

Appendix 5 Bryntirion 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.

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.

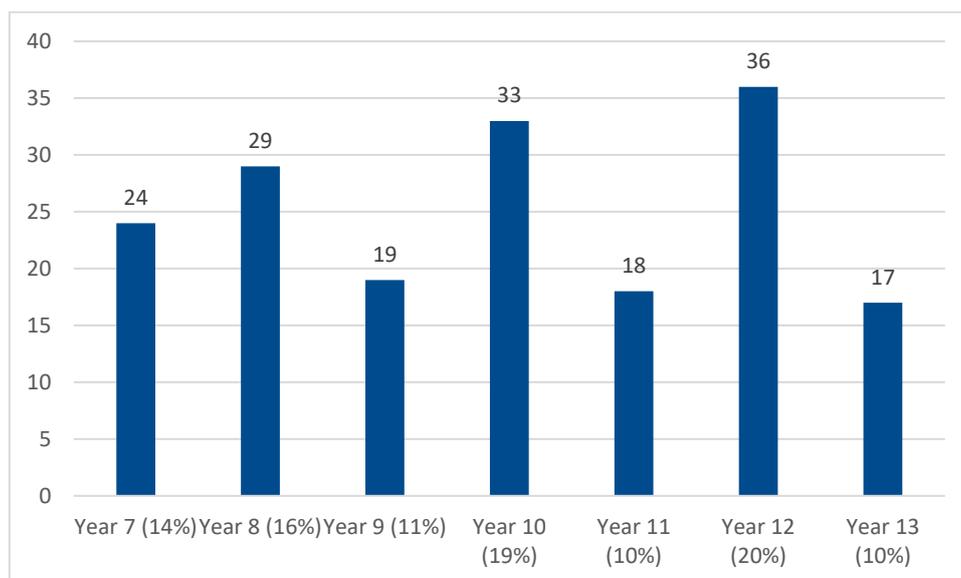
This report details the responses received in the Bryntirion Comprehensive school engagement session. 178 learners were involved in the engagement session.

1.1 About you

1.1.1 Year group

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

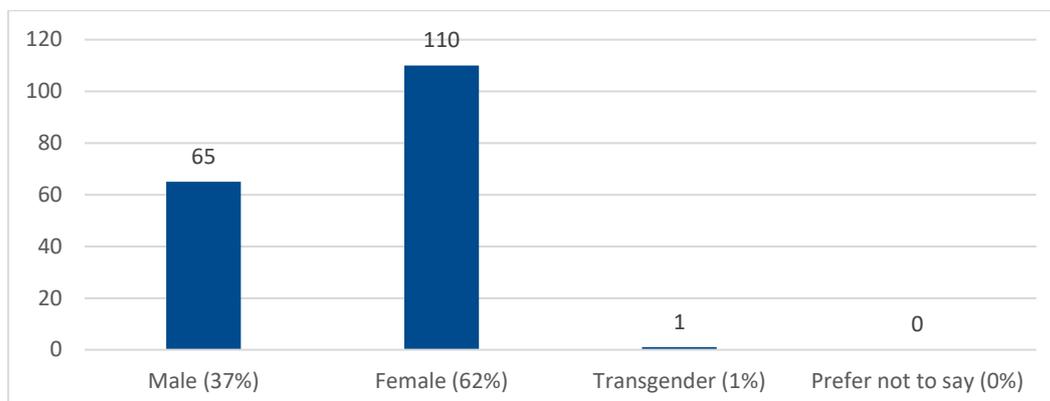
176 people responded to this question.



20% of respondents stated that they were in year 12, followed by year 10 (19%) and then year 8 (16%).

1.1.2 Gender

176 people responded to this question.



62% of respondents stated that they were female and 37% stated male. 1% of respondents stated they were transgender.

