

Appendix 10 Pencoed Comprehensive School/Penybont Sixth Form College

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.

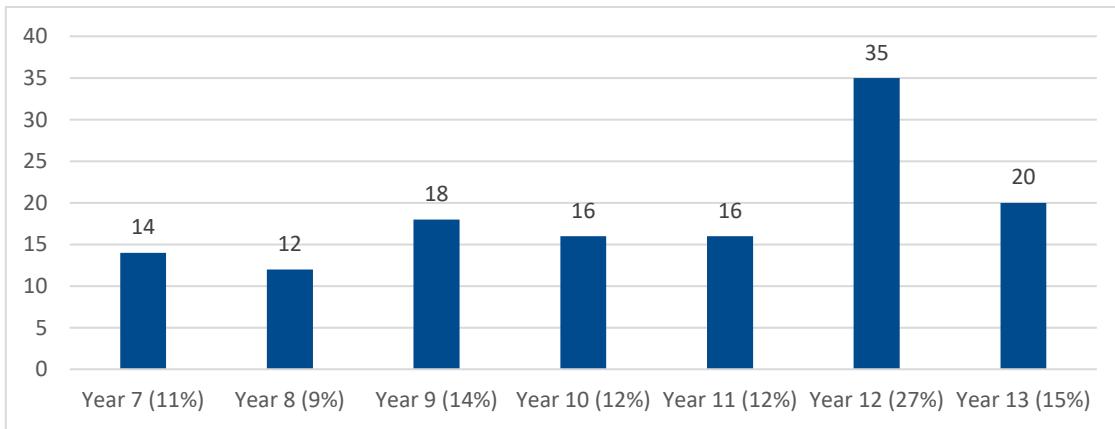
This report details the responses received in the Pencoed Comprehensive School / Penybont Sixth Form College engagement session. 134 learners were involved in the engagement session.

1.1 About you

1.1.1 Year group

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

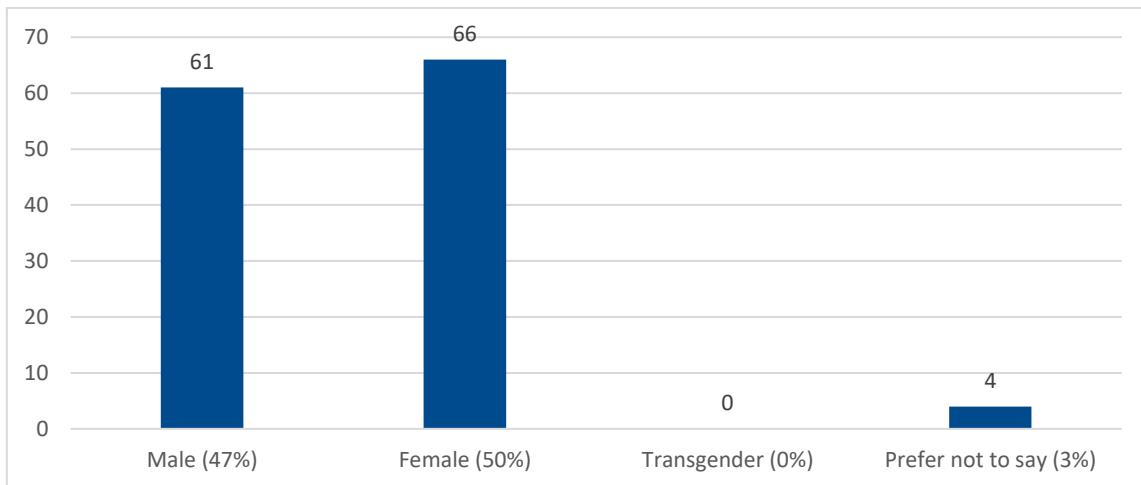
131 people responded to this question.



27% of respondents stated that they were in year 12, followed by year 13 (15%) and then year 19 (14%).

1.1.2 Gender

131 people responded to this question.



50% of respondents stated that they were female and 47% stated male. 3% of respondents stated that they would prefer not to say.

