

Appendix 9 Maesteg 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.

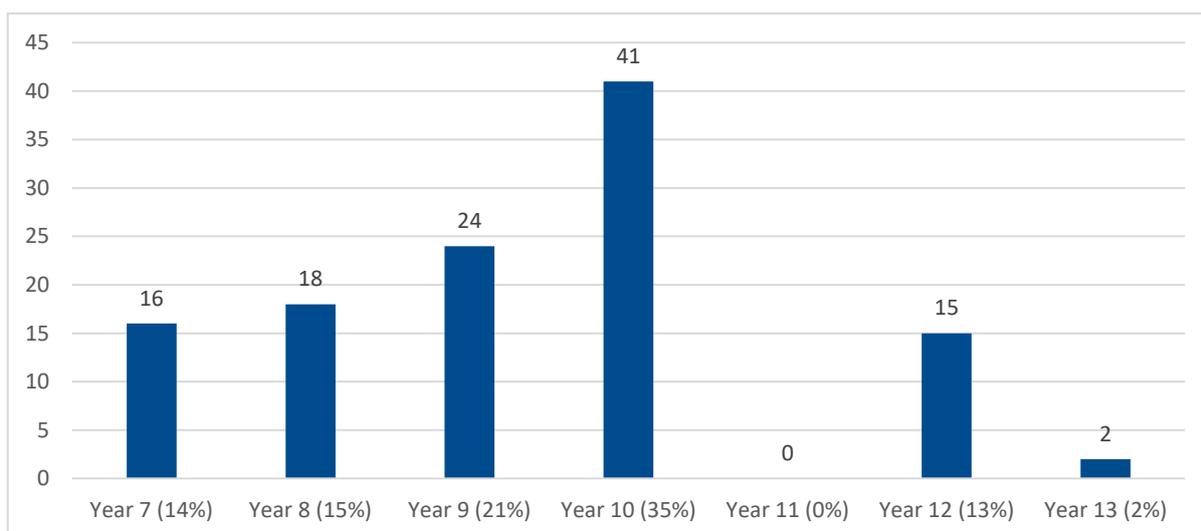
This report details the responses received in the Maesteg Comprehensive school engagement session. 122 learners were involved in the engagement session.

1.1 About you

1.1.1 Year group

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

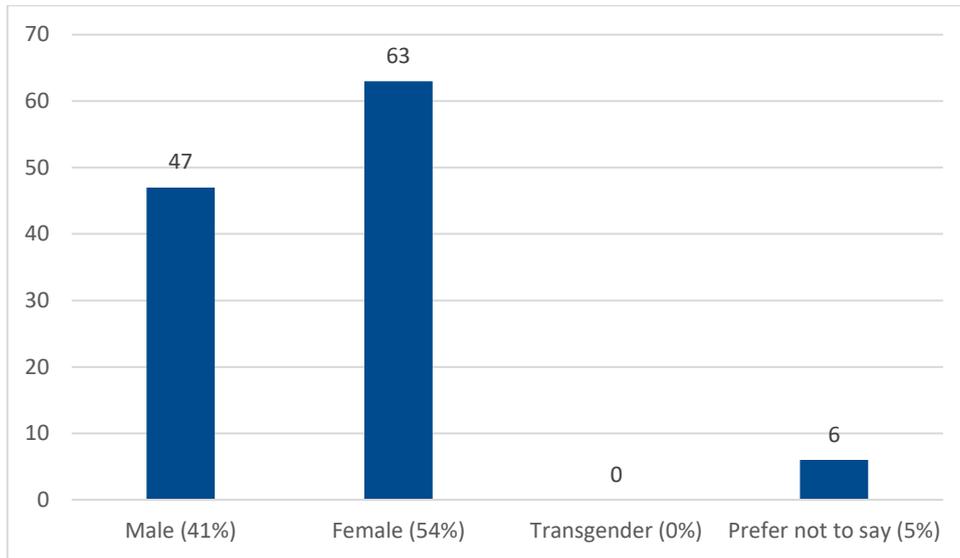
116 people responded to this question.



35% of respondents stated that they were in year 10, followed by year 9 (21%) and then year 8 (15%).

1.1.2 Gender

116 people responded to this question.



54% of respondents stated that they were female and 41% stated male. 5% of respondents preferred not to say.