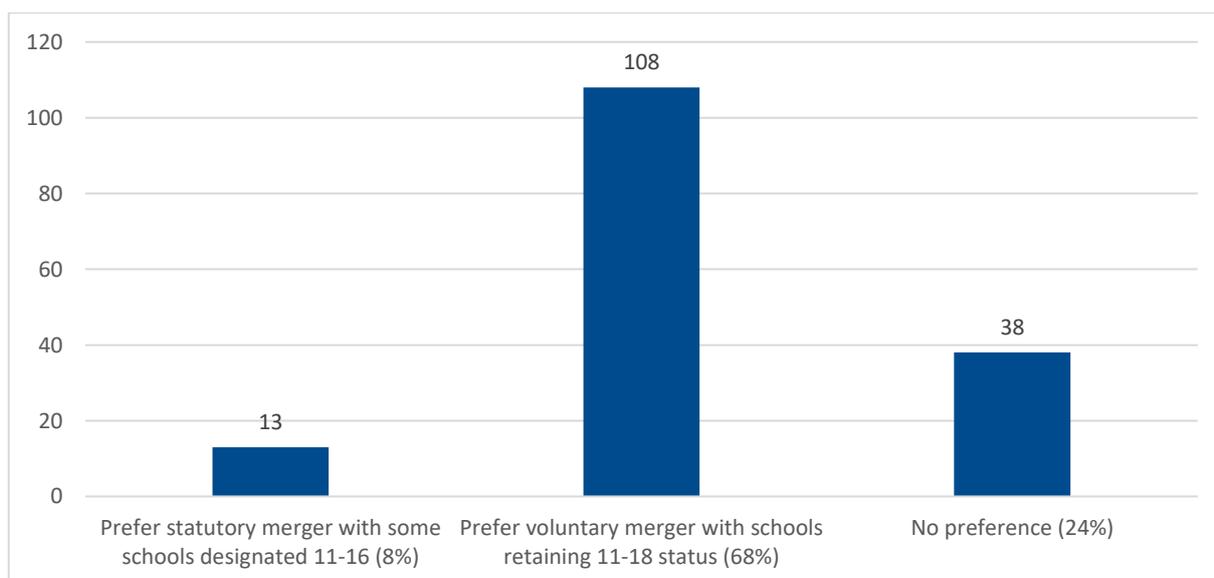
1.2 Survey questions

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

159 people responded to this question.

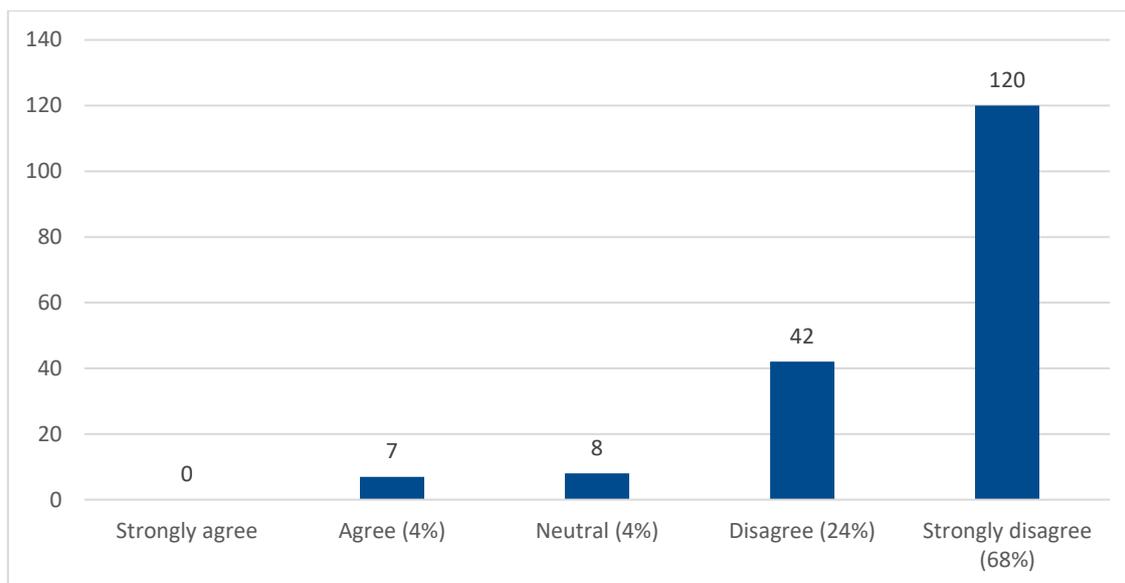


68% of respondents preferred voluntary merger with both schools retaining 11-18 status, 24% of respondents stated that they had no preference and 8% of respondents preferred a statutory merger with some schools being designated 11-16.

