



December 4th, 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

As part of the Local Authority proposals to reorganise schools in our area of Pontypridd, I would like to present to you a formal response from Pontypridd High as part of the consultation process. On behalf of the Governors, staff and students, I trust you will support us by expressing similar views in your own written response before the end of January, 2019. I have included a brief summary of the School position and also a more detailed justification of our thoughts on the three proposals. The three proposals which could impact on Pontypridd High are:

1. To remove the Sixth Form provision from Pontypridd High, Hawthorn High and Cardinal Newman and develop Post-16 'centres of excellence' based at Bryncelynnog Comprehensive School and Coleg y Cymoedd. **We do not accept this proposal**
2. Create a new 3-16 school on the site of Pontypridd High. **We accept this proposal if the Sixth Form proposal above can be agreed**
3. Amend the catchment areas of Pontypridd High. **We accept this proposal.**

We have worked very closely with Hawthorn High School in forming our responses and together we strongly challenge the arguments put forward by the Local Authority in an attempt to justify Cabinet thinking about Sixth Form provision in Pontypridd. **We are asking the LA to give further consideration to sixth form reorganisation by identifying an appropriate and suitable location in Pontypridd for a Pontypridd Sixth Form using 21st Century funding. This should be one which:**

- can be led and managed predominantly by staff working in our Schools
- is accountable to the LA for standards achieved
- meets the aspirations of students and makes use of facilities and future investment planned for this important and well serviced central location within RCT

The time has now come to present our views clearly to the Local Authority and I trust you can find the time to read the attached summary and the more detailed information guide on the school website. Please use this to inform your own opinion and complete a response to the consultation process by January 31st, 2019.

The consultation proforma that you can use is also attached. I am sure that through our responses we will make a strong case for a 21st Century sixth form education provision in Pontypridd that our children are entitled to and which gives them the opportunity to meet aspirations and enjoy a successful future.

Please contact me at school should you wish to discuss any of the information included or if you require further advice on completing the consultation response document.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Huw Cripps
Headteacher