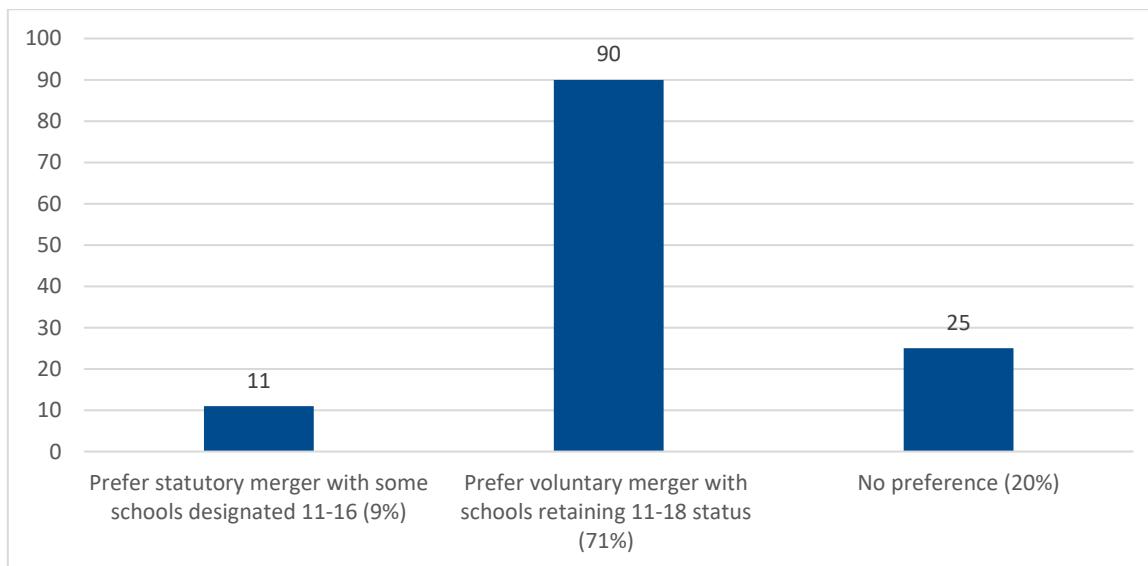
1.2 Survey questions

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

126 people responded to this question.

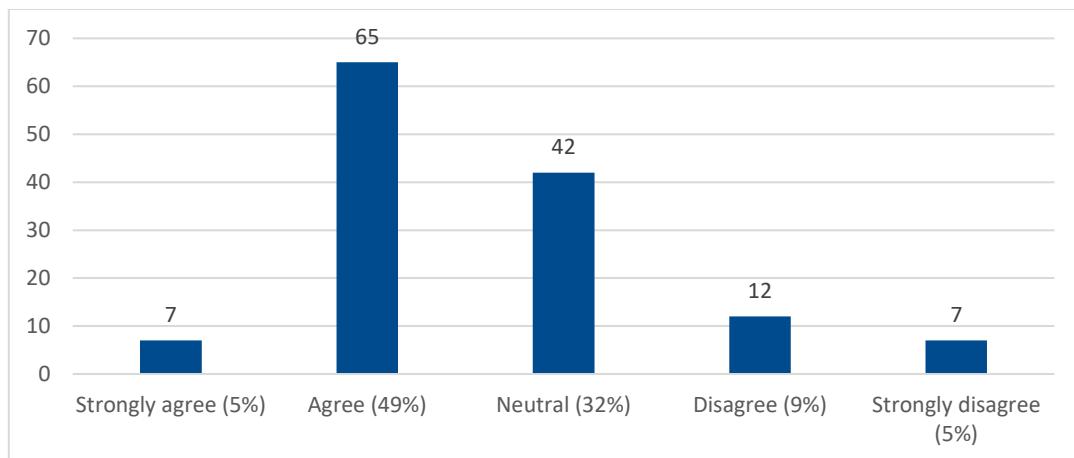


71% of respondents preferred voluntary merger with both schools training 11-18 status, 20% of respondents stated that they had no preference and 9% of respondents preferred a statutory merger with some schools being designated 11-16.