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

177 people responded to this question.



68% 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 24% disagreed. 4% of respondents gave a neutral responses. 4% of respondents agreed with this proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

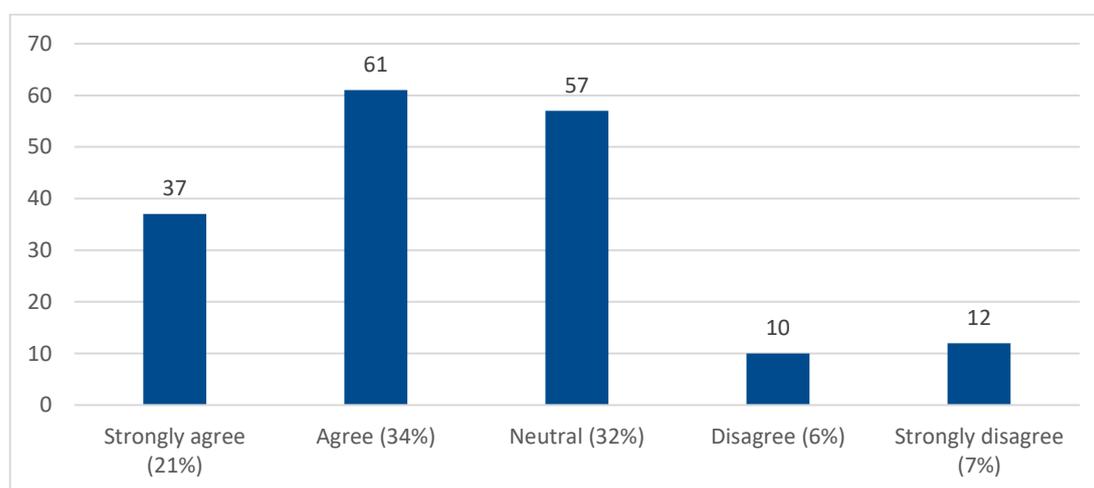
Theme	No.
It will be too far to travel/too expensive if funding is cut	43
Will lose teacher relationships/familiar environment/sixth form identity	26
Waste of money/Invest in current sixth forms	15
Keep all sixth forms	15
Both sixth forms perform well and so should be kept as they are	11
Would have better access to resources/subject choices	6
If the sixth forms do merge they should be collaboratively run	5
Parents would not send their children to Bryntirion if there was no sixth form	5

Sixth forms are important to schools	5
Agree with proposal	3
Make savings elsewhere	2
There will be too many students	2
Pupils may not attend sixth form	2
Why can't Brynteg come to us?	2
If Bryntirion becomes 11-16 there will be increased competition at Brynteg	1

The most common responses were it will be too far to travel/ too expensive if funding is cut (43) followed by will lose teacher relationships/familiar environment/sixth form identity (26) and then waste of money/invest in current sixth forms (15).

1.2.2.2 Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form

177 people responded to this question.



34% of respondents agreed with the proposal that Porthcawl should keep its sixth form and a further 21% strongly agreed with the proposal. 32% of respondents gave a neutral response. 7% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and 6% disagreed.

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:

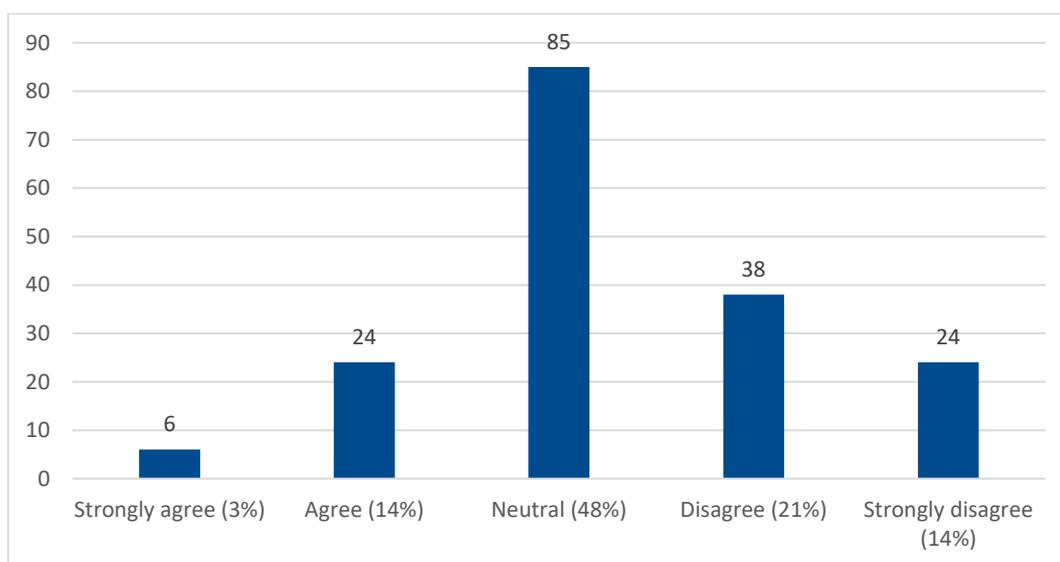
Theme	No.
If they keep their sixth form, why shouldn't we all	26
Does not affect me	25
Agree due to any potential travel/location	17
Agree with proposal	7
This would be better for thier pupils	5
Agree as they have high number of students	5

