

Appendix 7 Cynffig 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.

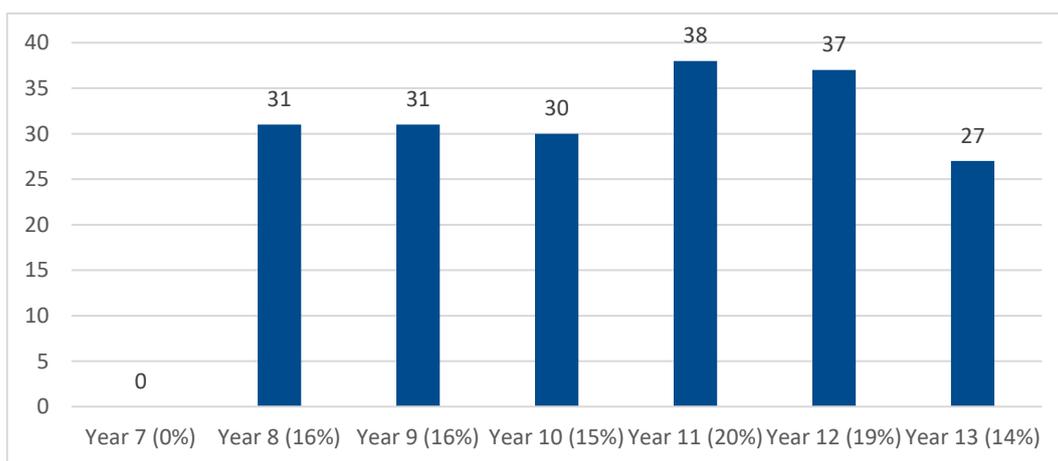
This report details the responses received in the Cynffig Comprehensive school engagement session. 194 learners were involved in the engagement session.

1.1 About you

1.1.1 Year group

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

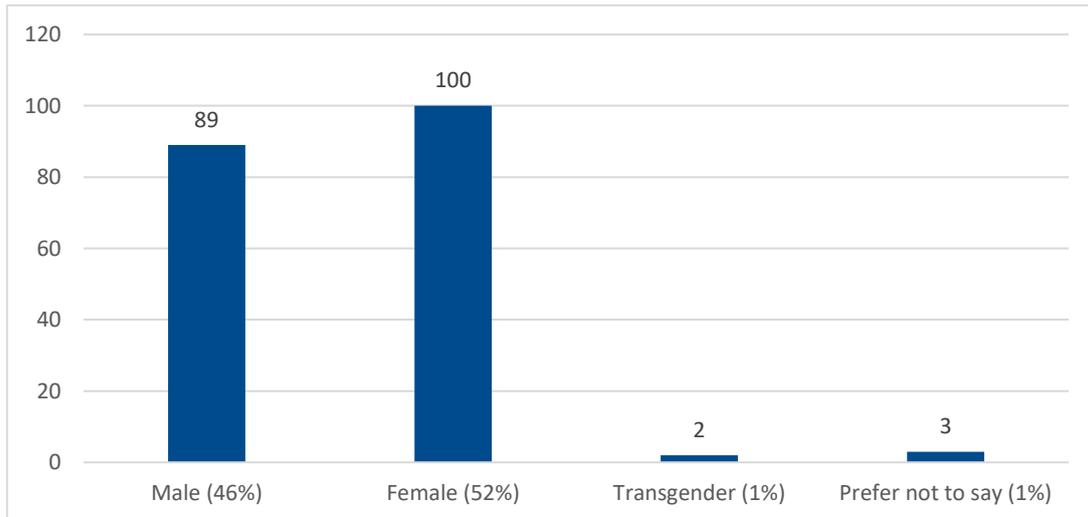
194 people responded to this question.



20% of respondents stated that they were in year 11, followed by year 12 (19%) and then year 8 (16%) and year 9 (16%).

1.1.2 Gender

194 people responded to this question.



52% of respondents stated that they were female and 46% stated male. 1% of respondents stated that they would prefer not to say and 1% stated they were transgender.