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

133 people responded to this question.



49% 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. 32% of respondents gave a neutral responses. 9% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 5% strongly disagreed.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

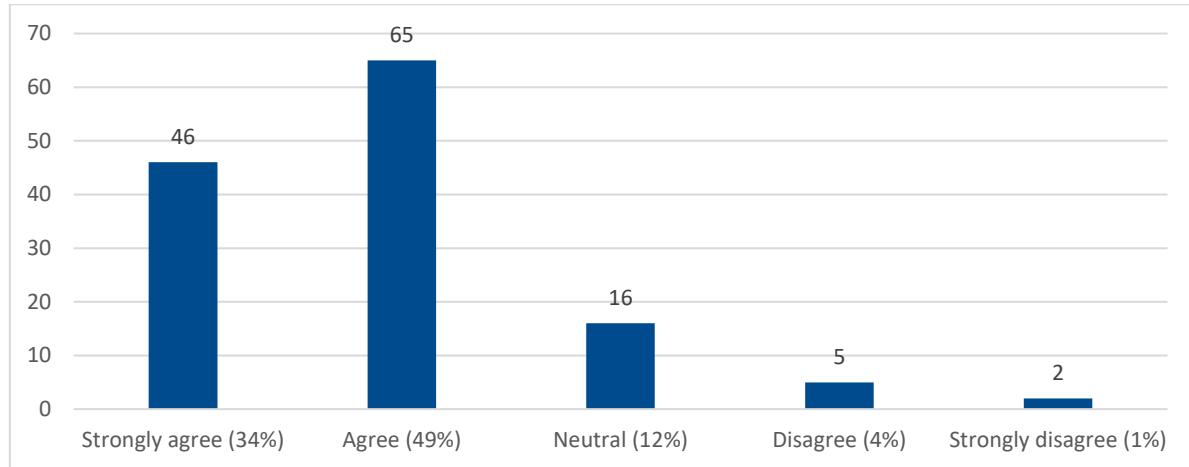
41 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
There will be additional travel that is expensive if transport is not provided	12
They are close so it makes sense and will be easier to travel	6
Agree with proposal	4
Both schools should retain 11-18 status and control the merged sixth form	4
Bryntirion will lose sixth form culture/teacher relationships/familiar environment	3
May offer additional opportunities	3
If it is in a school environment/school grounds	2
Brynteg do not need a new centre	1
Disagree with proposal	1
Keep both sixth forms separate	1
New centre will need a lot of new facilities	1
Transport - I live in the bus travel radius for two schools, try grouping together cities/towns/housing estates not schools.	1
What would happen to other schools?	1
Will cause additional traffic at Brynteg	1

The most common responses were there will be additional travel that is expensive if transport is not provided (12), followed by they are close makes sense and will be easier to travel to (6) and then agree with proposal and (4) and both schools should retain 11-18 status and control the merged sixth form (4).

1.2.2.2 Outcome B – Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form

134 people responded to this question.



49% of respondents agreed with the proposal that Porthcawl should keep its sixth form and a further 34% strongly agreed with the proposal. 12% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 4% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and 1% disagreed.

