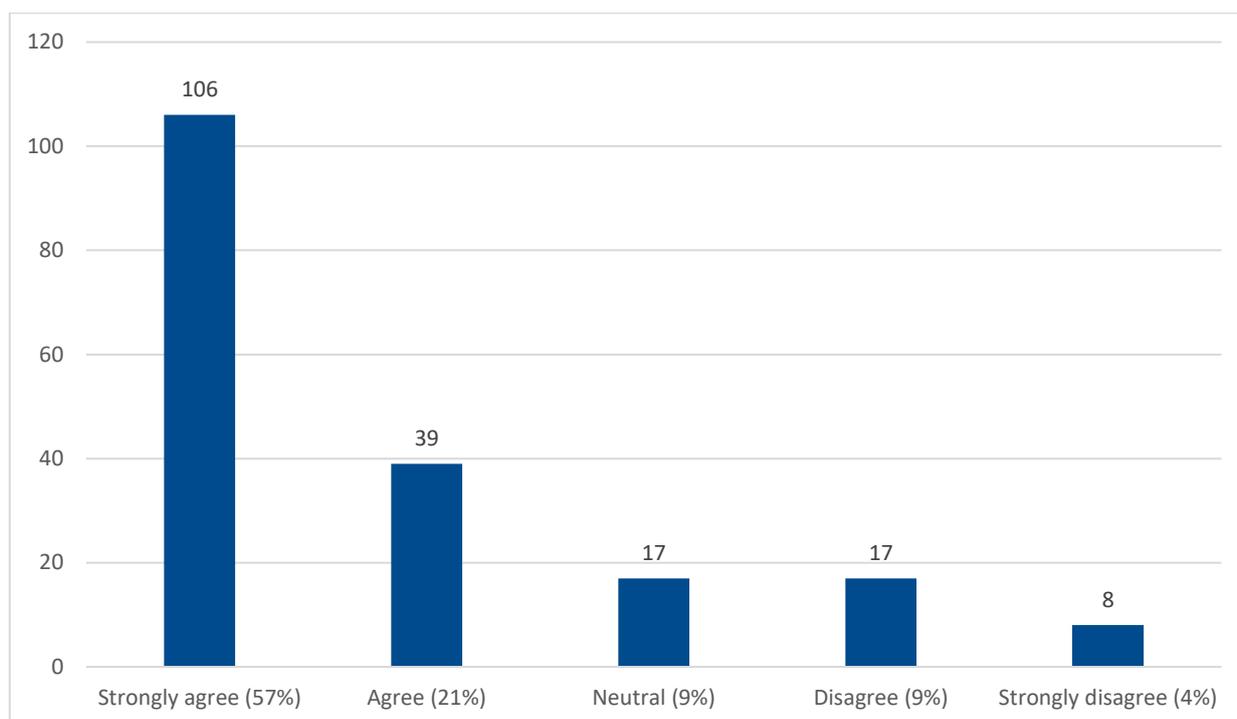
Respondents ranked outcomes A and B as:

- Outcome A Bridgend town centre sixth form centre run by the college (55%)
- Outcome B Sixth Form centre at Bridgend College's Pencoed campus run by the college (45%)

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)

187 people responded to this question.



57% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools and a further 21% of respondents agreed with this proposal. 9% provided a neutral response. 9% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 4% strongly disagreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms/agree with proposal	40
Teacher relationships/ familiar environment/ sixth form community is important to retain	16
Smaller schools could merge sixth forms to improve opportunities	13
Improve collaboration and invest in sixth forms	10
This will leave limited options in some schools	10
People could move schools if they wanted to	9
Difficult to sustain this option	2
A new centre would be the best option	1
Provide transport for sixth formers	1
We should not have to wear uniform in sixth form	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms/agree with proposal (40), followed by teacher relationships/ familiar environment/ sixth form community is important to retain (16) and then smaller schools could merge sixth forms to improve opportunities (13).

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) (58%);
- Option 2 a mix of school sixth form with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s) (28%).
- Option 1 a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s) (14%);

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.

121 comments were received. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms	37
Transport should be provided and should be free	13
Smaller sixth forms could merge to offer more opportunities	12
Need to improve collaboration	9
Sixth forms are important to schools/provide nurture and support	7
Invest in sixth form/mergers will put a strain on resources	5
Keeping sixth forms is unfair for pupils who have limited subject choices	4
Sixth formers should not have to wear uniform	4
The only problem with current sixth form is Welsh Bac	4
A centre in town may be a good idea	3
College is a different environment to sixth form	3
Uniforms should be required in sixth forms	3
Faith schools should not be protected	2
Houses that are planned to be built will increase pupil numbers	1
Listen to student's opinions	1
Make savings elsewhere	1
There should be no sixth form centre in Bridgend town	1
Online courses are inconvenient	1
Welsh education should be protected	1
Faith schools should be protected	1
What about moving under 16 pupils who misbehave in school	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms (37), followed by transport should be provided and should be free (13) and then smaller sixth forms could merge to offer more opportunities (12).