

Appendix 8 Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwydd

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.

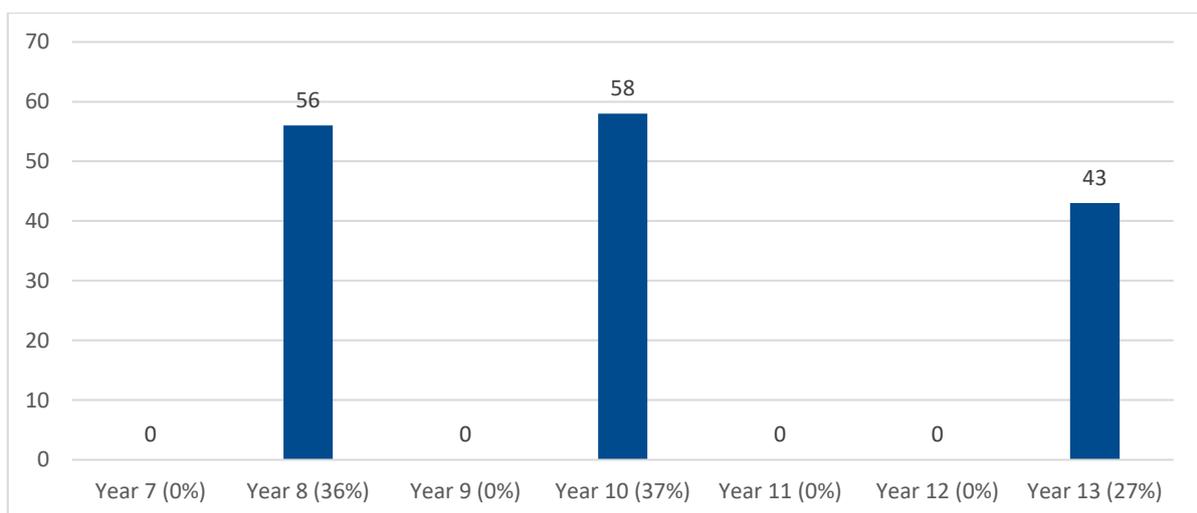
This report details the responses received in the YGG Llangynwydd engagement session. 161 learners were involved in the engagement session.

1.1 About you

1.1.1 Year group

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

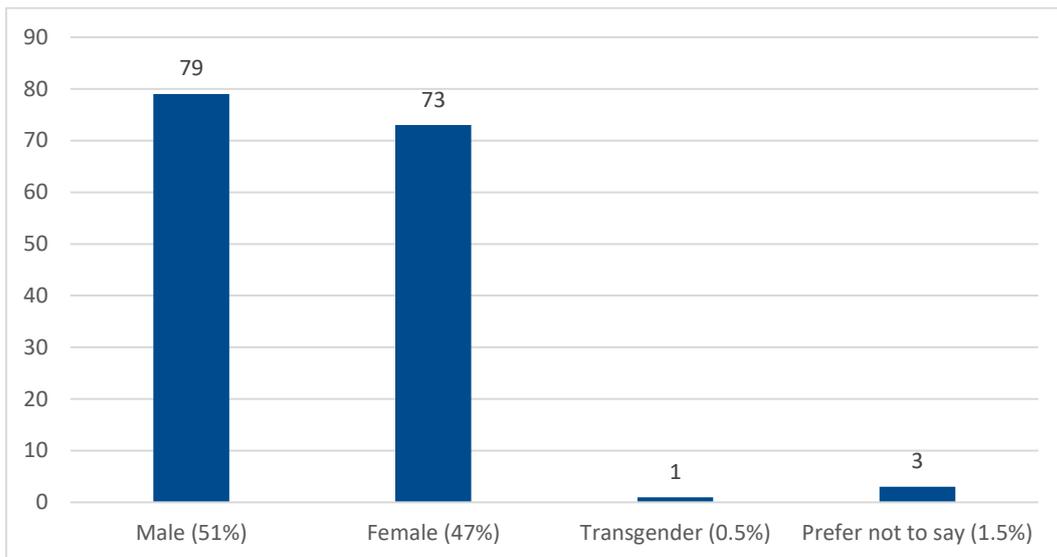
157 people responded to this question.