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

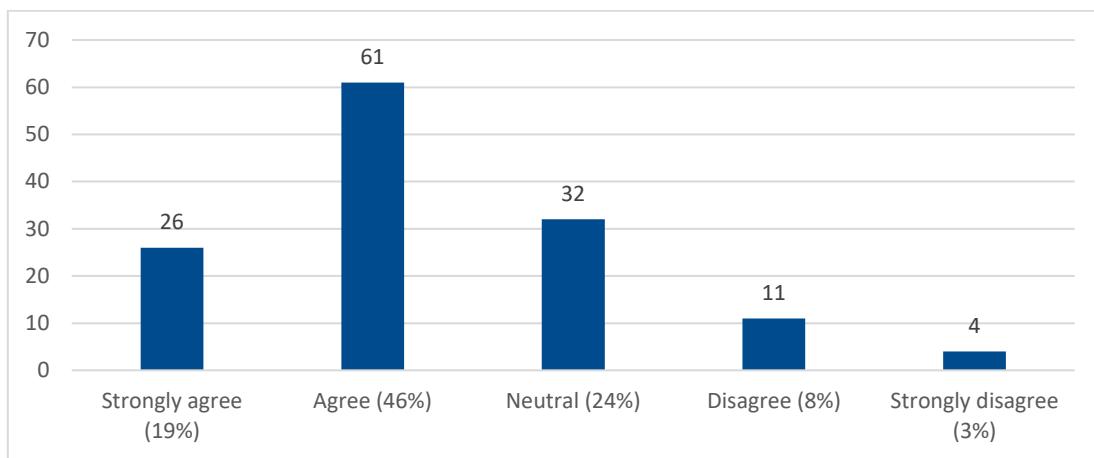
30 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree due to student numbers and location	16
Agree with proposal	8
Unfair to other schools - if all other schools have to merge then why not Porthcawl too?	3
Most children in Porthcawl sixth form live in Bridgend	1
They have opportunities that other schools do not have	1
They may not have an offer of additional subjects	1

The most common responses were agree due to student numbers and location (16) followed by agree with proposal (8) and then unfair to other schools - if all other schools have to merge then why not Porthcawl too? (3).

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

134 people responded to this question.



46% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 19% strongly agreed with the proposal. 24% provided a neutral response. 8% 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

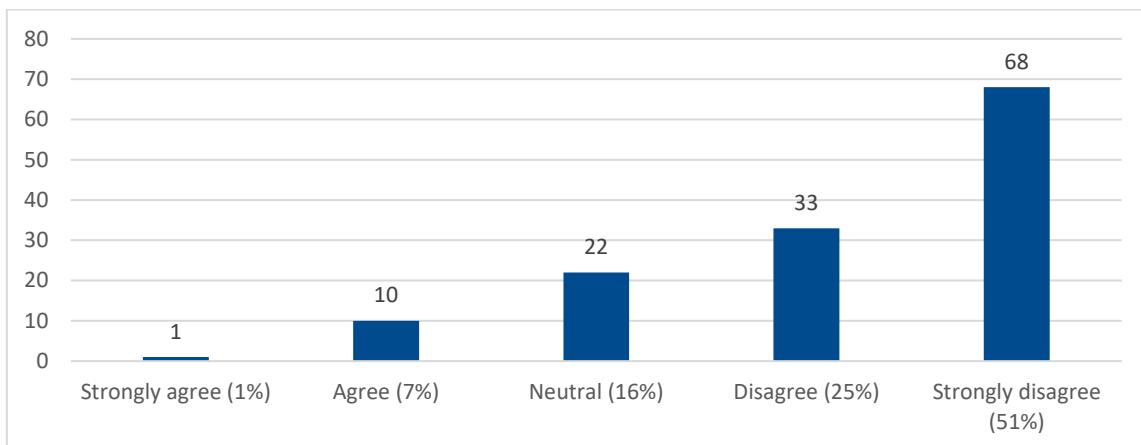
66 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal	21
Free transport would have to be provided to Cynffig students - why should they pay for travel and not Porthcawl students?	20
Will offer Cynffig students more subject choice/opportunities	12
Unfair for pupils to have to move schools	4
Disagree with proposal	3
As long as Porthcawl has the resources to cater for additional students	2
Could make different mergers	1
Cynffig sixth form needs amendments to be able to provide for the students being able to a better education.	1
EMA should cover travel	1
Keep all 6th forms	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal (21), followed by free transport would have to be provided to Cynffig students - why should they pay for travel and not Porthcawl students? (20) and then will offer Cynffig students more subject choice/opportunities (12).

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

134 people responded to this question.



51% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal that Cynffig could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from Pencoed and CCYD. A further 25% disagreed with the proposal. 16% provided a neutral response. 7% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 1% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

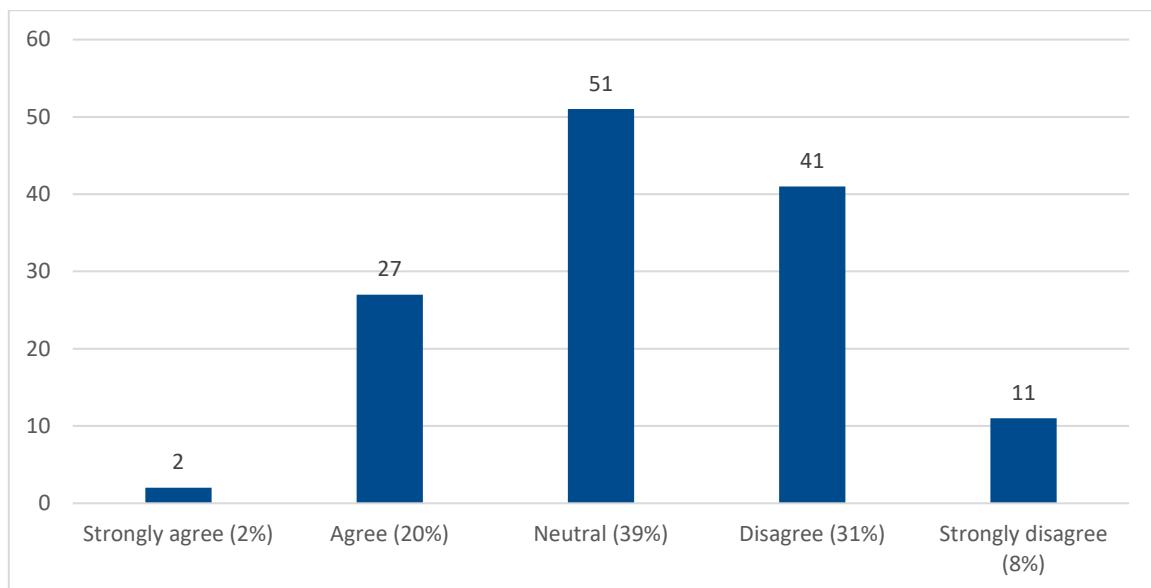
97 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Travel would be too far/ too long and expensive if not funded	56
Pencoed do not need to merge	14
Cynffig has small sixth form/may not have resources for large numbers of additional students	12
Cynffig may become overpopulated	6
People may not want to leave their schools	3
It uses unused space well	2
Will offer more subject choices/opportunities	2
Disagree with proposal	1
There will be cultural differences between schools	1

The most common responses were travel would be too far/ too long and expensive if not funded (56), followed by Pencoed do not need to merge (14) and then Cynffig has small sixth form/may not have resources for large numbers of additional students (12).

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

132 people responded to this question.



39% of respondents provided a neutral response to this proposal. 31% of respondents disagreed with the proposal that Maesteg School could host a sixth form centre, attended by pupils from CCYD and a further 8% strongly disagreed with the proposal. 20% of respondents agreed with this proposal and 2% strongly agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

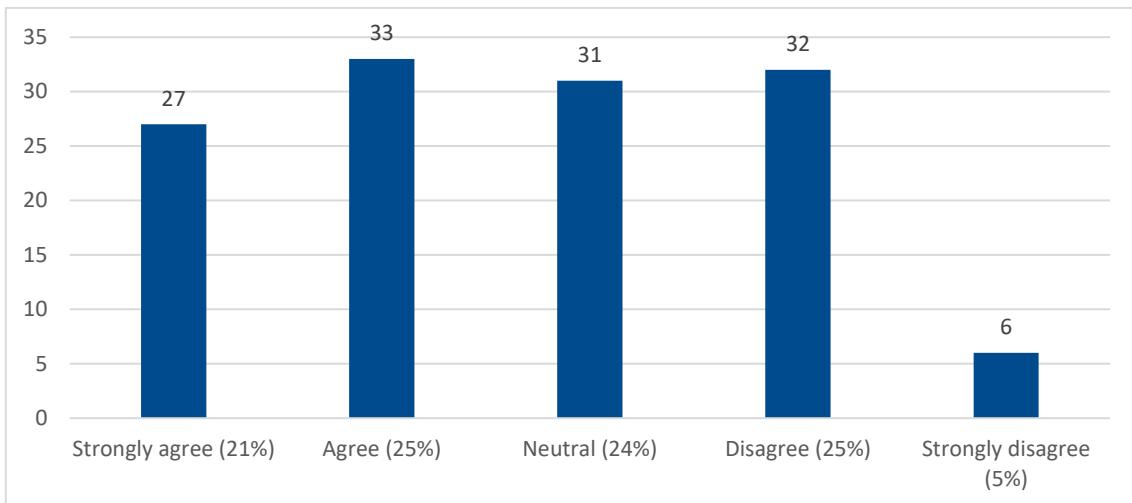
67 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Too far/too long to travel	21
Transport should be free a lot of families/pupils will not be able to afford to attend sixth form	16
Agree with proposal	7
Agree as it is not too far to travel	6
Better subject choice/resources for students	4
May overpopulate Maesteg	4
CCYD is a brand new school and should also host sixth formers	3
Unfair for students who have to move schools	3
All sixth forms should merge, not just two	1
Disagree with proposal	1
There may be cultural differences	1