Collaborations should improve	2
If other sixth forms close there will be increased competition for spaces at Porthcawl	2
May miss additional subject choices offered	1

The most common responses were f they keep their sixth form, why shouldn't we all (26) followed by does not affect me (25) and then agree due to any potential travel/location (17).

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

177 people responded to this question.



48% of respondents gave a neutral response to this question. 21% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 14% strongly disagreed with the proposal. 14% of respondents agreed, and 3% strongly agreed 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

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

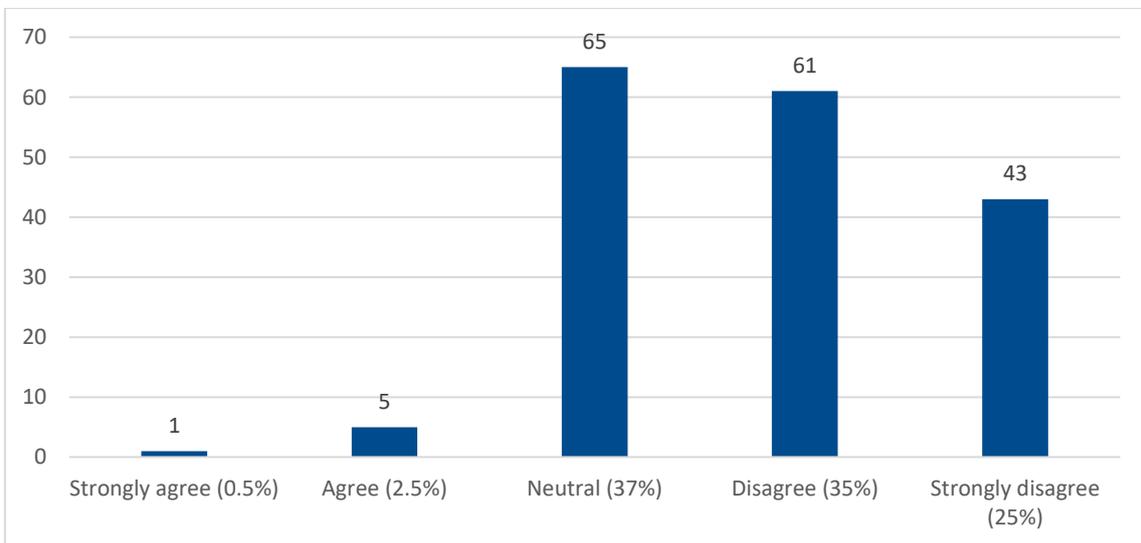
Theme	No.
Too far for pupils to travel/unfair pupils have to pay for transport	34
Does not affect me/None of my business	15
Agree with proposal	13
Porthcawl are big enough/will become overcrowded	12
Pupils will lose relationships with teachers/familiar environment	7
Keep both sixth forms separate	6
Disagree with proposal	3
May offer additional subject choices/opportunities	3

Pupils would not go to sixth form	3
Unfair on pupils to change schools	3
Should not close Cynffig sixth form	2
Unsure on impact	2
Either all or no schools merge	1

The most common responses were too far for pupils to travel/unfair pupils have to pay for transport (34) followed by does not affect me/none of my business (15) and then agree with proposal (13).