37% of respondents stated that they were in year 10, followed by year 8 (36%) and then year 13 (27%).

1.1.2 Gender

156 people responded to this question.



51% of respondents stated that they were male and 47% stated female. 1.5% of respondents stated that they would prefer not to say and 0.5% stated they were transgender.

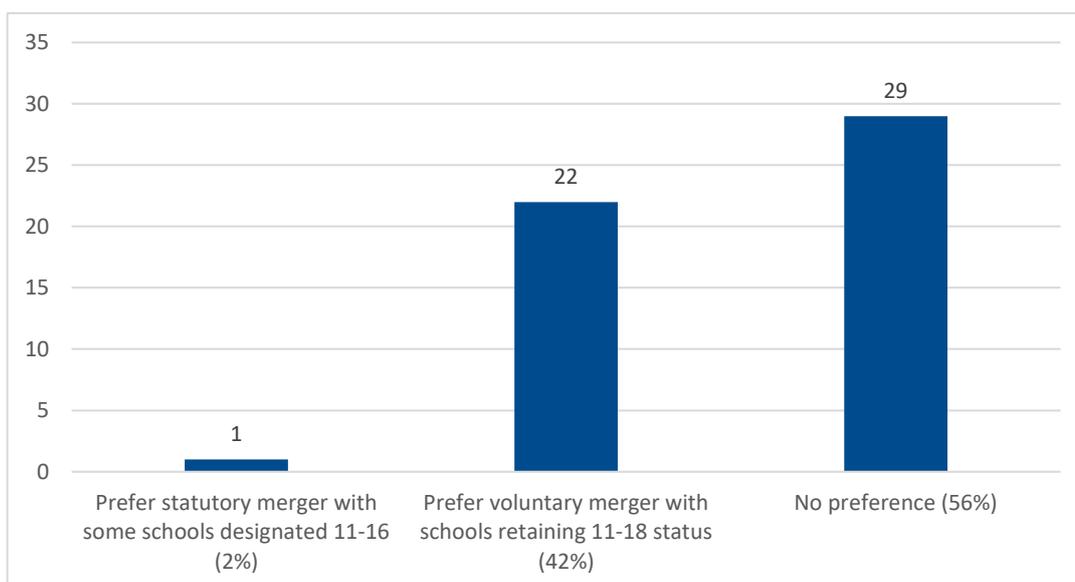
1.2 Survey questions

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

52 people responded to this question.

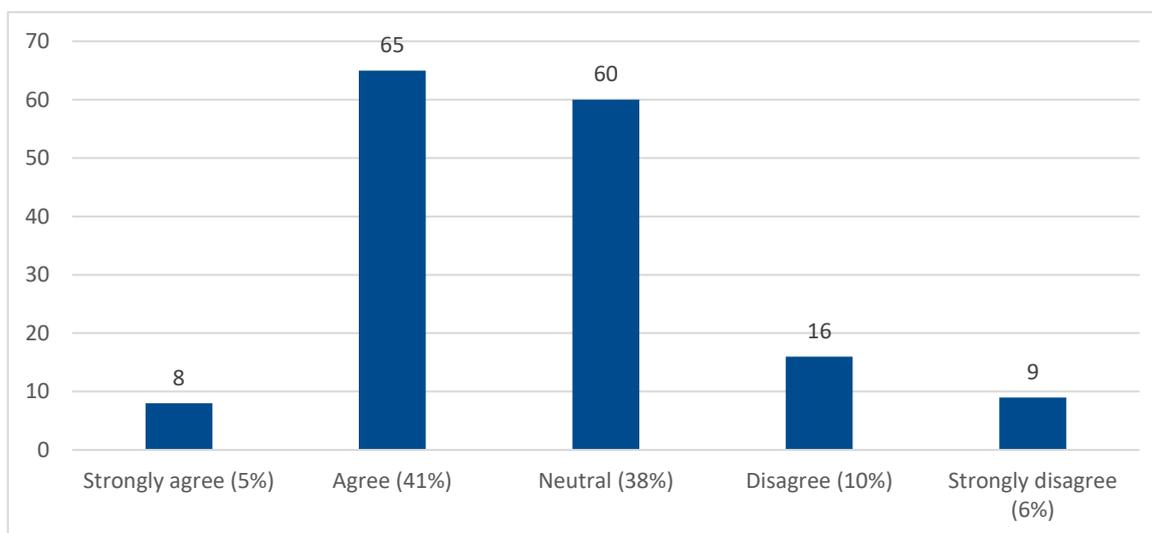


42% of respondents preferred voluntary merger with both schools training 11-18 status, 56% of respondents stated that they had no preference and 2% of respondents preferred a statutory merger with some schools being designated 11-16.

