

Appendix 6 Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen 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.

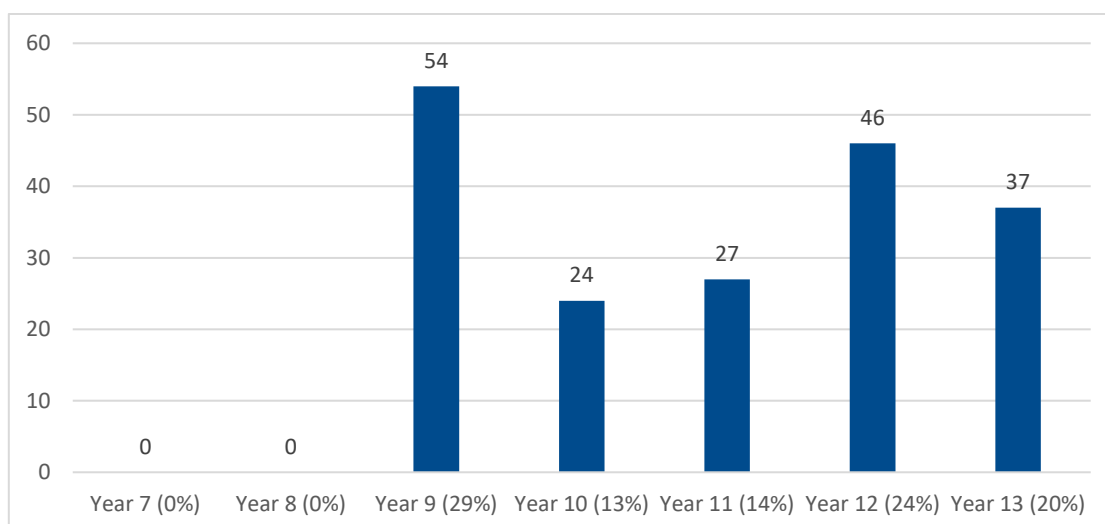
This report details the responses received in the Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen engagement session. 189 learners were involved in the engagement session.

1.1 About you

1.1.1 Year group

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

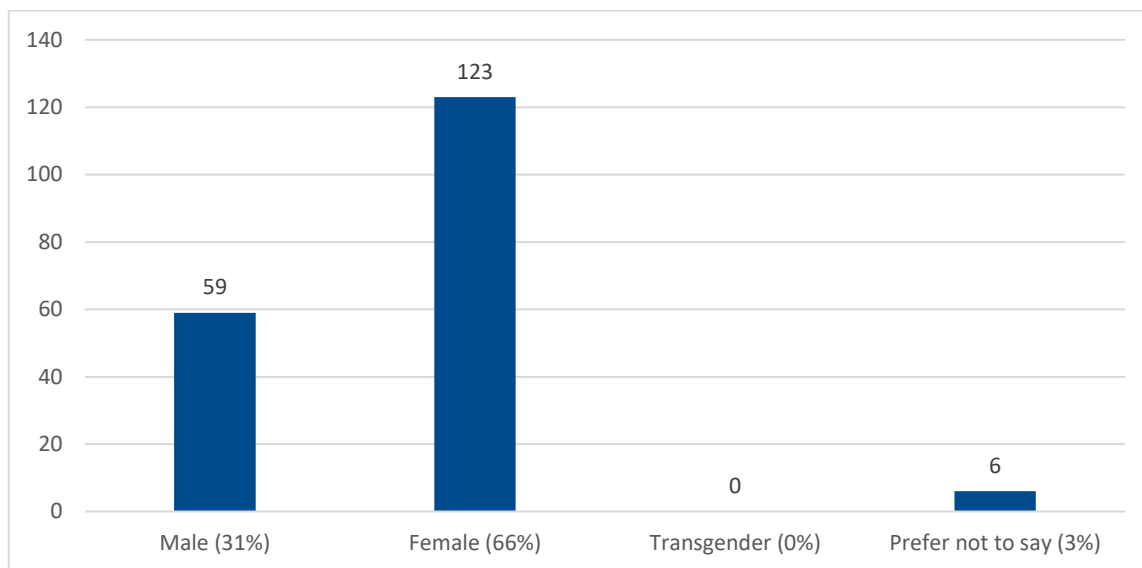
188 people responded to this question.