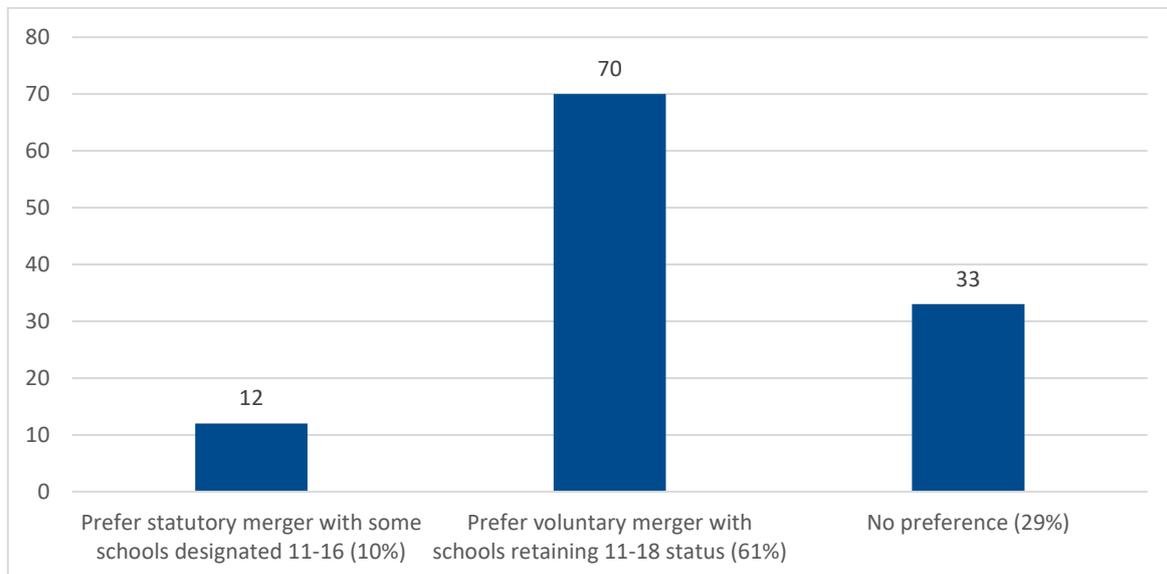
1.2 Survey questions

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

115 people responded to this question.

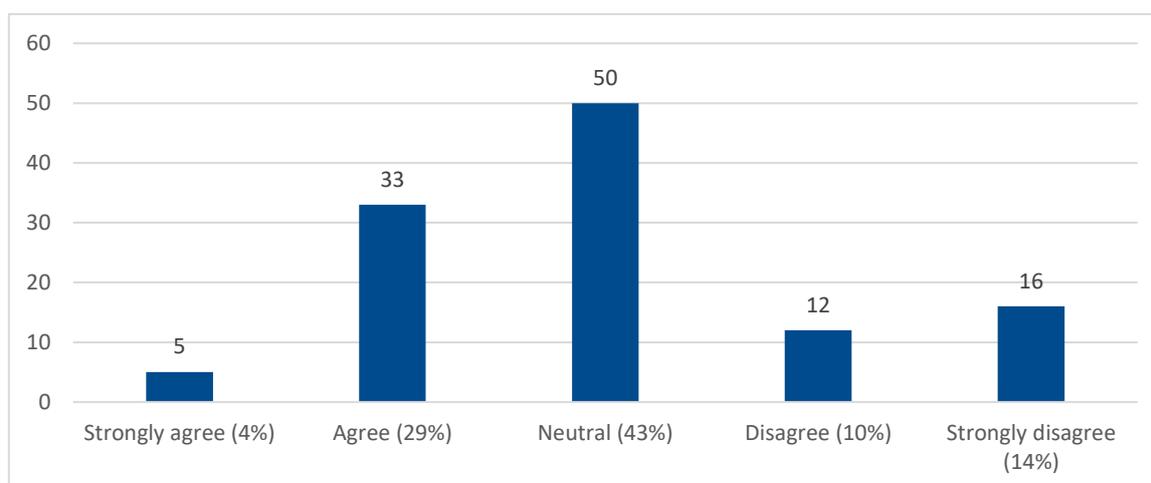


61% of respondents preferred voluntary merger with both schools training 11-18 status, 29% of respondents stated that they had no preference and 10% of respondents preferred a statutory merger with some schools being designated 11-16.