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

158 people responded to this question.



41% 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 5% strongly agreed. 38% of respondents gave a neutral responses. 10% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 6% strongly disagreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

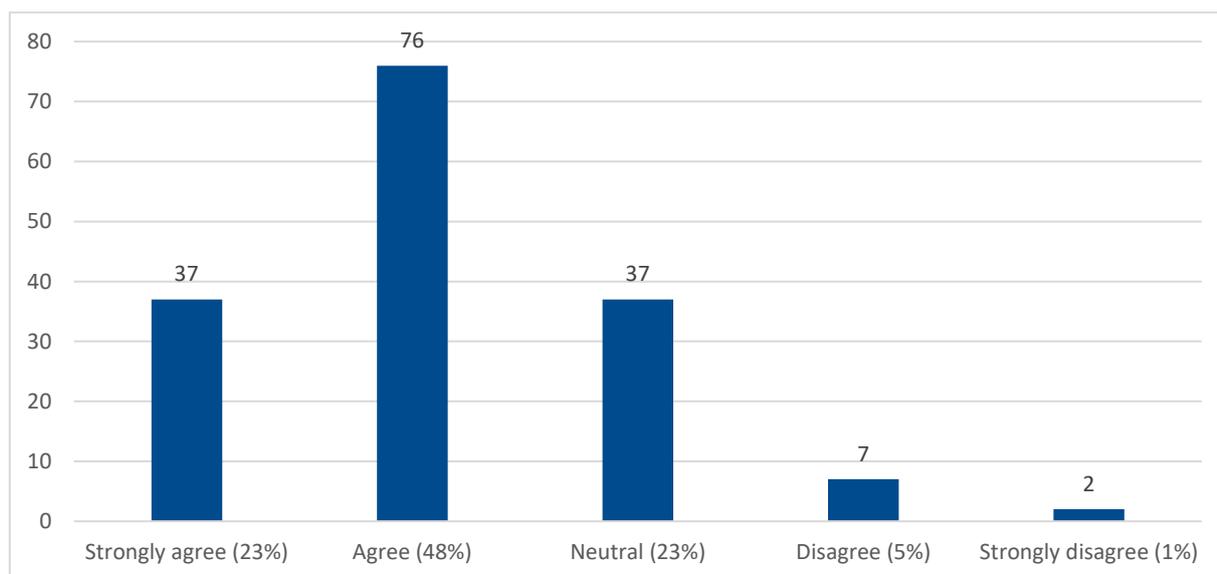
Theme	No.
Agree with proposal	11
Will be expensive to build	5
Does not affect me/ I have no opinion	3
Pupils from other schools may want to attend	3
Will be additional strain on teachers/resources	2
Siblings will be separated	2
Travel may be difficult/expensive	2
It will be good for 11-16 pupils	1
Must ensure sufficient Welsh medium education	1

Unfair to move pupils to a different school	1
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The most common responses were agree with proposal (11), followed by will be expensive to build (5) and then does not affect me/I have no opinion (3) and pupils from other schools may want to attend (3).

1.2.2.2 Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form

159 people responded to this question.



48% agreed with the proposal that Porthcawl should keep its sixth form and a further 23% strongly agreed with the proposal. 23% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 5% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and 1% disagreed.