29% of respondents stated that they were in year 9, followed by year 12 (24%) and then year 13 (20%).

1.1.2 Gender

188 people responded to this question.



66% of respondents stated that they were female and 31% stated male. 3% of respondents stated that they would prefer not to say.

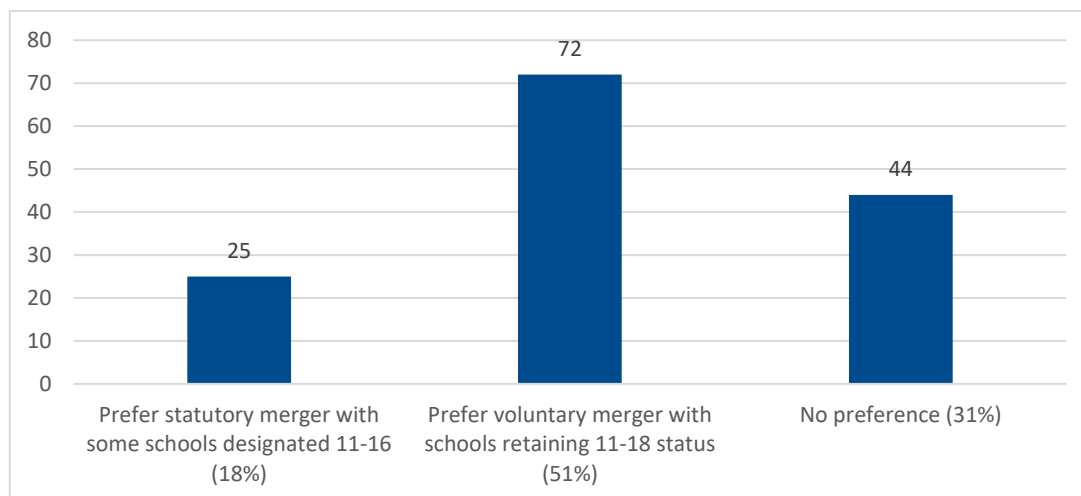
1.2 Survey questions

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

141 people responded to this question.

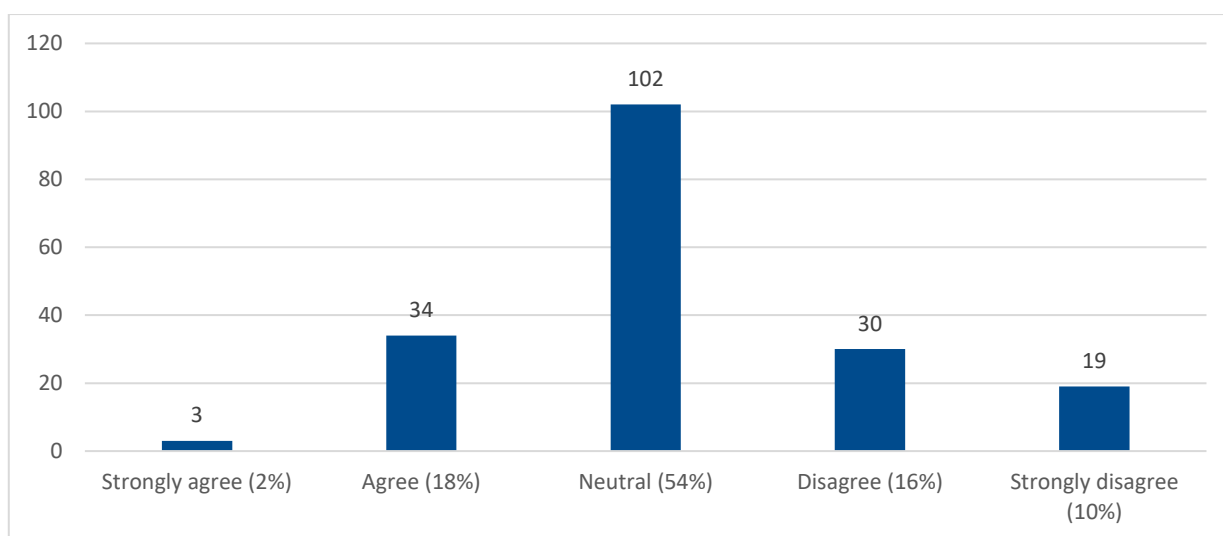


51% of respondents preferred voluntary merger with both schools retaining 11-18 status, 31% of respondents stated that they had no preference and 18% of respondents preferred a statutory merger with some schools being designated 11-16.