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

116 people responded to this question.



43% of respondents gave a neutral response to this proposal. 29% 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 4% strongly agreed. 10% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 14% strongly disagreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

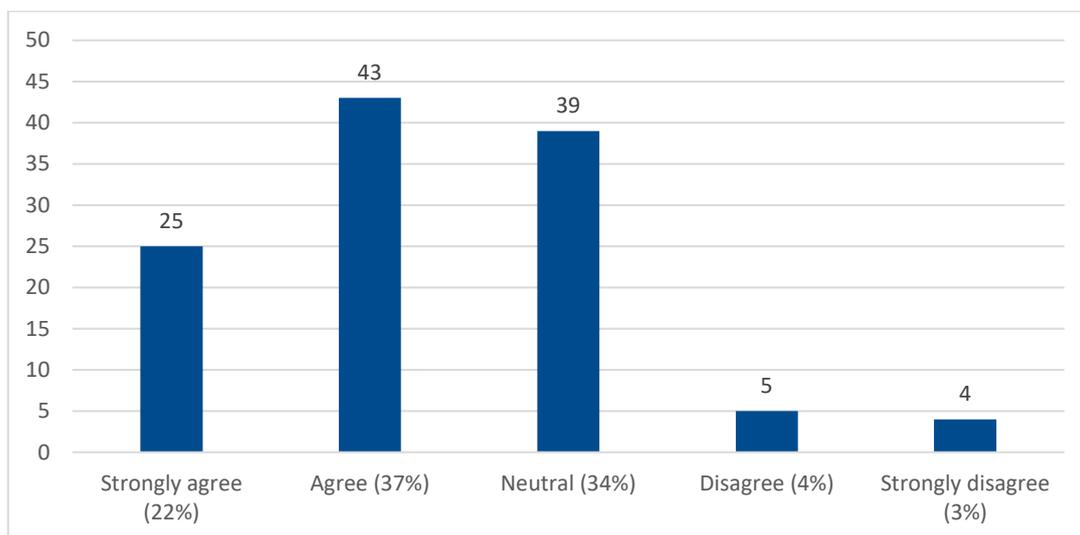
15 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
How will the council pay for this?	4
Agree with proposal	2
Disagree with proposal	2
Will offer more subject choices	2
Will mean additional travel	2
Keep all sixth forms	1
Will cause overpopulation	1
Does not affect me	1

The most common responses were how will the council pay for this? (4), followed by agree with proposal (2), disagree with proposal (2), will offer more subject choices (2) and will mean additional travel (2).

1.2.2.2 Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form

116 people responded to this question.



34% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 37% agreed with the proposal that Porthcawl should keep its sixth form and a further 22% strongly agreed with the proposal. 3% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and 4% disagreed.

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

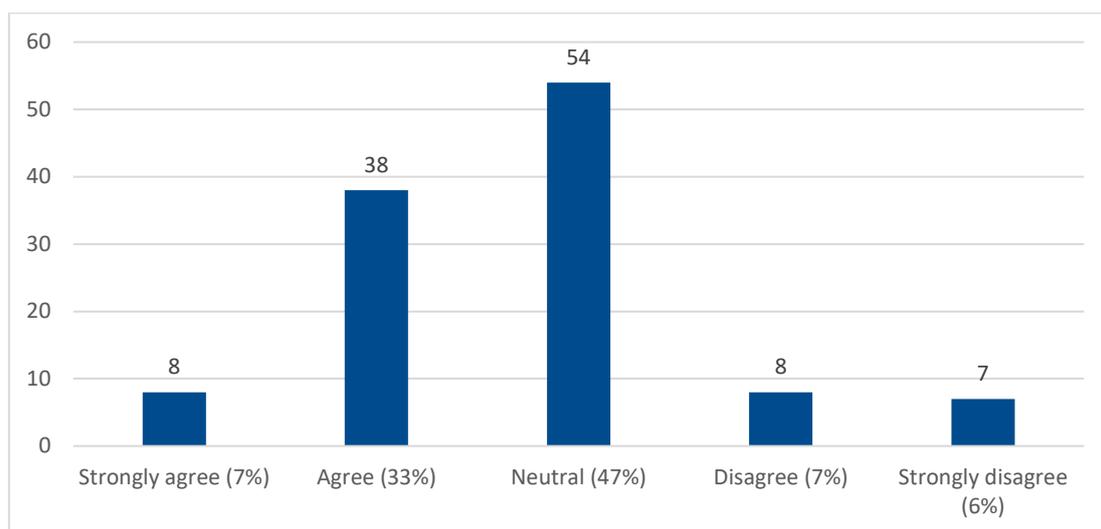
7 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal	2
Maesteg should keep its sixth form	2
Transport will be too expensive for pupils	2
Disagree with proposal	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal, Maesteg should keep its sixth and transport will be too expensive for pupils (2).