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

175 people responded to this question.



37% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 35% of respondents disagreed with the proposal that Cynffig could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from Pencoed and CCYD and a further 25% strongly disagreed with this proposal. 2.5% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 0.5% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

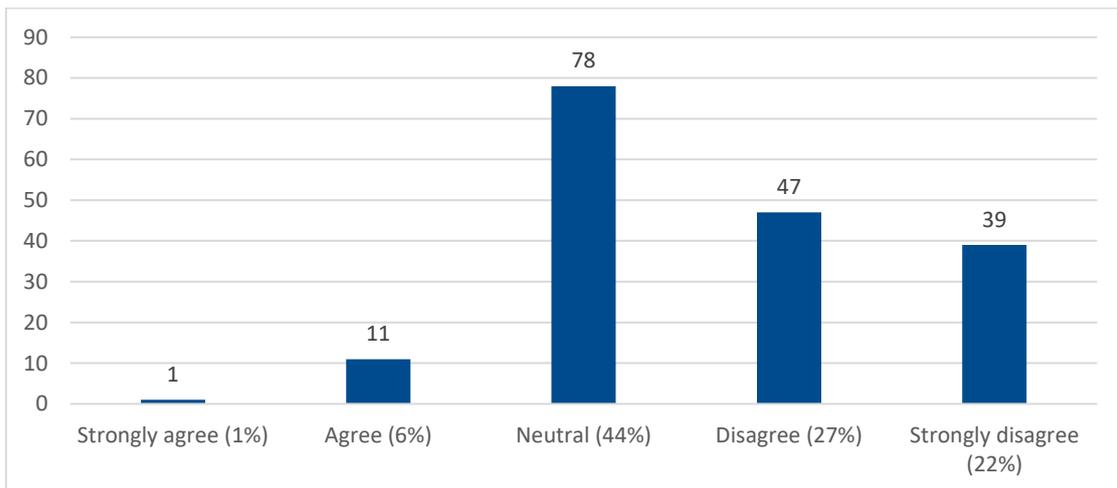
Theme	No.
Too far to travel/expensive if transport funding cut	41
Does not affect me	15
School will become overcrowded	10
Unfair for pupils to change schools	10

Pupils would lose relationships with teachers/familiar environment	9
Keep all sixth forms	7
Agree with proposal	6
Invest in sixth forms	4
Would there be enough resources/staff?	4
Expensive to build and run	2
Staff could lose jobs	2
I think that this option is better than merging all three	1
School will suffer without sixth form/staff	1
Waste of time and money	1

The most common responses were too far to travel/expensive if funding for transport is cut (41) followed by does not affect me (15).

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

176 people responded to this question.



44% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 27% of respondents disagreed with the proposal that Maesteg School could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from CCYD and a further 22% strongly disagreed with the proposal. 6% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 1% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

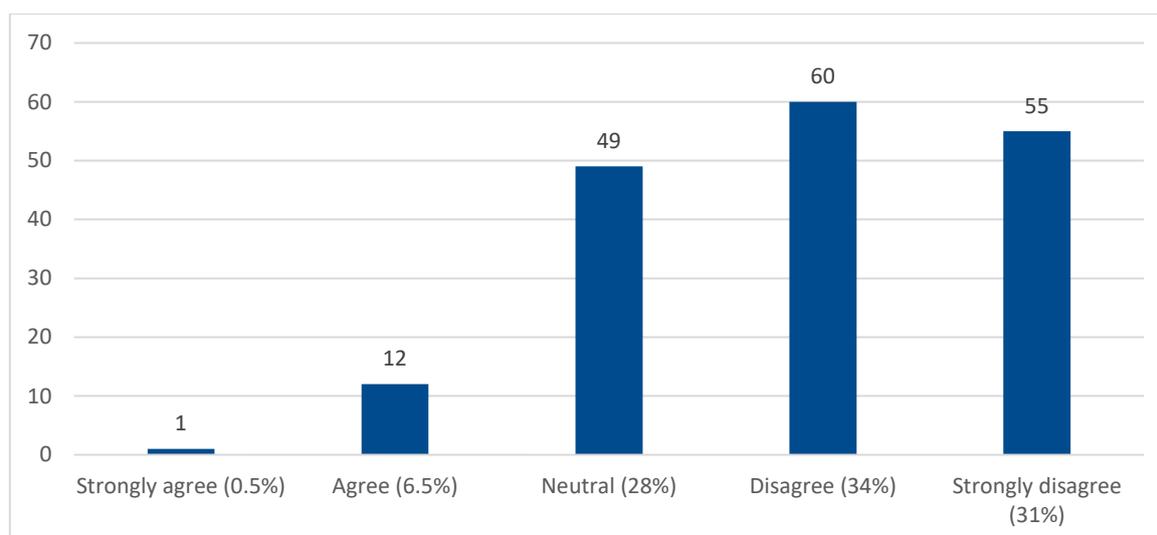
Theme	No.
Too far to travel/expensive transport costs for pupils	35
Keep all sixth forms	10
Does not affect me	7
Agree with proposal	7