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

188 people responded to this question.



54% of respondents gave a neutral response to this proposal. 18% 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 2% strongly agreed. 16% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 10% strongly disagreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

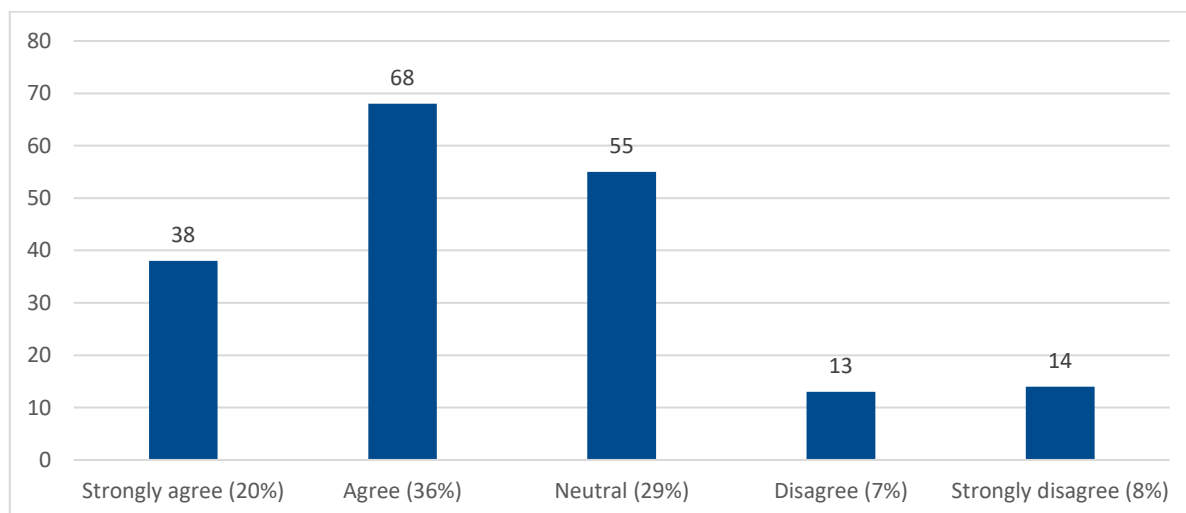
25 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms	4
Pupils will not go to sixth forms if they change	4
Schools are close enough to merge	4
Does not affect me/us	3
Will be additional travel/costs	3
Invest in all sixth forms	2
Pupils will lose relationships with their teachers	2
Both schools could manage the sixth form	1
Brynteg also takes in CCYD	1
New buildings could be erected here at CCYD	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms (4), pupils will not go to sixth forms if they change (4) and schools are close enough to merge (4).

1.2.2.2 Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form

188 people responded to this question.



36% agreed with the proposal that Porthcawl should keep its sixth form and a further 20% strongly agreed with the proposal. 29% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 8% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and 7% disagreed.