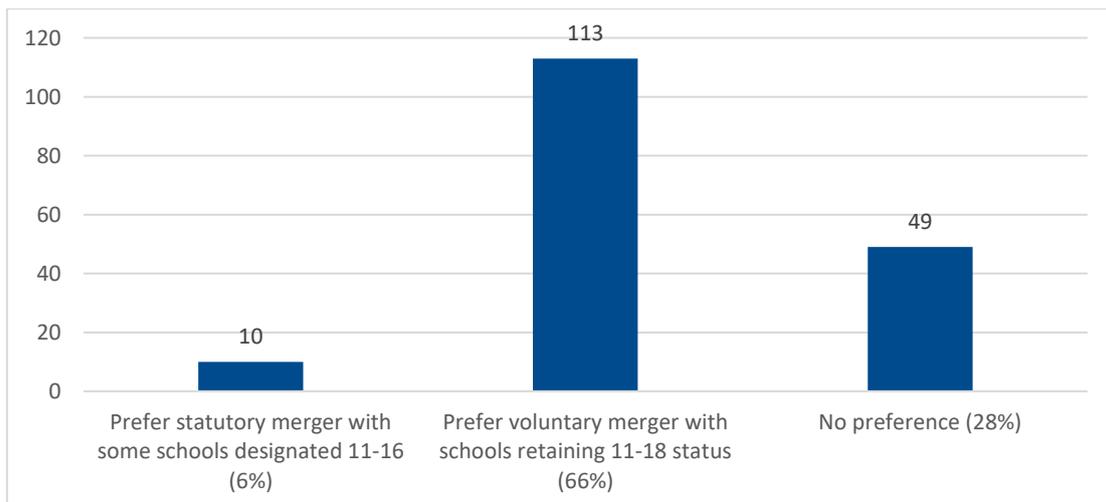
1.2 Survey questions

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

172 people responded to this question.

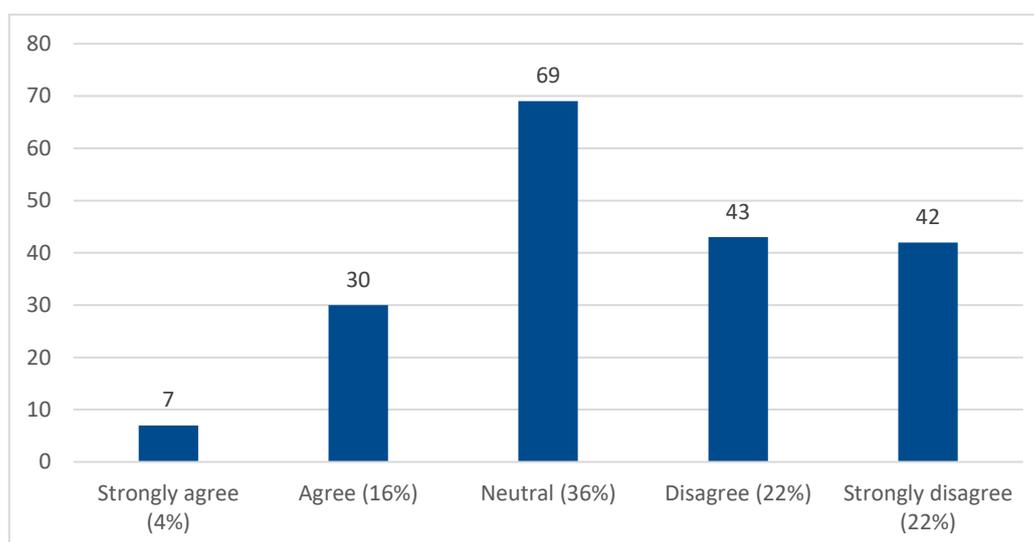


66% of respondents preferred voluntary merger with both schools training 11-18 status, 28% of respondents stated that they had no preference and 6% of respondents preferred a statutory merger with some schools being designated 11-16.

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

191 people responded to this question.



36% of respondents gave a neutral response to this proposal. 22% 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 22% disagreed. 16% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 4% strongly agreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