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

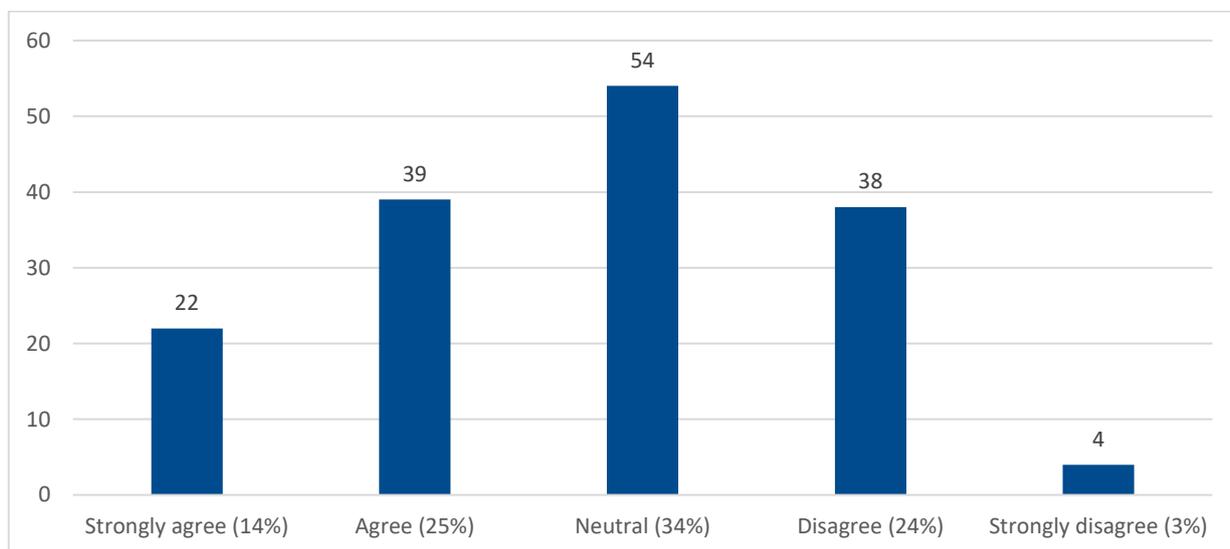
23 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal	8
Agree with proposal due to the schools location	4
Why is Porthcawl the only school to keep its sixth form	4
Distance should not be an issue - we travel to Llanhari	3
Does not affect me	1
Only smaller schools should merge	1
The less people that have to travel the better	1
What will happen if they exceed capacity in the future	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal (8) followed by agree with proposal due to the schools location (4) and why is Porthcawl the only school to keep its sixth form (4).

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

157 people responded to this question.



34% provided a neutral response to this proposal. 25% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 14% strongly agreed with the proposal. 24% of respondents disagreed, 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

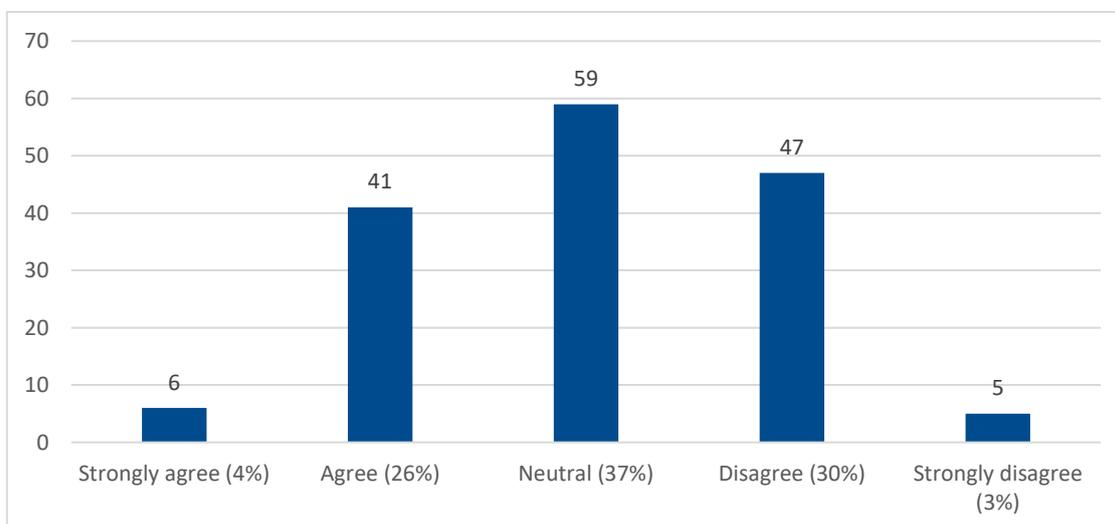
58 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Unfair for pupils to travel further and may be unable to pay for transport	25
Agree with proposal	11
May cause overcrowding at Porthcawl	8
Need to ask Cynffig and their pupils	4
Will offer more options/choices	4
Keep all sixth forms	3
Does not affect me	1
Porthcawl students could travel to Cynffig	1
Unsure of impact	1