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

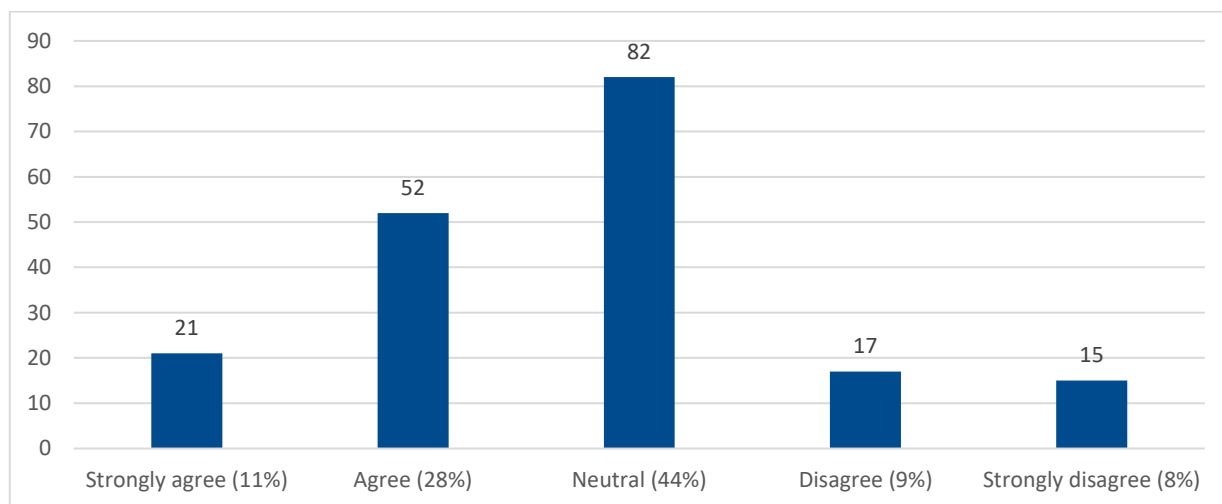
26 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Pupils should not have to travel/pay for transport	6
Keep all sixth forms	4
No need to merge as they have high pupil numbers	4
Does not affect me/us	3
Porthcawl pupils will not be able to travel elsewhere so should keep their sixth form	3
Pupils will not go to sixth form if they merge	3
Agree with proposal	1
Porthcawl should be a hub for nearby sixth forms	1
Unfair they keep their sixth form and not other schools	1

The most common responses were pupils should not have to travel/pay for transport (6) followed by keep all sixth forms (4) and no need to merge as they have high pupil numbers (4).

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

187 people responded to this question.



44% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 28% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 11% strongly agreed with the proposal for Cynffig comprehensive to close or merge its sixth form with Porthcawl comprehensive. 9% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 8% strongly disagreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

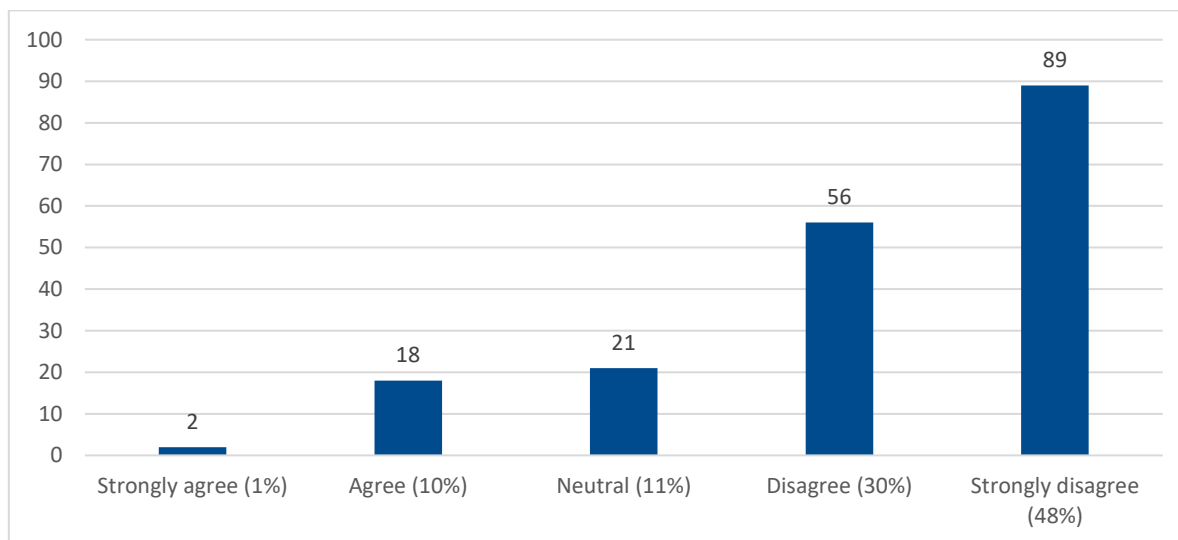
39 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Unfair to ask pupils to travel/cost	10
Would give Cynffig learners better opportunities	5
Does not affect me/us	4
Porthcawl has too many pupils to be able to take more	4
Schools are close enough to merge	4
Pupils will not go to sixth forms if they change/merge	3
Agree with proposal	2
Cynffig could merge, but with a school with less pupils than Porthcawl	2
Keep all sixth forms	2
Will lose teacher relationship and be in an unfamiliar environment for pupils if schools merge	2
Small classes are better	1

The most common responses were unfair to ask pupils to travel/cost (10), followed by would give Cynffig learners better opportunities transport (5).