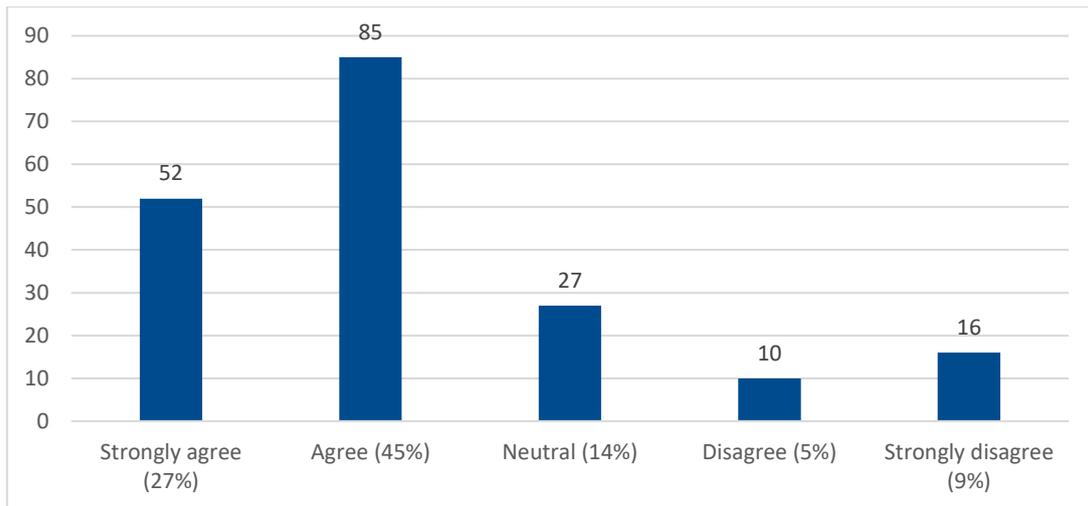
Theme	No.
Transport is unfair and will be expensive	14
Waste of money	12
Unsure of impact	11
Keep all sixth forms	10
Spend money on improving all sixth forms	7
Keep both sixth forms	3
More choice for young people	3
Smaller classes = better education	3
Sixth form will be too big/too many students	3
Agree with proposal	1
Brynteg has room for additional students	1
Disagree with proposal	1
More space for 11-16 at Bryntirion	1

Parents will send their children to Brynteg from year 7	1
Pupils will not know teachers	1
People will feel uncomfortable in classes	1

The most common responses were transport is unfair and will be expensive (14), followed by waste of money (12) and then unsure of impact (11).

1.2.2.2 Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form

190 people responded to this question.



45% agreed with the proposal that Porthcawl should keep its sixth form and a further 27% strongly agreed with the proposal. 14% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 9% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and 5% disagreed.

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

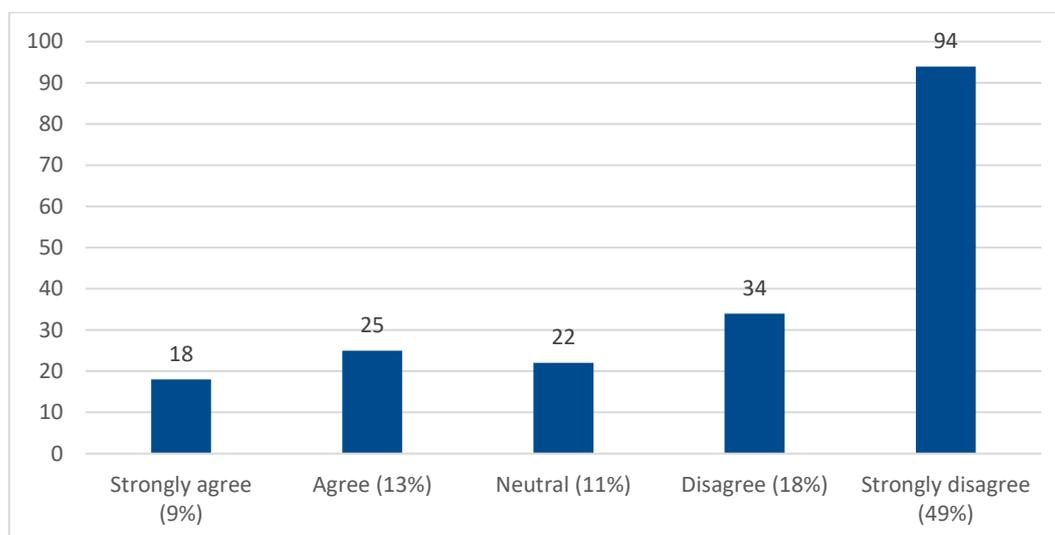
40 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal (Porthcawl sixth form should stay open)	19
All schools should keep their sixth forms	13
Disagree with proposal	2
Help/fund smaller sixth forms	2
May be cultural differences	1
Instead of merging small sixth forms - break up the larger ones	1
People will lose their familiar teachers	1
Unsure of impact	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal (Porthcawl sixth form should stay open) (19) followed by all schools should keep their sixth forms (13) and then disagree with proposal (2).