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

115 people responded to this question.



47% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 33% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 7% strongly agreed with the proposal for Cynffig comprehensive to close or merge its sixth form with Porthcawl comprehensive. 7% of respondents disagreed, and 6% strongly disagreed with this proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

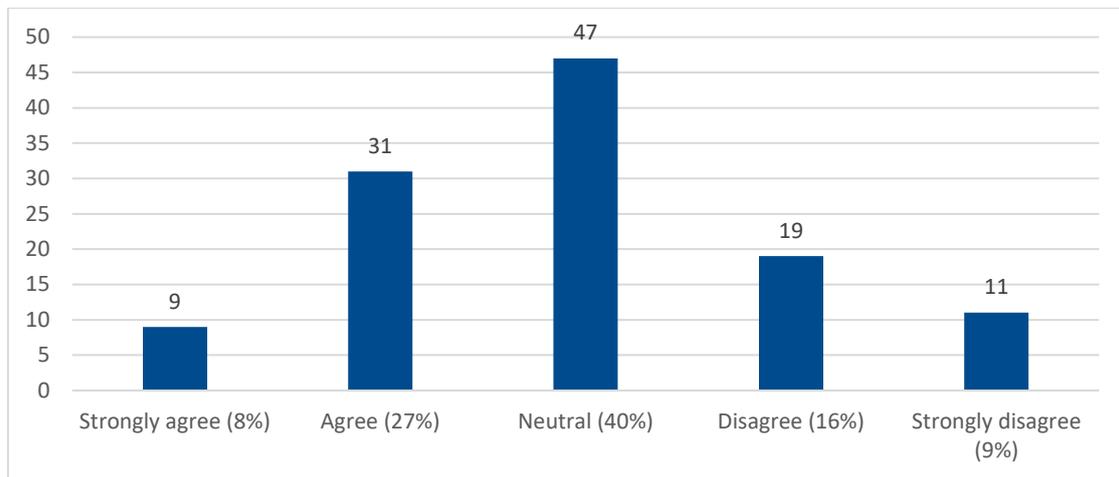
31 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Pupils will have too much additional travel	10
Agree with proposal	6
Transport is expensive for pupils	5
Will cause overpopulation/not enough space	4
Pupils will have to get up early	2
Keep all sixth forms	2
Disagree with proposal	1
Pupils might not want to stay on for sixth form	1

The most common responses were pupils will have too much additional travel (10), followed by agree with proposal (6) and then transport is too expensive for pupils (5).

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

117 people responded to this question.



40% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 27% of respondents agreed with the proposal that Cynffig could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from Pencoed and CCYD. A further 8% strongly agreed with the proposal. 16% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and 9% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