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

186 people responded to this question.



48% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal that Cynffig could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from Pencoed and CCYD. A further 30% disagreed with the proposal. 11% provided a neutral response. 10% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 1% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

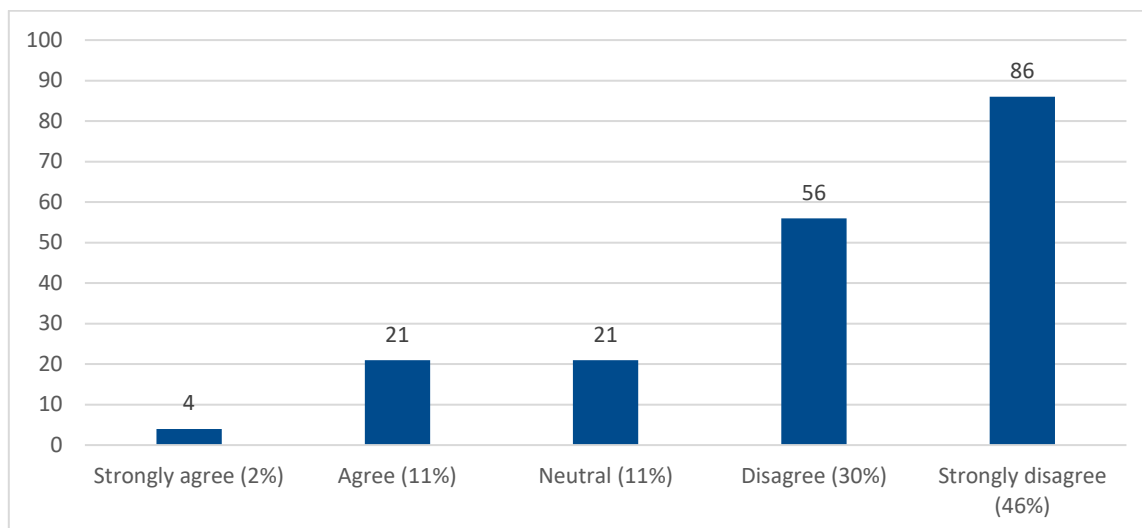
100 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Unfair for students to travel/ too far to travel for sixth form	67
Pupils would not go to a different sixth form	12
Too many students in one place/not enough facilities	5
Will lose relationships with teachers/unfamiliar environment	5
CCYD keeps sixth form	3
Keep all sixth forms	3
Agree with proposal	2
If merged then run by both schools	1
Either merge all or none	1
Would offer more subject choice	1

The most common responses were unfair for students to travel/ too far to travel for sixth form (67), followed by pupils would not go to a different sixth form (12).

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

188 people responded to this question.



46% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal that Maesteg School could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from CCYD. A further 30% disagreed with the proposal. 11% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 2% strongly agreed with the proposal. 11% provided a neutral response.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