The most common responses were unfair for pupils to travel further and may be unable to pay for transport (25), followed by agree with proposal (11) and then may cause overcrowding at Porthcawl (8).

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

158 people responded to this question.



37% provided a neutral response to this proposal. 30% of respondents disagreed with the proposal that Cynffig could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from Pencoed and CCYD and a further 3% disagreed with the proposal. 26% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 4% strongly agreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

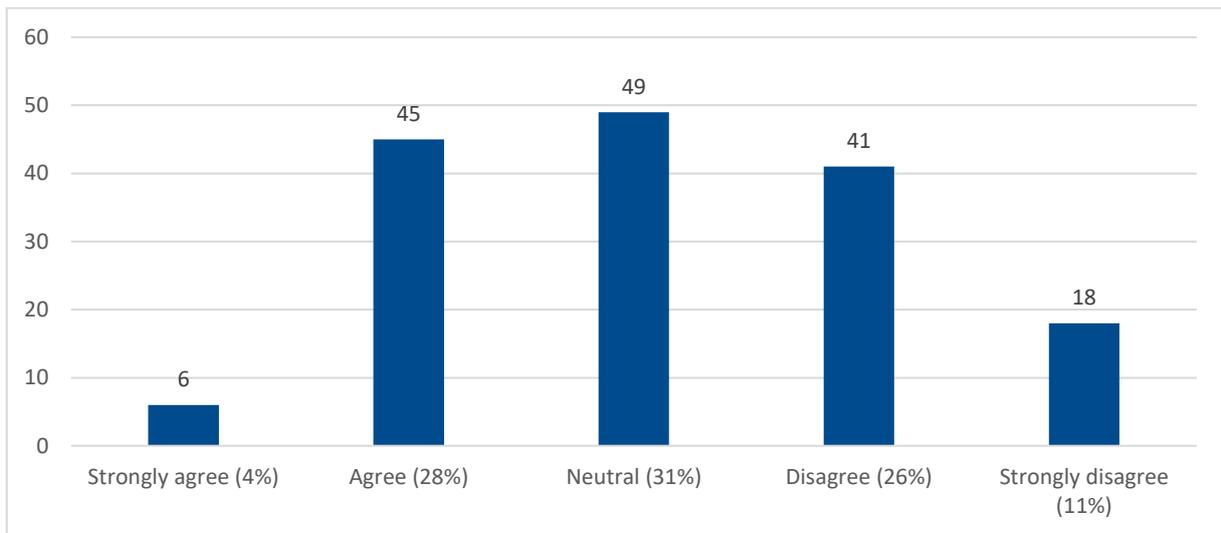
50 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
It is too far to travel and will be expensive if transport funding is cut	27
Agree with proposal	12
Does not affect me/ I have no opinion	3
Will be expensive	2
Disagree with proposal	2
Unfair to force pupils to merge - it should be a choice	2
May cause overcrowding	1
Will need additional staff	1

The most common responses were it is too far to travel and will be expensive if transport funding is cut (27), followed by agree with proposal (12) and then does not affect me/ I have no opinion (3).

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

159 people responded to this question.



31% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 28% of respondents agreed with the proposal that Maesteg School could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from CCYD and a further 4% agreed with the proposal. 26% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and 11% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

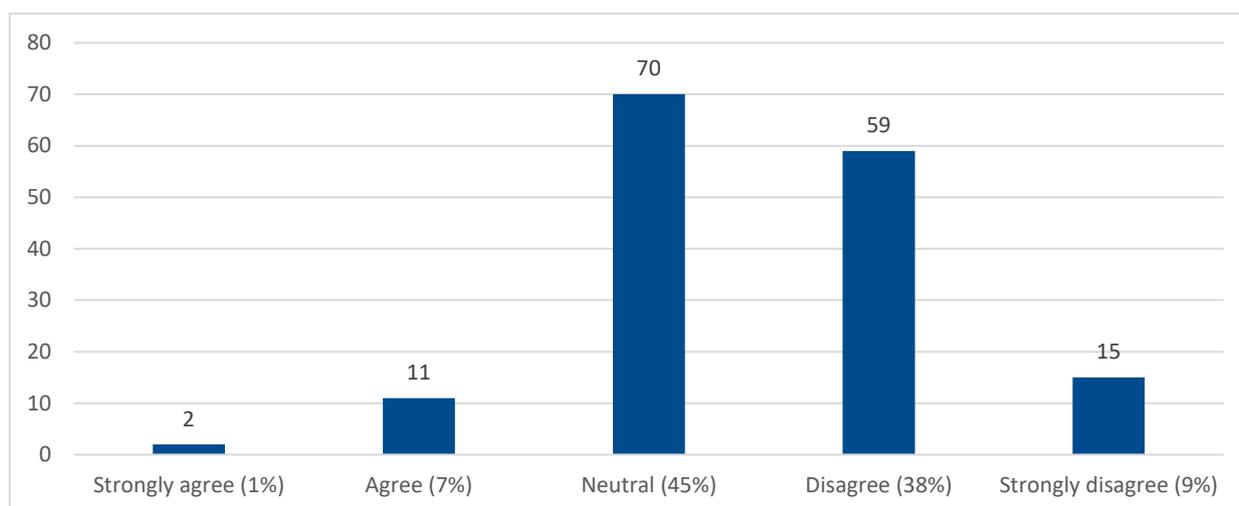
52 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
It is unfair for pupils to have additional travel and costs (if transport funding is cut)	33
Distance should not be an issue when we travel to Llanhari (expectations are unfair)	6
Agree with proposal	5
CCYD should keep its sixth form	2
Does not affect me	2
Better than CCYD going to Cynffig.	2
Pupils will not stay on to/leave sixth form	1
Unfair to ask pupils to change schools for sixth form	1

The most common responses were it is unfair for pupils to have additional travel and costs (if transport funding is cut) (33), followed by distance should not be an issue when we travel to Llanhari (expectations are unfair) (6) and then agree with proposal (5).

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.

157 people responded to this question.



45% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 38% 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 and a further 9% disagreed with the proposal. 7% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 1% strongly agreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Too much/too far to travel	19
Does not affect me/ I do not have an opinion	4
Pencoed should keep its sixth form because of its location	4
Agree with proposal	3
Not fair for the learners	3
Merging CCYD and Cynffig would be a better idea	2
It is not too far	1
School will be overcrowded	1
Should have four main sixth form centres in the borough	1

The most common responses were too much/too far to travel (19), followed by does not affect me/ I do not have an opinion (4) and Pencoed should keep its sixth form because of its location (4).

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.

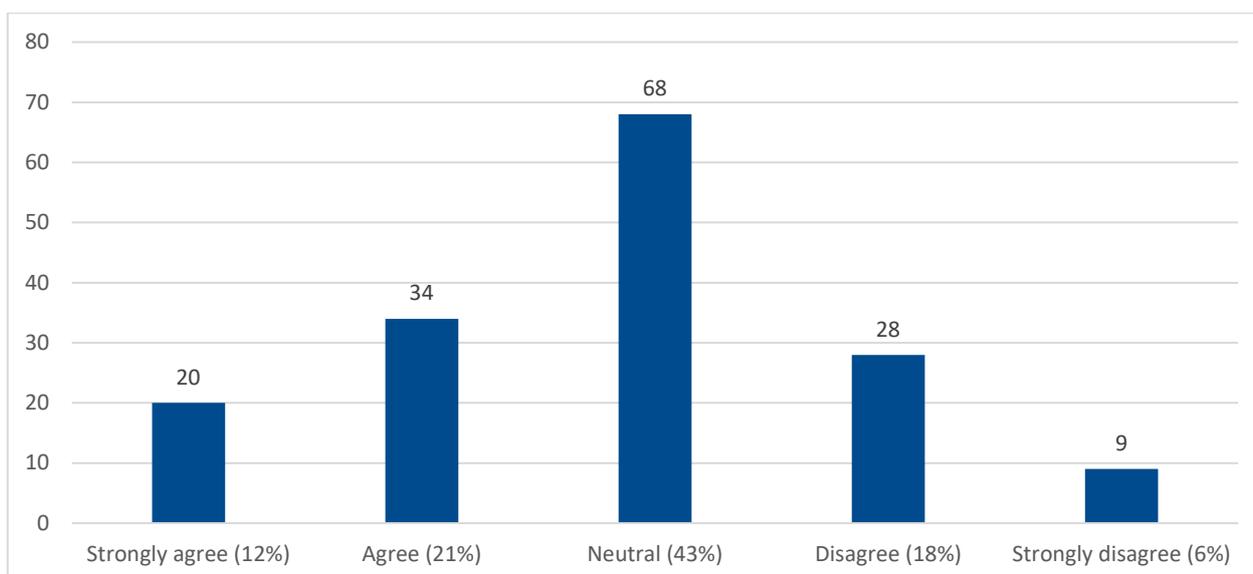
The overall list of preferred concepts are:

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	49	37%
2	Outcome C Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive	25	18%
3	Outcome A1 Brynteg School becomes a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Bryntirion Comprehensive	33	26%
4	Outcome A2 Brynteg school and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth for provision;	46	36%
5	Outcome E Maesteg School hosts a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	21	16%
6	Outcome D Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	36	28%
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.	45	35%

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).

159 people responded to this question.



43% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 21% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 12% strongly agreed with the proposal. 18% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 6% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

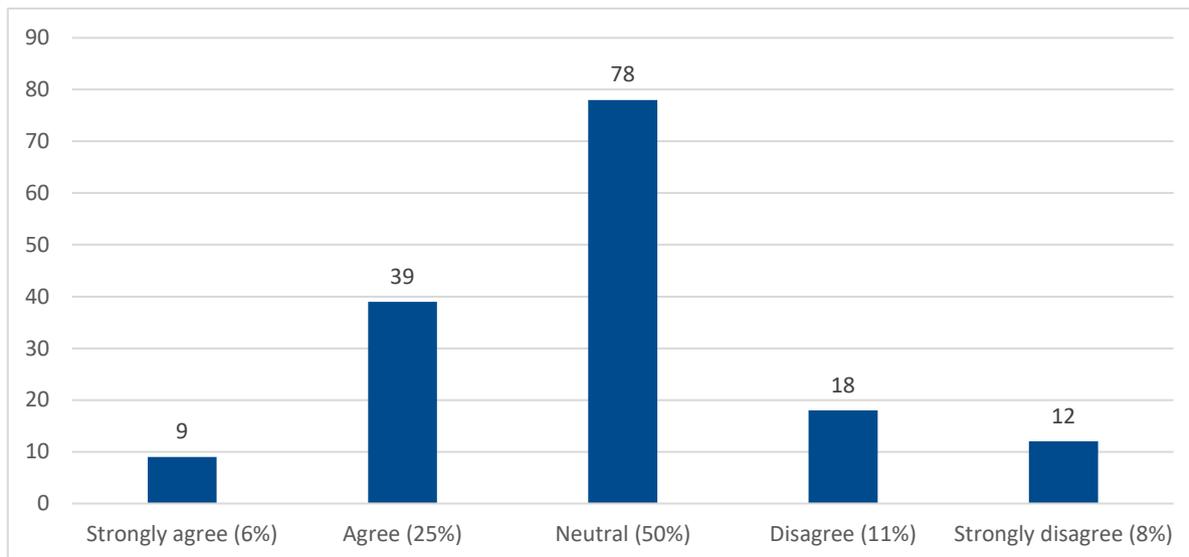
24 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal	7
It will be too big	4
Does not affect our school	3
This would be fair for all schools	2
Some young people may not like to go to Bridgend town	1
CCYD should keep its sixth from	1
Disagree as it will be expensive to build	1
If Cynffig will attend the centre then why not Porthcawl?	1
Keep all sixth forms	1
There will be nowhere to park	1
I do not think pupils will want to go somewhere new	1
Will have good subject choices and resources	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal (7), followed by it will be too big (4) and then does not affect our school (3).

