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## 'Save Our Sixth Form'

Dear parents/carers,

### **The potential re-organisation of post-16 provision across Bridgend County Borough Council - consideration of concepts.**

A major consultation over the future of post-16 education in Bridgend County Borough is underway. Bridgend County Borough Council is reviewing whether the current provision should be altered to ensure that young learners have the best possible opportunities to excel, and is inviting the public to have their say.

There are currently sixth forms in every secondary school in Bridgend County Borough, varying in size from 76 to 347 pupils. Around 80 pupils also attend the sixth-form provision at each of the county borough's two special schools, while Bridgend College provides a range of vocational pathways for approximately 2,000 learners aged 16 to 18.

Here at Maesteg comprehensive, we have a thriving and successful sixth form, which offers a variety of opportunities for pupils to excel and succeed at many levels. These proposals could potentially jeopardise the future of 6<sup>th</sup> form provision in Maesteg and will force our pupils to travel outside of Maesteg in order to access any post 16 provision.

In the new public consultation, which is open until 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019, parents, pupils, teachers and other interested parties will be asked whether they would prefer to retain and improve the current sixth-form system, or choose an alternative.

The options include:

1. closing all school sixth forms and instead developing a sixth-form centre which could be governed either by the local authority or a further education college;
2. a mixture of school sixth forms with some mergers to create a new sixth-form centre run by either the local authority or a further education college;
3. a full tertiary model governed by the further education sector.

Details of all the proposals can be found in the consultation document from Bridgend County Borough Council, available via the school website on [www.maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk](http://www.maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk)

Separate arrangements are being proposed for Welsh-medium and faith education. It is suggested that the collaboration between Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd with Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llanhari in Rhondda Cynon Taf should continue to develop, with Archbishop McGrath Catholic School continuing to form close relationships with other sixth forms and Bridgend College.

All the County secondary schools are inviting parents, carers and members of staff to consultation workshops during January and February 2019, these workshops will be run by officers from BCBC. We will be holding our event here at Maesteg Comprehensive School on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

If you would like to attend to voice your opinion; ensure your children have a choice of educational provision or just find out more about the proposals on offer then please indicate your interest by completing the attached registration form and returning it to Mrs. K. Cavendish, Assistant Headteacher.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. H. Jones  
Headteacher

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**Registration form**

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To Maesteg Comprehensive School

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Name .....

Parent/carer of .....

Year(s) .....