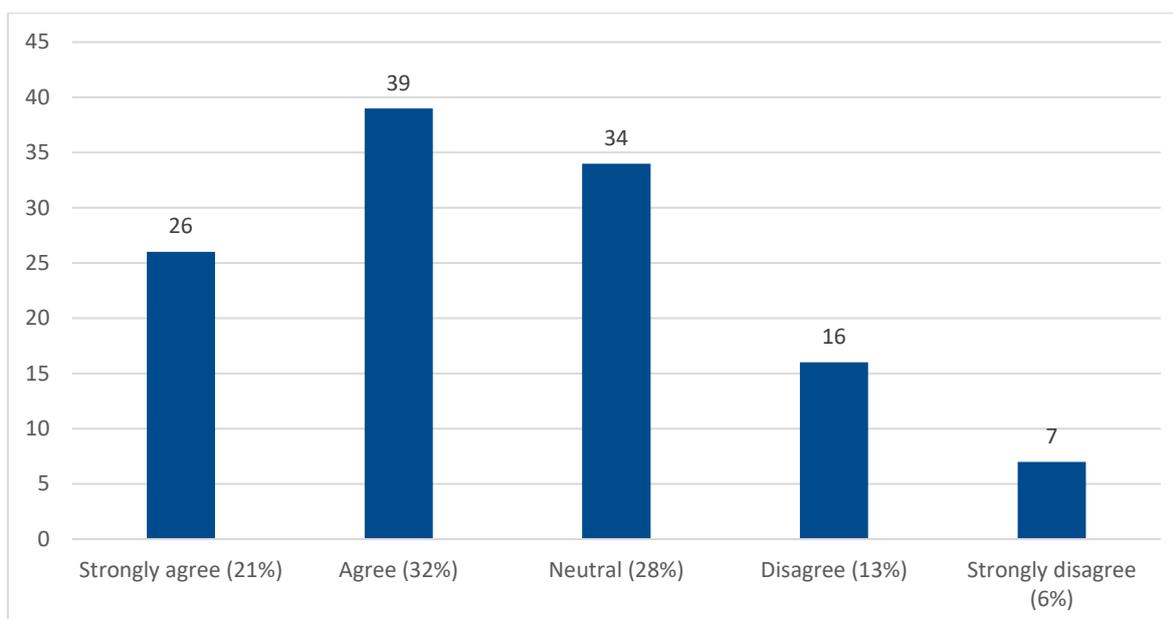
15 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal	4
Transport costs/travel issues for pupils	4
Keep all sixth forms	3
There would not be enough space for all students to attend	3
Would provide pupils with more options	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal (4), and transport costs/travel issues for pupils (4) followed by keep all sixth forms (3) and there would not be enough space for all students to attend (3).

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

122 people responded to this question.



32% of respondents agreed with the proposal that Maesteg School could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from CCYD and a further 21% agreed with the proposal. 28% provided a neutral response. 13% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and 6% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

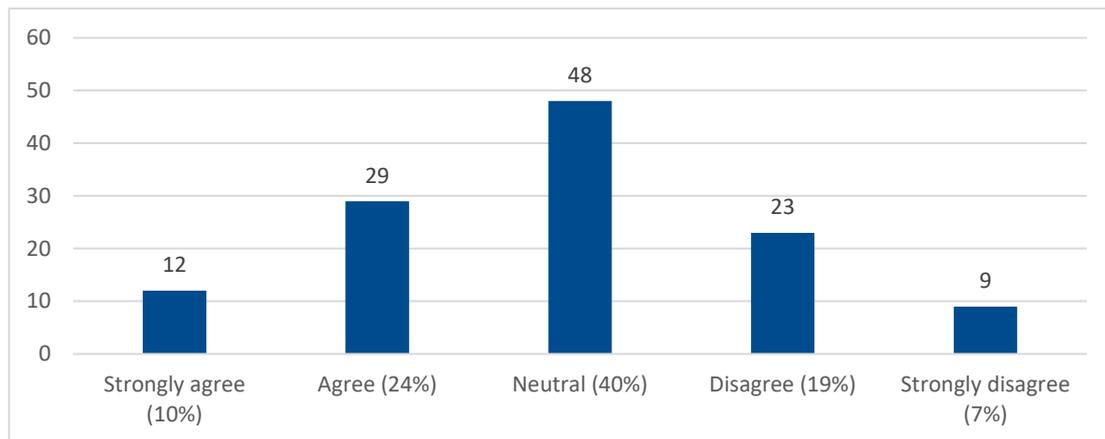
56 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
May not have enough space/may cause overpopulation	19
CCYD pupils would have to travel a longer distance	11
Would offer more subject choice	7
This is a good idea	6
Will be hard for CCYD pupils to come to another school	6
Unsure but would not mind	2
Will mean more space at CCYD	2
No additional travelling for Maesteg pupils	1
School may change with new students coming in	1
Unsure of how additional subjects would be timetabled	1

The most common responses were may not have enough space/may cause over population (19), followed by CCYD pupils would have to travel a longer distance (11) and then would offer more subject choice (7).

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.

121 people responded to this question.



40% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 24% of respondents 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 10% strongly agreed with the proposal. 19% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and 7% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
There is not enough space for a larger sixth form in Maesteg	10
Difficult for pupils to travel	6
How would pupils be split between the schools?	5
Pupils may not want to be split	5
Agree with proposal	4
This is overcomplicated	2
Would offer more subject choices	2
Does not impact me	1
If Pencoed is going to exceed capacity why send more students there	1

The most common responses were there is not enough space for a larger sixth form in Maesteg (10), followed by difficult for pupils to travel (6) and then how would pupils split between the schools (5) and pupils may not want to split (5).

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:

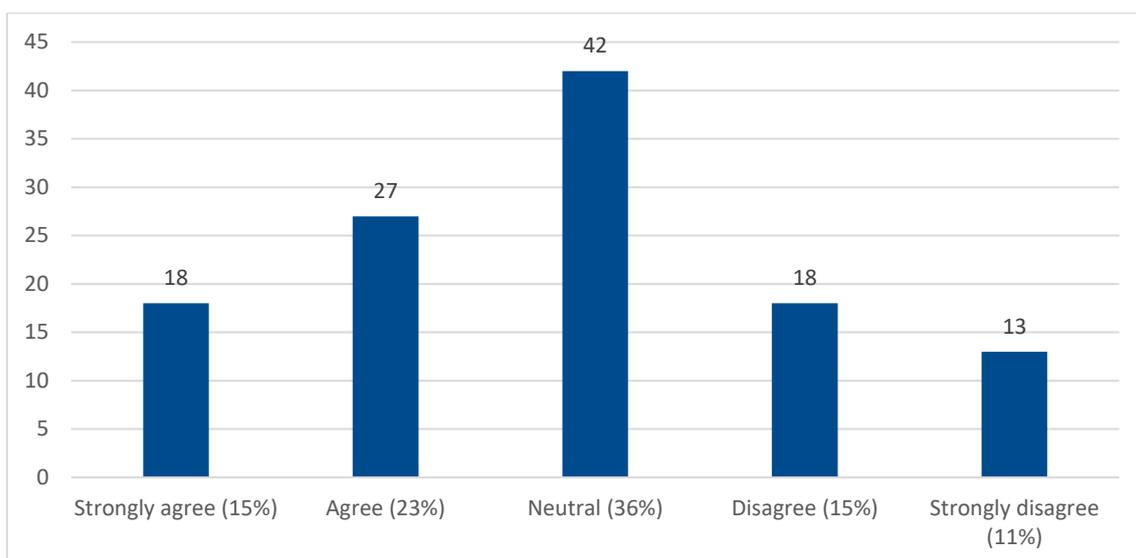
Rank	Outcome	Number of respondents who	% of groups who ranked
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		ranked each concept in position	each concept in position
1	Outcome F Maesteg School and Pencoed Comprehensive both become sixth form centres and host sixth form students from Cynffig Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.	48	42%
2	Outcome E Maesteg School hosts a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	34	29%
3	Outcome A2 Brynteg school and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth for provision;	26	22%
4	Outcome A1 Brynteg School becomes a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Bryntirion Comprehensive	30	25%
5	Outcome B Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form	20	19%
6	Outcome C Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive	32	27%
7	Outcome D Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	24	20%

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).

118 people responded to this question.



36% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 23% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 15% strongly agreed with the proposal. 15% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 11% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

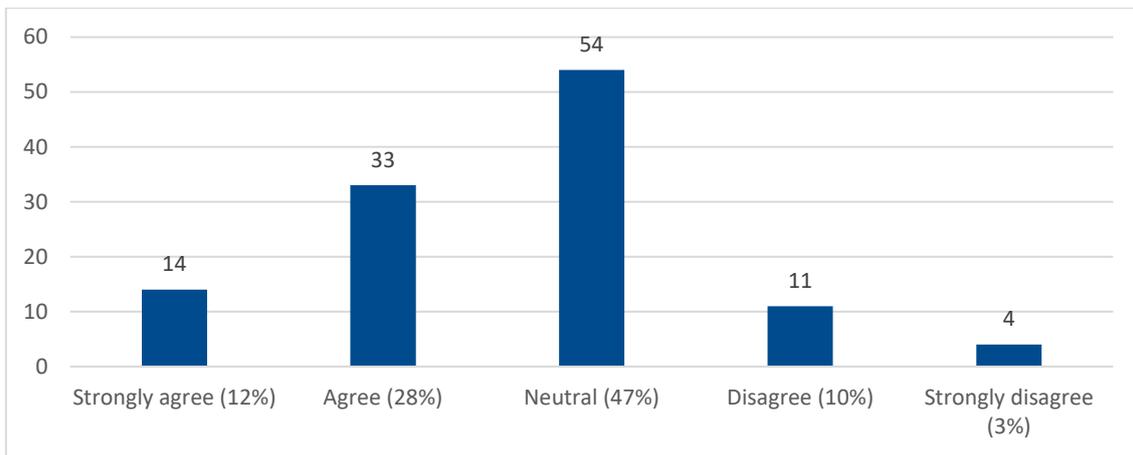
14 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms	5
Expensive to build	3
It is very interesting	2
Does not impact me	1
Would offer more opportunities	1
Agree with proposal	1
Businesses in town may have to close to make room for centre	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms (5), followed by expensive to build (3) and then it is very interesting to me (2).