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.

156 people responded to this question.



50% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 25% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 6% strongly agreed with the proposal. 11% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 8% strongly disagreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Welsh school will not be offered the same courses/new facilities	10
Transport will be expensive	2
Agree with proposal	1
All sixth forms should go there	1
Having sixth forms and the centre would be best	1
Pupils will not want to move sixth forms	1
Town centre would be a better location	1

The most common responses were Welsh school will not be offered the same courses/new facilities (10), followed by transport will be expensive (2).

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.

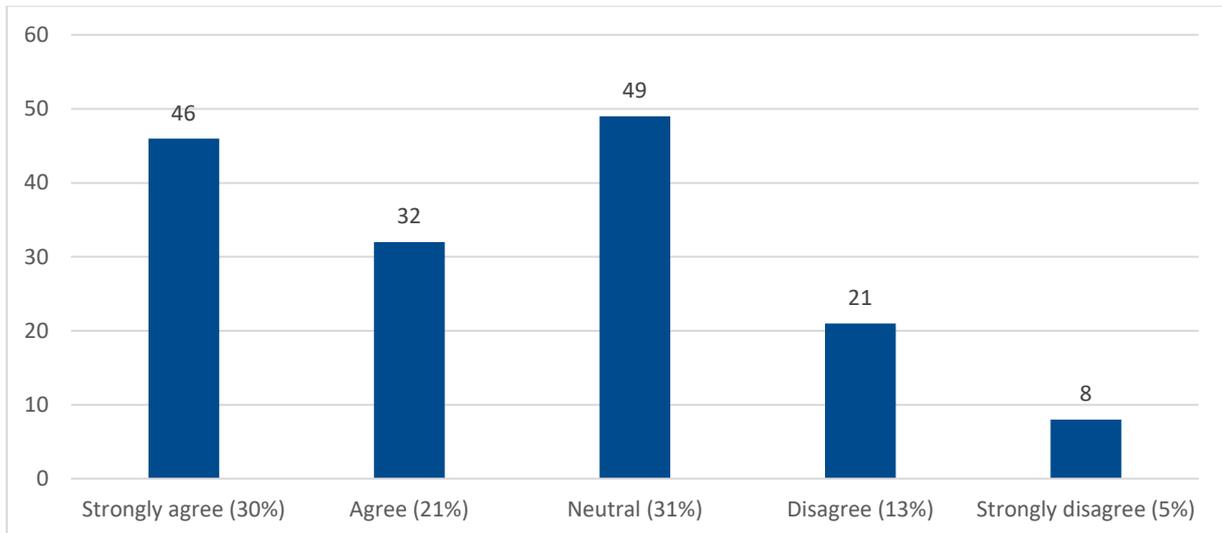
Respondents ranked outcomes A and B as:

- 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)

156 people responded to this question.



31% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 30% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools and a further 21% of respondents agreed with this proposal. 13% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 5% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Easiest/best option	16
Some sixth forms should be kept open and some should merge (smaller sixth forms)	9
Welsh school has to travel/needs investment	4
This is not financially sustainable option	3
A large sixth form would be overcrowded	1
It would be nice to build a sixth form centre	1

The most common responses were easiest/best option (16), followed by some sixth forms should be kept open and some should merge (smaller sixth forms) (9) and then Welsh school has to travel/needs investment (4).

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) (44%);
- Option 1 a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s) (33%);
- Option 2 a mix of school sixth form with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s) (23%).

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.

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

Theme	No.
Welsh sixth form should be kept and have the same options/facilities as other schools	29
Keep all sixth forms	27
A new Sixth form centre would be a good idea and offer additional opportunities	8
Merge smaller sixth forms	8
Travel will be difficult for pupils in some of the options	8
Need to improve collaboration	3
How will you get the money for some of these options?	1
I feel unsure	1
Some of the options are unfair for some schools	1
Why are some schools protected from additional transport when we have to travel to Llanhari	1
What about a sixth form boarding school?	1

The most common responses were Welsh sixth form should be kept and have the same options/facilities as other schools (29), followed by keep all sixth forms (27).