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

193 people responded to this question.



49% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 18% disagreed with the proposal. 13% of respondents agreed, and 9% strongly agreed with the proposal for Cynffig comprehensive to close or merge its sixth form with Porthcawl comprehensive. 11% provided a neutral response.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

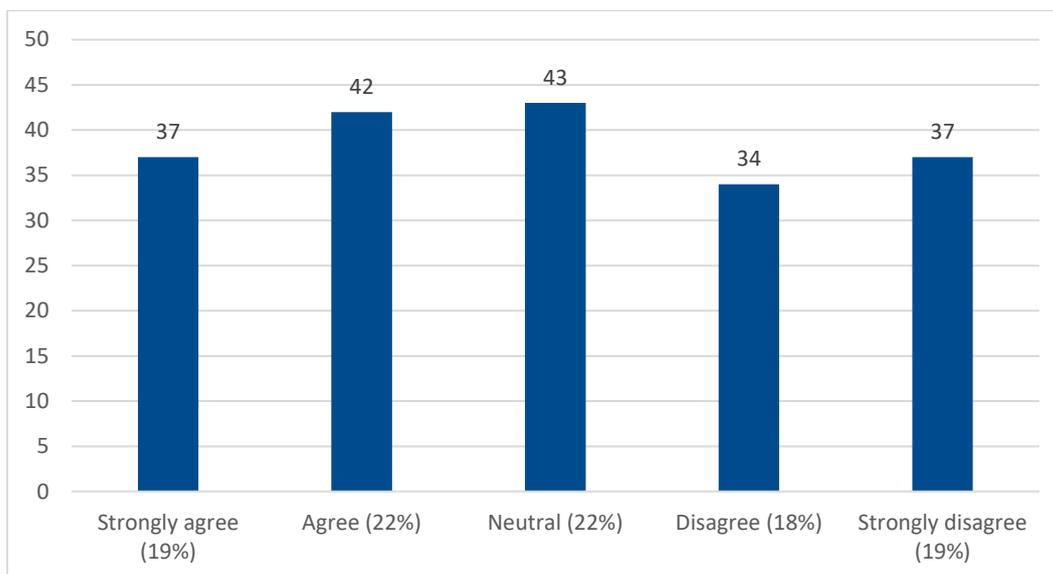
135 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Transport is expensive	25
Familiar environment/good relationships with teachers	20
Travel would be too difficult	18
Cynffig should keep its own sixth form.	17
Not enough facilities will be available/overpopulation	14
Agree with proposal	11
This would offer us more subject choices	11
Keep all sixth forms	7
Pupils will not go/return to sixth form	6
Negative cultural differences	3
Disagree with proposal	3

The most common responses were transport is expensive (25), followed by familiar environment/good relationships with teachers (20) and then travel would be too difficult (18).

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

193 people responded to this question.



22% of respondents agreed with the proposal that Cynffig could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from Pencoed and CCYD and a further 19% agreed with the proposal. 22% provided a neutral response. 19% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and 18% disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

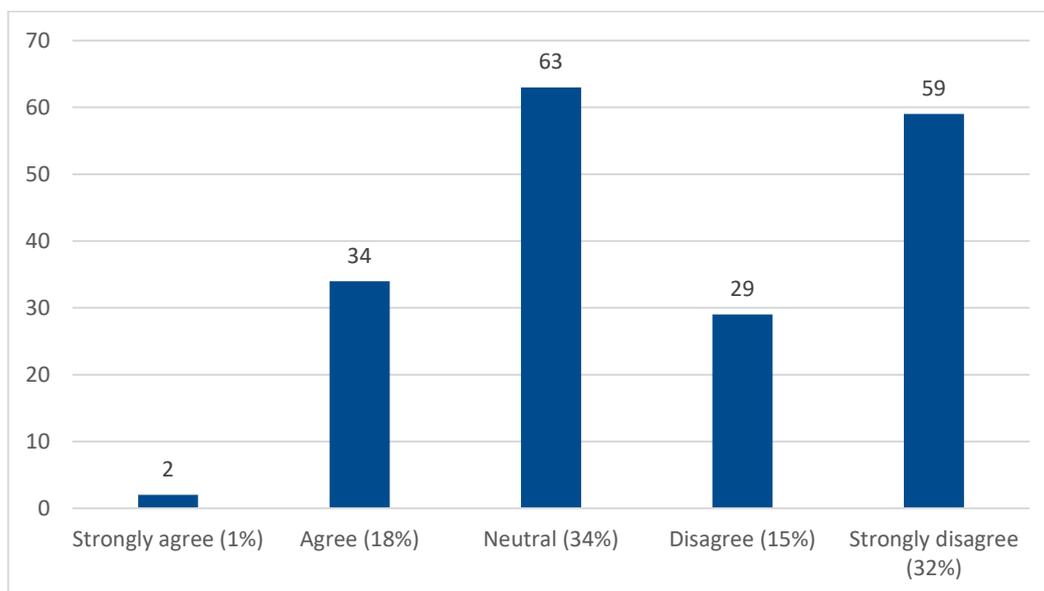
110 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
How would pupils travel here?	19
This would be unfair on these students	17
School will become overpopulated	14
Transport will be expensive for students	14
Agree with proposal	13
Keep all sixth forms	11
Cultural differences between schools	6
There is enough space to accommodate	6
We will have more subject choices	4
Disagree with proposal	2
Unsure of impact	2
Would increase student numbers	2