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.

116 people responded to this question.



47% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 28% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 12% strongly agreed with the proposal. 10% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 3% strongly agreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
New opportunities could come with this.	3
Invest in sixth forms instead of new buildings	2
Agree with proposal	1
May cause overpopulation at Pencoed	1
Does not impact me	1
Depends on the space	1
Pupils may be split from friends	1
Travel issues for pupils	1

The most common responses were new opportunities could come with this (3), followed by keep all sixth forms (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.

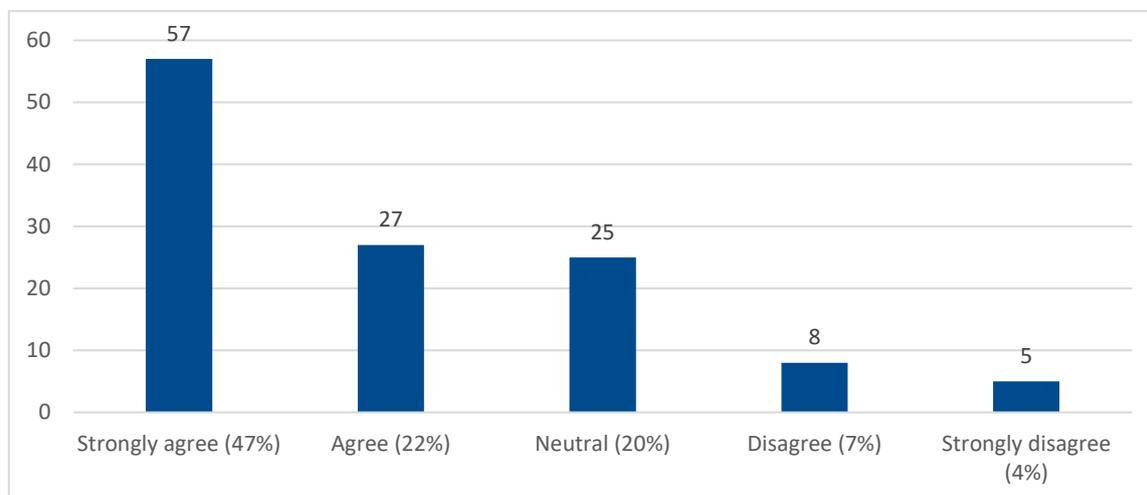
Respondents ranked outcomes A and B as:

- Outcome 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)

122 people responded to this question.



47% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools and a further 22% of respondents agreed with this proposal. 20% provided a neutral response. 7% 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

23 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
Pupils should have equal access to subject choices	4
Agree with proposal	2
Improve collaboration	2
Invest in sixth forms	2
It is easier	2
Pupils know the teachers	2
Aligning timetables will be difficult	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms (8), followed by pupils should have equal access to subject choices (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) (58%);
- Option 1 a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s) (22%);
- Option 2 a mix of school sixth form with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s) (20%).

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.

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

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms	28
Should have more/equal access to subject choices	21
Improve collaboration	10
Having a sixth form in schools provides a familiar environment where sixth forms are part of the community	7
Invest in sixth forms and school facilities	5
Keeping sixth forms means no additional travel	5
Merging sixth forms could provide more opportunities	4
Build a college campus - more subjects/opportunities	3
Will not impact me	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms (28), followed by should have more/equal access to subject choices (21) and then improve collaboration (10).