These schools do not need to merge	5
Pupils would lose relationships with their teachers	4
Need to improve collaboration for pupils	3
May cause overcrowding at Maesteg	3
Pupils would not attend sixth form if they change	3
Disagree with proposal	2
Either all or no schools merge	2
May offer pupils additional subject choices/opportunities	2
Sixth forms are important in schools	2
People could go to another sixth form if they wanted to	1

The most common responses were too far to travel/expensive transport costs for pupils (35), followed by keep all sixth forms (10).

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.

177 people responded to this question.



34% 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 31% strongly disagreed with the proposal. 28% provided a neutral response. 6.5% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 0.5% strongly agreed with the 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 to travel/transport costs too high	27
Difficult transition/unfair to ask pupils to change schools	20

Keep all sixth forms	12
Schools will become overcrowded	10
May offer pupils additional opportunities/subject choices	6
Does not affect me	5
Pupils will lose relationships with their teachers	5
Improve collaboration offer	2
Either all schools merge or no schools merge	2
Pupils would not attend sixth form if they change	2
There will be cultural differences between schools	1
Sixth forms are important to have in schools	1

The most common responses were too far to travel/transport costs too high (27), followed by difficult transition/unfair to ask pupils to change schools (20) and then keep all sixth forms (12).

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:

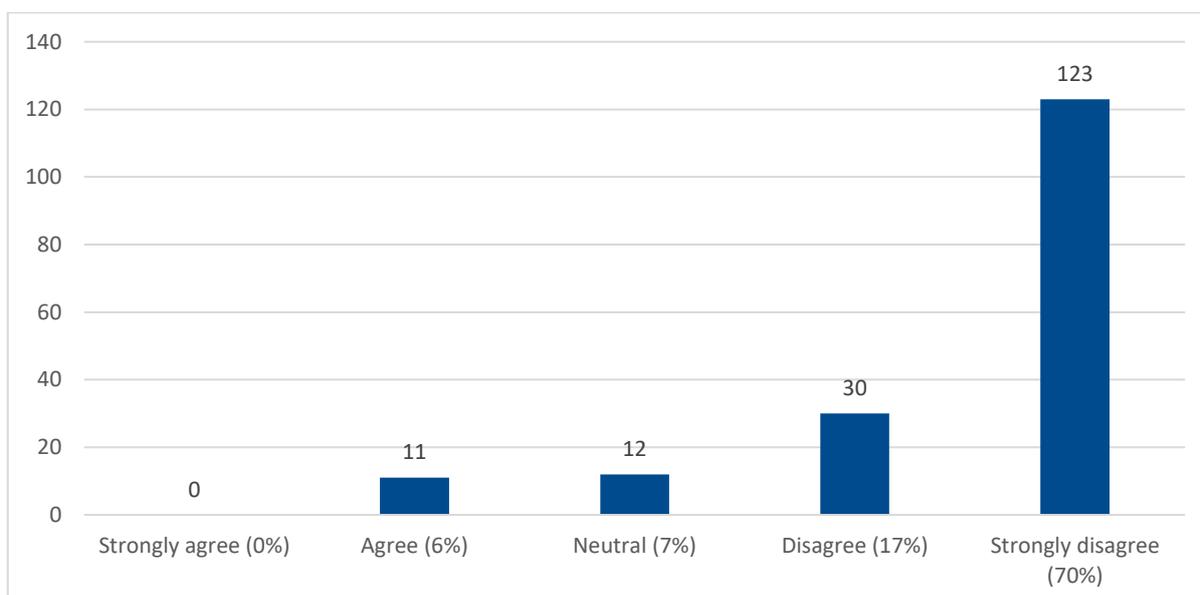
Rank	Outcome	Number of respondents who ranked each concept in position	% of groups who ranked each concept in position
1	Outcome B Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form	105	67%
2	Outcome C Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive	74	47%
3	Outcome D Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	96	60%
4	Outcome E Maesteg School hosts a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	50	32%
5	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.	47	30%