The most common responses were how would pupils travel here? (19), followed by this would be unfair on these students (17) and then school will become overpopulated (14) and travel will be expensive for students (14).

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.



34% provided a neutral response to this proposal. 32% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal that Maesteg School could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from CCYD. A further 15% disagreed with the proposal. 18% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 1% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

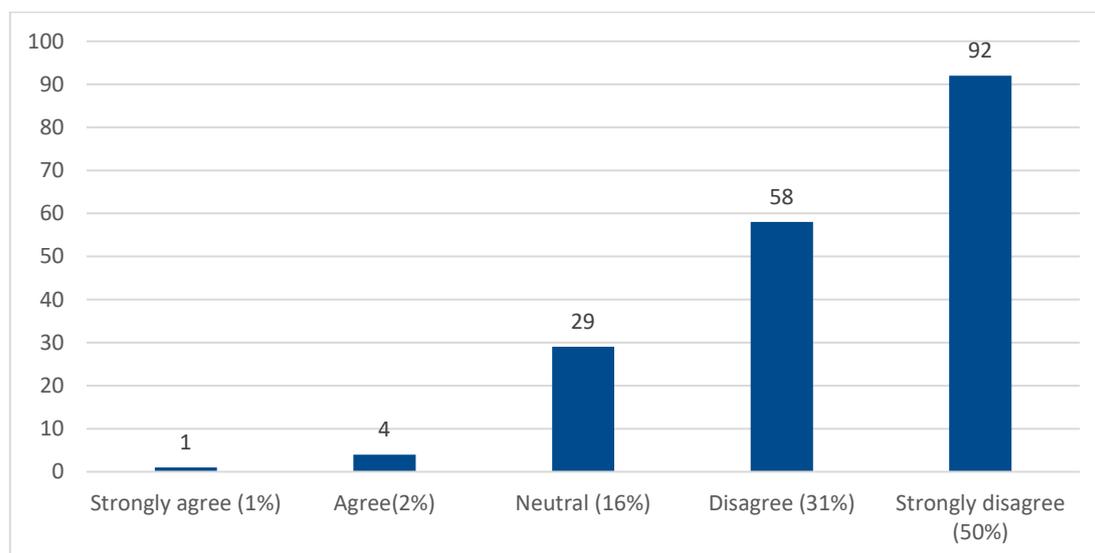
39 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms	8
Unsure of impact	7
Agree with proposal	6
Too far to travel (Inc. cost)	3
Will disrupt CCYD students	3
Will mean less pupils to Cynffig	3
Education should have priority over cost	2
Less travelling than other options	2
Schools will be overpopulated	2
Make savings elsewhere	1
Schools will not get along	1
Staff will lose jobs	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms (8), followed by unsure of impact (7) and then agree with proposal (6).

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.



50% 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 31% disagreed with the proposal. 16% provided a neutral response. 2% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 1% 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.
Travel is too far/too long	38
Transport is expensive	9
Cynffig should keep its sixth form	8
Cultural clashes	7
Will cause overpopulation at these schools	7
People would not go to sixth form	7
Keep all sixth forms	5
Will there be additional subject choices/ opportunities there?	3
Staff will lose jobs	2
Where would all the other students go?	1

The most common responses were travel is too far/too long (38), followed by transport is expensive (9) and then Cynffig should keep its sixth form (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.