The most common responses were too far/too long to travel (21), followed by transport should be free a lot of families/pupils will not be able to afford to attend sixth form (16) and then agree with proposal (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.

129 people responded to this question.



25% 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 21% strongly agreed with the proposal. 24% provided a neutral response. 25% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and 5% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Pencoed may become overpopulated	28
Provides pupils with more than one option, giving them back some control over their future	13
Travel is too far/too long/ too expensive	9
There is enough room at Pencoed to host other students	8
Agree with proposal	7
Better for students/more subject choice	3
Pupils from other schools already travel here	3
Could be unfair for students changing schools/students will be displaced	2
More options/subject choices for pupils	2
Cynffig can merge with Porthcawl	1
Would be easier because there would be no need for additional buildings	1

The most common responses were Pencoed may become overpopulated (28), followed by provides pupils with more than one option, giving them back some control over their future (13) and then travel is too far/too long/ too expensive (9).

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.

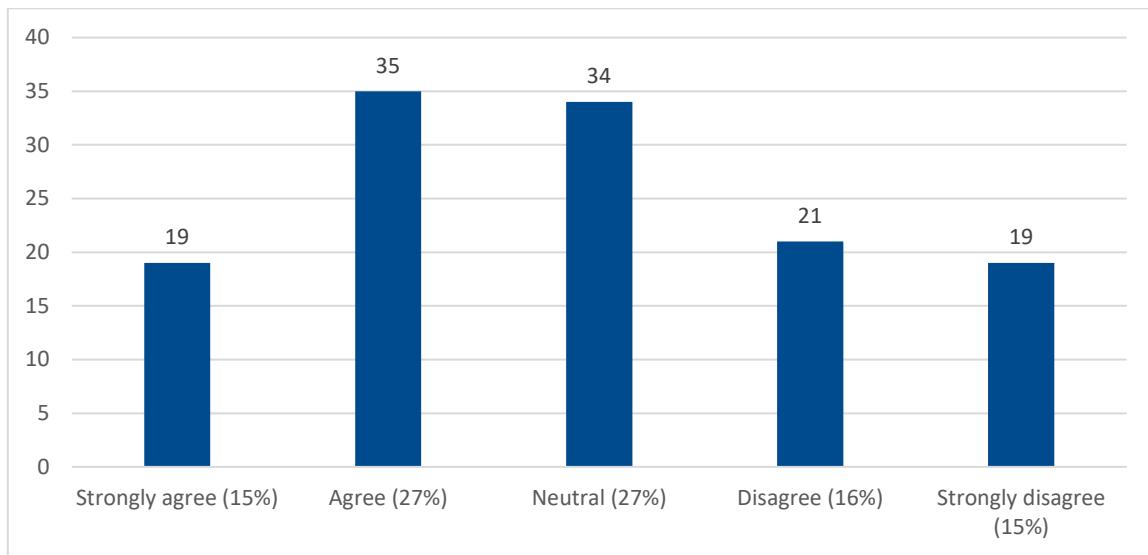
The overall list of preferred concepts are:

Rank	Outcome	Number of respondents who ranked each concept in position	% of groups who ranked each concept in position
1	Outcome 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	40%
2	Outcome A1 Brynteg School becomes a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Bryntirion Comprehensive Outcome B Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form	31	26%
3	Outcome B Porthcawl Comprehensive keeps its sixth form	20	17%
4	Outcome A2 Brynteg school and Bryntirion Comprehensive develop a joint sixth form provision;	33	28%
5	Outcome C Cynffig Comprehensive closes or merges its sixth form with Porthcawl Comprehensive	25	21%
6	Outcome E Maesteg School hosts a sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	39	33%
7	Outcome D Cynffig Comprehensive hosts sixth form centre and hosts sixth form students from Pencoed Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	62	52%

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).

128 people responded to this question.



27% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 15% disagreed with the proposal. 27% provided a neutral response. 16% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 15% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

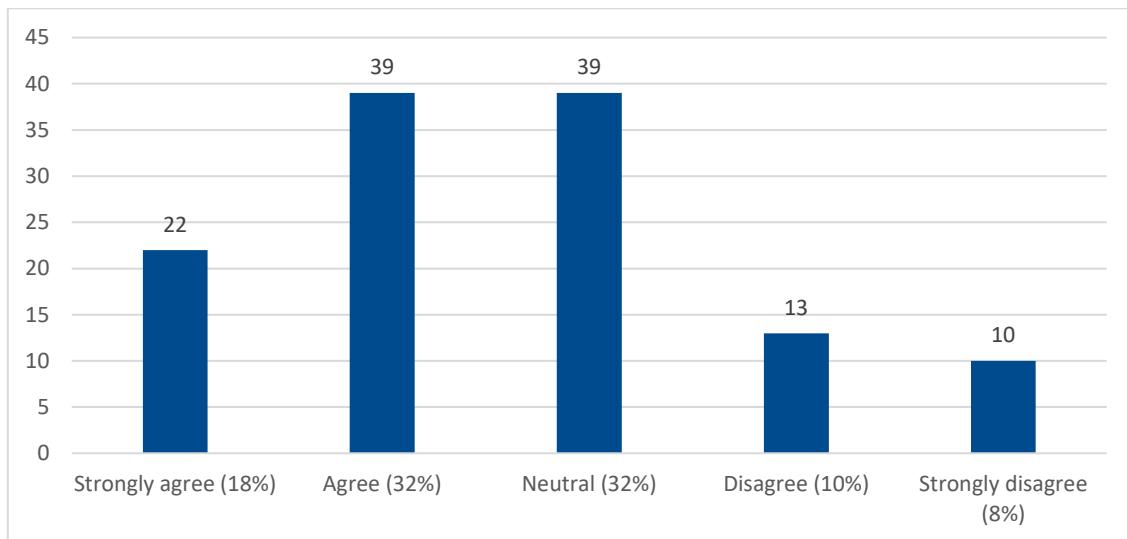
41 comments were received in relation to this proposal. These have been themed and are detailed in the table below:

Theme	No.
Agree with proposal/ it is a good idea	10
Additional travel for some students/expensive	8
Personalised learning experiences are removed	5
Is a good central location for everyone	4
Will offer more subject choices	4
Good to renovate the town centre	3
Would build a sense of community	2
Agree as long as minimum GCSE standard is used	1
It will be expensive	1
More competition for spaces on courses	1
More opportunities for all students	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal/ it is a good idea (10), followed by additional travel for some students/expensive (8) and then personalised learning experiences are removed (5).

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.

123 people responded to this question.



32% provided a neutral response to this proposal. 32% of respondents agreed with this proposal and a further 18% strongly agreed with the proposal. 10% of respondents disagreed with this proposal and a further 8% strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

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

Theme	No.
Would offer more opportunities/subject choices	11
Agree with proposal/a good idea	9
If the centre was staffed by Cynffig teachers	8
Keep sixth form as it is now	6
What about other subjects?	6
Not too far to get to	3
Disagree with proposal	2
Some pupils would have to travel far and pay, this is not fair	2
Maintain sixth form entry requirements	1
Would prefer a school based setting	1

The most common responses were would offer more opportunities/subject choices (11), followed by agree with proposal/a good idea (9) and then if the centre was staffed by Cynffig teachers (8).