6	Outcome A2 Brynteg school and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth for provision;	74	47%
7	Outcome A1 Brynteg School becomes a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Bryntirion Comprehensive	105	67%

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).

176 people responded to this question.



70% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 17% disagreed with the proposal. 7% provided a neutral response. 6% of respondents agreed with this proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

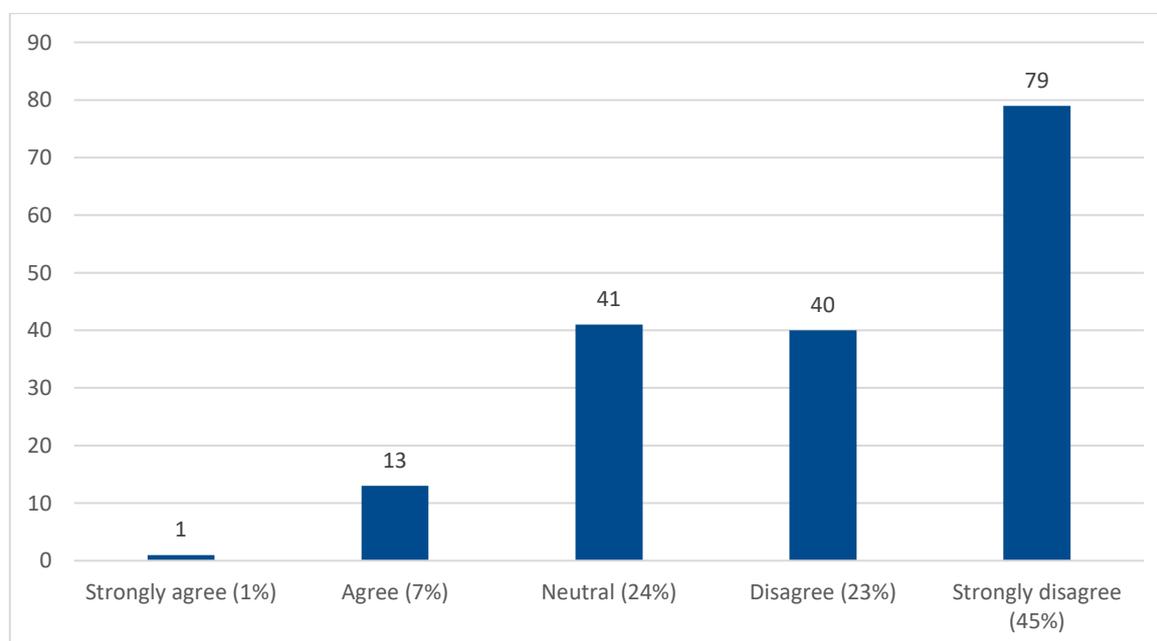
90 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Would staff be qualified/would negatively affect standards	26
Difficult for people to get transport/pay travel costs	19
Keep all sixth forms	11
People choose a school based sixth form setting, if they wanted to go to college they would	9
Will be overpopulated/bigger classes	8
Invest in sixth forms/improve collaboration	6
Either all or no schools should merge	3
Expensive/waste of money	2
Other than keeping sixth forms this is the best option	2
Bridgend town is unsafe	2
Pupils would not go to sixth form	1
Cultural differences between schools	1

The most common responses were would staff be qualified/would negatively affect standards (26), followed by difficult for people to get transport/pay travel costs (19) and then keep all sixth forms (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.

174 people responded to this question.



45% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 23% disagreed with the proposal. 24% provided a neutral response. 7% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 1% strongly agreed with the proposal.