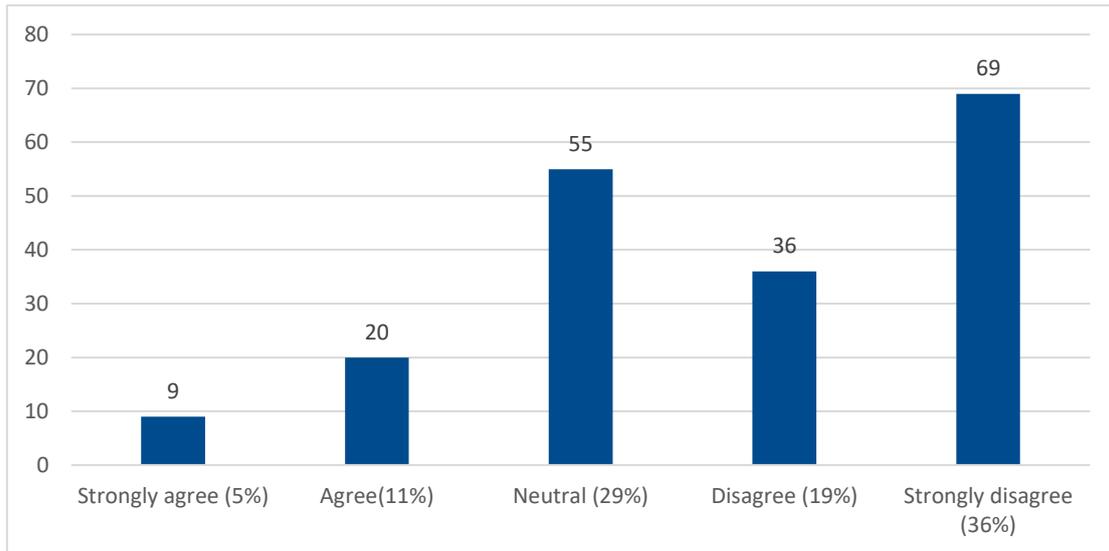
The overall list of preferred concepts are:

Rank	Outcome	Number of respondents who ranked each concept in position	% of groups who ranked each concept in position
1	Outcome D Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	85	55%
2	Outcome B Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form	39	26%
3	Outcome A1 Brynteg School becomes a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Bryntirion Comprehensive	36	25%
4	Outcome A2 Brynteg school and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth form provision;	44	30%
5	Outcome E Maesteg School hosts a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	28	19%
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.	31	20%
7	Outcome C Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive	42	27%

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 Cymunedol 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).

189 people responded to this question.



36% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 19% disagreed with the proposal. 29% provided a neutral response. 11% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 5% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

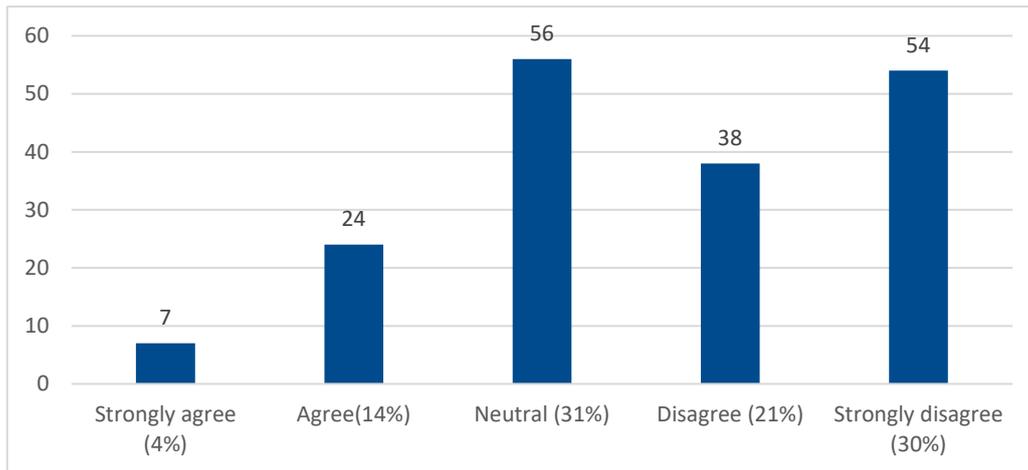
60 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal	13
Travel distance and costs	9
Would there be more subject choice/quality of teaching/support?	9
If pupils wanted to go to college they would just go	8
keep all sixth forms	7
Would cost too much to build	4
Disagree with proposal	4
It will take long to build	3
Would have to close all sixth forms to make it fair	1
Teachers may lose jobs	1
Too many students in one place	1

The most common responses were keep agree with proposal (13), followed by travel distance and costs (9) and would there be more subject choice/quality of teaching/support? (9).