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.

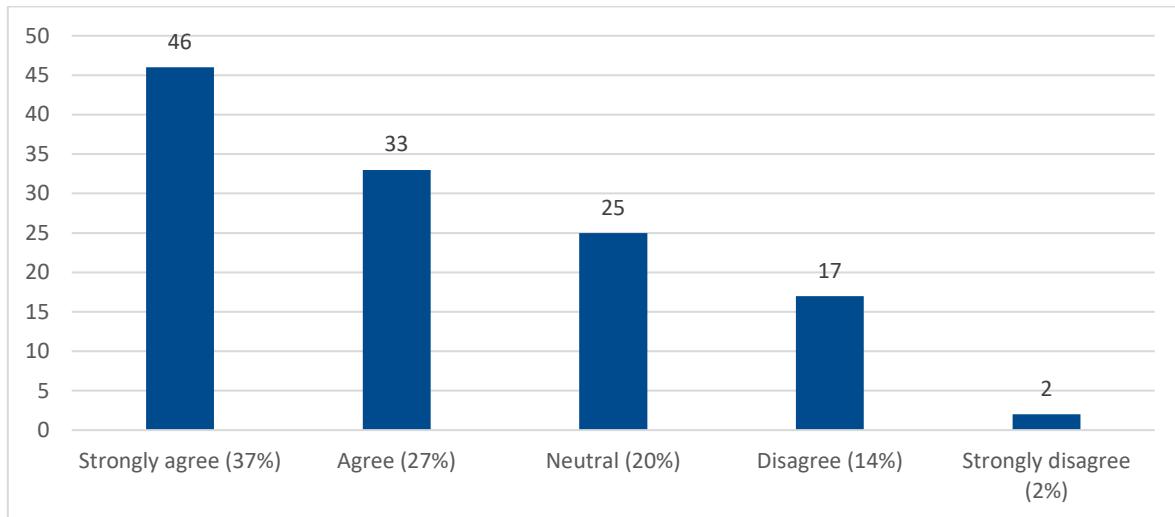
Respondents ranked outcomes A and B as:

- 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)

123 people responded to this question.



37% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools and a further 27% of respondents agreed with this proposal. 20% provided a neutral response. 14% of respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal and a further 2% disagreed with the proposal to keep sixth forms in all schools.

Respondents were asked to add any further comments on this outcome

47 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	13
Keep teacher relationships/familiar environment	8
Gives pupils choice of which sixth form they want to attend	5
All students need equal chances and quality of learning	4
Improve collaboration	3
There will be no additional travel for pupils	3
Sixth form is important to school/ younger years/role models	2
Smaller sixth forms should merge	2
Unsure	2
I don't think it will work for all schools	1
Some options may mean some schools are overpopulated	1

Should build a new college	1
This may be unsustainable	1
Keeping sixth forms would have to make other changes	1

The most common responses were agree with proposal/ keep all sixth forms (13), followed by keep teacher relationships/familiar environment (8) and then gives pupils choice of which sixth form they want to attend (5).

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 – the current position (ie a distributed tertiary model based on collaboration, but with further development in order to improve the delivery of this option) (51%);
- Option 2 a mix of school sixth form with some mergers to create new FE College governed sixth-form centre(s) (42%).
- Option 1 a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth-form centre(s) (7%);

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.

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

Theme	No.
Keep all sixth forms	21
Travel considerations and cost are important	15
Option two is the best	5
Pencoed could host sixth form centre/additional students	2
Build another 11-18 school if it is needed	1
Improve collaboration	1
Invest in sixth forms	1
Merge schools that are close and have less travel	1
Staff may lose their jobs in some of these options	1

The most common responses were keep all sixth forms (21), followed by travel considerations and cost are important (15) and then option two is the best (5).