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.
Travel would be too far/transport too expensive	19
Would negatively affect standards/who would teach A Levels	14
People choose a school based sixth form setting, if they wanted to go to college they would	7
Unfair for pupils/difficult transition	5
Keep all sixth forms	5
Expensive/waste of money	4
Would be less pastoral support/individualised learning	3
What about other subjects?	2
This does not affect me	1
Pupils would not go to sixth form	1
Would be good for Pencoed pupils	1

The most common responses were travel would be too far/transport too expensive (19), followed by would negatively affect standards/who would teach A Levels (14) and then people choose a school based sixth form setting, if they wanted to go to college they would (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.

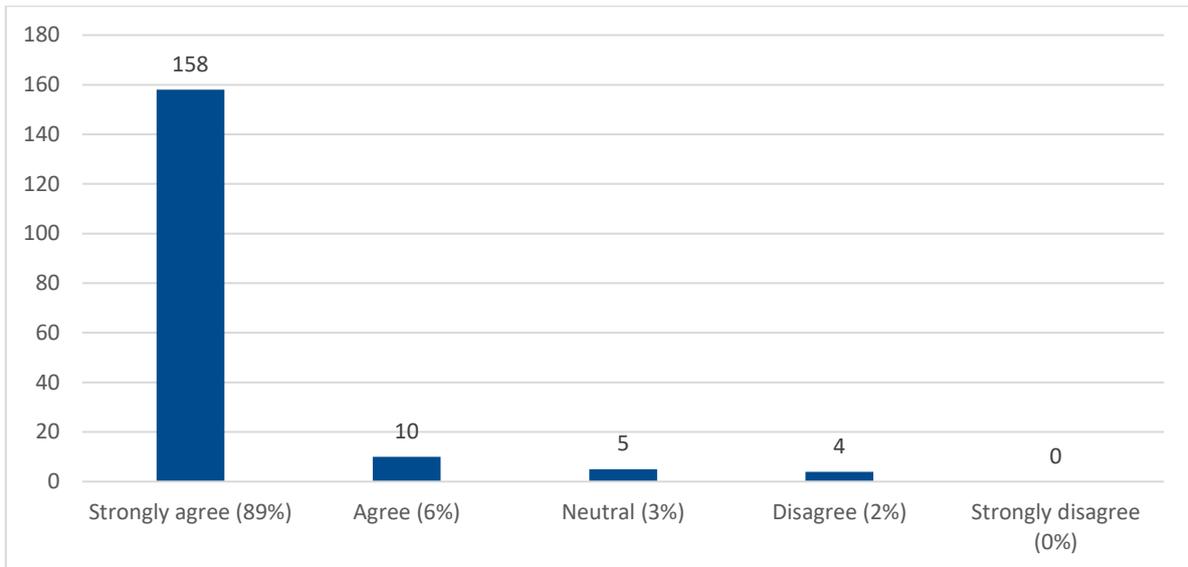
Respondents ranked outcomes A and B as:

- Outcome B Sixth Form centre at Bridgend College's Pencoed campus run by the college (51%)
- Outcome A Bridgend town centre sixth form centre run by the college (49%)

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)

177 people responded to this question.



89% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools and a further 6% of respondents agreed with this proposal. 3% provided a neutral response. 2% of respondents disagreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal/keep all sixth forms	39
Relationships with teachers/familiar environment/support is important	29
There will be no additional travel for pupils	17
Collaboration needs to be improved so it is easier for pupils and offer more subjects	16
Should invest in sixth forms	8
Sixth forms/formers are important to schools	4
Some schools may not be able to sustain their sixth form	1
Staff will not lose their jobs	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal/ keep all sixth forms (39), followed by relationships with teachers/familiar environment/support is important (29) and then there will be no additional travel for pupils (17).

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) (97%);
- Option 1 a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s) (1.5%);
- Option 2 a mix of school sixth form with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s) (1.5%).

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.

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

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms	29
Transport should be free, especially if pupils are forced to go travel to another school	9
Keeping sixth forms would mean no additional travel for pupils	8
Invest in sixth forms/improve collaboration	5
Pupils may not got to sixth form if they have to go to college	2
If option 2 was chosen I would like a consultation on where the site will be	1
Relationships with teacher will be lost is sixth forms merge	1
Sixth forms are important for schools	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms (29), followed by transport should be free, especially if pupils are forced to go travel to another school (9) and then keeping sixth forms would mean no additional travel for pupils (8).