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.

179 people responded to this question.



31% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 30% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 21% disagreed with the proposal. 14% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 4% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Travel is too far/too long	12
Keep all sixth forms	8
If pupils wanted to go to college they would just go	6
Transport is expensive	4
Agree with proposal	3
This is a good idea but should be optional for pupils	3
Unsure of impact	3
It would be a completely new thing for pupils attending the schools	1
Parents would choose a school with a 6th form	1

The most common responses were travel is too far/too long (12), followed by keep all sixth forms (8) and then if pupils wanted to go to college they would just go (6).

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.

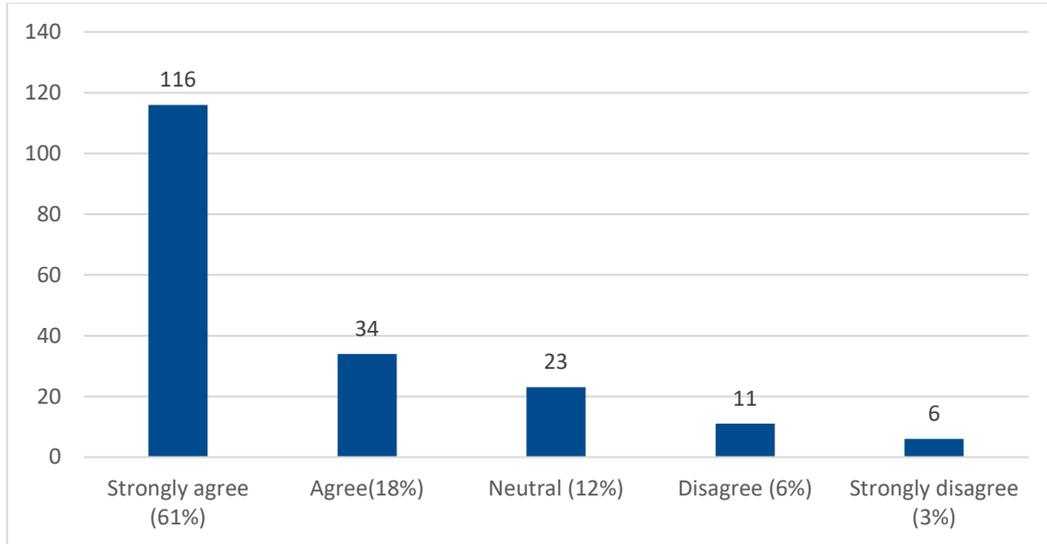
Respondents ranked outcomes A and B as:

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

190 people responded to this question.



61% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools and a further 18% of respondents agreed with this proposal. 12% provided a neutral response. 6% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 3% disagreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools.

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.
Agree with proposal - keep all sixth forms	39
Familiar/relationships/support	25
No additional travel	11
Invest in sixth forms/ Improve collaboration	10
Mergers may improve resources/options	10
Sixth form adds to a school's community	2
Sixth formers are positive role models in schools	2
Persuade more students to stay on for 6th form studies	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal/ keep all sixth forms (39), followed by familiar/relationships/support (25) and then no additional travel (11).

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) (50%);
- Option 1 a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s) (26%);
- Option 2 a mix of school sixth form with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s) (24%).

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.

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

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms	43
Pupils will be unable to pay for transport	14
If schools merge the schools should be local to each other	11
Invest/improve sixth forms and more students will attend	8
The options have too much travel for pupils	7
Improve collaborations	6
Sixth forms centres will offer more subject choice	5
Pupils will not continue to sixth form	3
Would prefer merger/sixth form centre	3
Pupils will not continue to sixth form if they change	3
Councils should merge to increase sixth form funding	2
Make savings elsewhere	1
Economic inequality - focussing on disadvantaged area	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms (43), followed by pupils will be unable to pay for transport (14) and then if schools merge the schools should be local to each other (11).