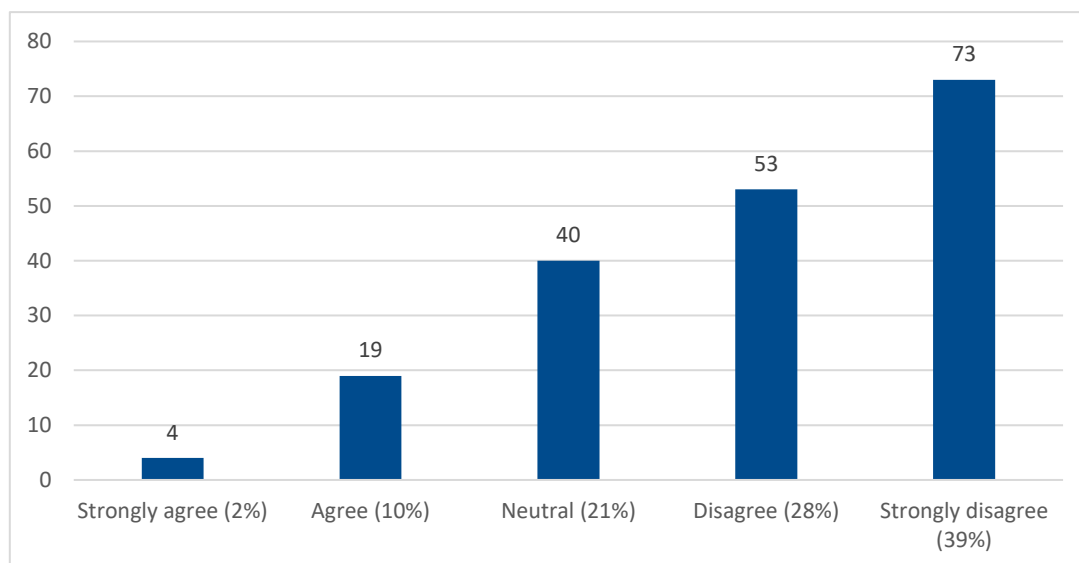
106 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Too far/long to travel and transport may not be provided	58
CCYD could host Maesteg/Pencoed students	14
Pupils would not go to sixth form	8
Will cause an uncomfortable transition/Lose teacher relationships	6
Keep all sixth forms/CCYD	4
There is room to expand at CCYD to host other students	3
Agree with proposal	2
Disagree with proposal	2
Will lose sixth form traditions	1
Merge sixth forms	1
Only merge if run by both schools	1

The most common responses were too far/long to travel and transport may not be provided (58), followed by CCYD could host Maesteg/Pencoed students (14) and then pupils would not go to sixth form (8).

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.

189 people responded to this question.



39% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal that Maesteg School and Pencoed Comprehensive both become sixth form centres and host pupils from CCYD and Cynffig. A further 28% disagreed with the proposal. 21% provided a neutral response. 10% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 2% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

74 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 (unsure if travel is available)	29
keep all sixth forms	8
Will cause overcrowding	8
Uncomfortable transition/lose relationships with teachers	6
CCYD should keep its sixth form	5
Agree - but transport should be provided	4
Better option as gives pupils a choice	4
Pupils will not go to sixth form	4
Increased capacity in the future will increase demand	2
Disagree with proposal	1
Part of our building is used by the council - we could expand there and take additional students	1
Would prefer to host other schools	1
Should have merged schools previously if you knew they would struggle financially	1

The most common responses were too far/too long/too expensive to travel (unsure if travel is available) (29), followed by keep all sixth forms (8) and will cause overcrowding (8).

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.

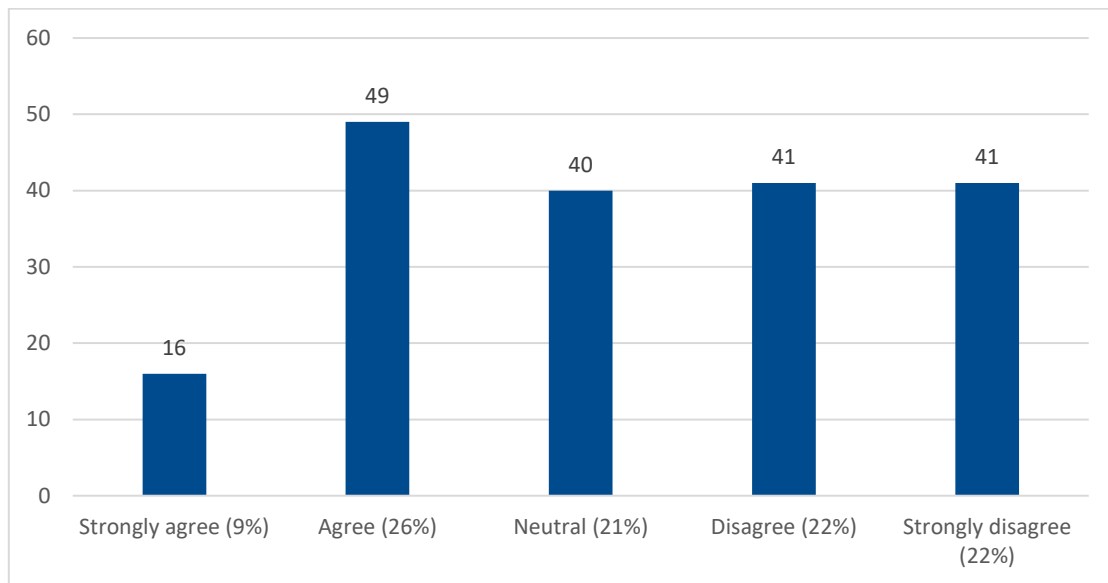
The overall list of preferred concepts are:

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	63	38%
2	Outcome A2 Brynteg school and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth for provision;	53	33%
3	Outcome A1 Brynteg School becomes a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Bryntirion Comprehensive	46	28%
4	Outcome C Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive	75	47%
5	Outcome E Maesteg School hosts a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	49	29%
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.	57	34%
7	Outcome D Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	66	40%

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).

187 people responded to this question.



26% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 9% strongly agreed with the proposal. 22% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 22% disagreed with the proposal. 21% provided a neutral response.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

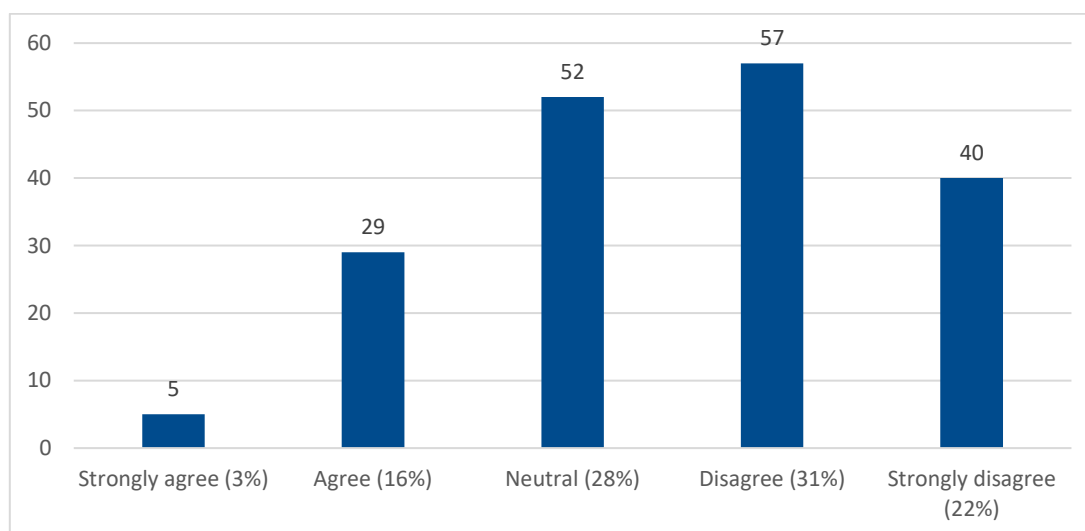
Theme	No.
Travel would be difficult/expensive if not provided	16
Will be overpopulated (more traffic, less support, more competition for spaces)	10
Agree with proposal as long as transport is provided	7
Town centre unsafe/ bad environment	7
Keep all sixth forms	5
Pupils will not go to sixth form	5
Where would the teachers be from?	5
If merging then you should merge all schools	4
Will be an uncomfortable transition	4
Will offer better opportunities	4
Bridgend college is unsuitable for high achieving students	3
Will be expensive, invest in sixth forms instead	3
Cultural difference between school and college	3
Agree with proposal	3
Less travelling than other options	2
There is space to expand at CCYD	2
Protect the valleys as there is nothing up there	1

Will not affect me	1
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The most common responses were travel would be difficult/expensive if not provided (16), followed by will be overpopulated (more traffic, less support, more competition for spaces) (10) and then agree with proposal as long as transport is provided (7) and town centre unsafe/ bad environment (7).

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.



31% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 22% strongly disagreed with the proposal. 28% provided a neutral response. 16% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 3% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

82 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 if transport is not provided	43
Keep sixth forms	8
What about students who want to study other subjects	7
Waste of money, invest in sixth forms	4
Would offer more opportunities	3
Will be overcrowded	3
Agree with proposal	2
Better than other options	2
Disagree with proposal	2
Pupils will not attend sixth form	2

Unsuitable environment for higher achieving learners	2
CCYD shows the consequences of merging schools - why allow this to occur for younger generations	1
There will be more competition for spaces	1
School and college should remain separate	1
Will take too long to build	1

The most common responses were too far/too long/too expensive if transport is not provided (43), followed by keep all sixth forms (8) and then what about students who want to study other subjects (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.

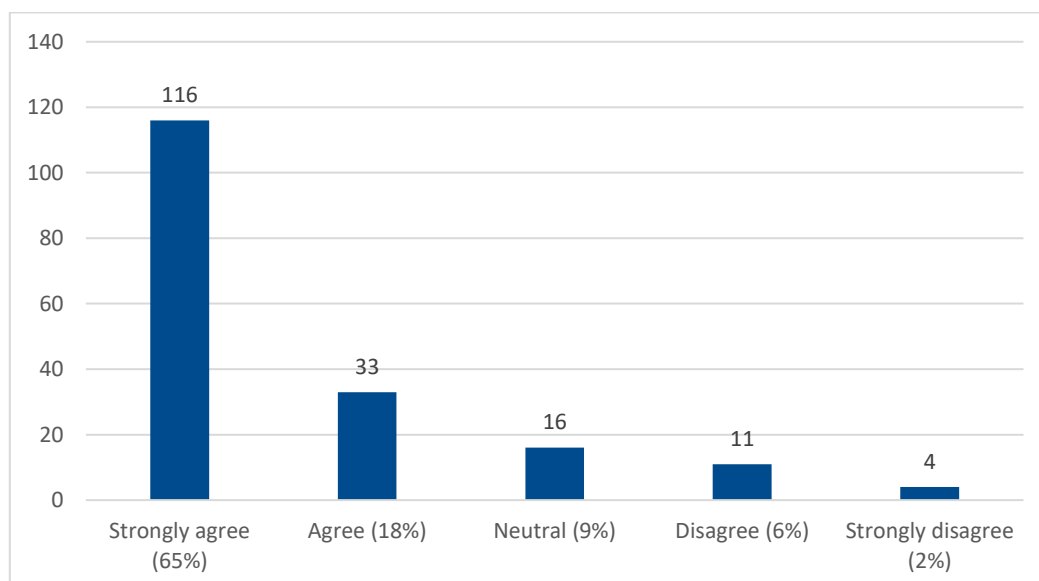
Respondents ranked outcomes A and B as:

- Outcome A Bridgend town centre sixth form centre run by the college (57%)
- Outcome B Sixth Form centre at Bridgend College's Pencoed campus run by the college (43%)

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)

180 people responded to this question.



65% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools and a further 18% of respondents agreed with this proposal. 9% provided a neutral response.

6% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 2% strongly disagreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

128 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
Will be in a familiar environment/ have good relationships with teachers	31
No additional travel will be needed	21
Improve collaboration/offer more subjects	11
This limits subject choice for pupils	8
If someone does not like the options in sixth forms they can attend a different school	5
Invest in sixth forms/ encourage pupils to stay on	5
Sixth form is an important part of the school/community	4
Unsure this is sustainable	2
Schools with enough pupils should remain, others should merge, or close all sixth forms and have a centre	1
Will not affect me	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal (39), followed by will be in a familiar environment/ have good relationships with teachers (31) and then no additional travel will be needed (21).

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) (78%);
- Option 2 a mix of school sixth form with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s) (12%).
- Option 1 a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s) (10%);

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.

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

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms/option three is best	43
People will not be able to afford to pay for transport	28
Additional travel is not fair for pupils	9
Keep sixth forms but improve collaborations to increase subject offer	8
Pupils would not come if they had to travel even further	7
People have positive relationships with teachers/familiar environment in sixth forms	6
Do not want to go to/ merge with college	4
Pupils will not come to sixth form if they merge	4
Option two is best	2
EMA should be given to everyone	2
Merging would negatively affect attainment	1
Option three does not offer any improvements	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms/option three is best (43), followed by people will not be able to afford to pay for transport (28) and then additional travel is not fair for pupils (9).