



HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you the school's formal response to the Council's proposals for school reorganisation in the Pontypridd area in the hope that you will support us by expressing similar views in your written response before the end of January. We and Pontypridd High School have worked very closely together for many weeks in formulating our responses. Whilst both schools recognise that there are many benefits to aspects of the proposals, we are very disappointed by the arguments the council puts forward in an attempt to justify Cabinet thinking re. Sixth Form provision in Pontypridd; we would ask that the Local Authority gives further consideration to this aspect of 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 by Sixth Form pupils
- meets the aspirations of students and makes use of facilities and future investment planned for this important and well serviced central location within RCT

On the school's website in the 'About us'/'21st Century Schools' you are able to read our **guide to the 21st Century Schools proposal for parents and carers**, which sets out our detailed response to the council's consultation document (*attached to this email is a summary of the arguments it puts forward*). We would encourage you to join the school in saying:

No to proposal one – to remove Sixth Form provision for all English medium schools

Yes to proposal two – to create a 3-16 school on the Hawthorn campus (as long as a suitable Sixth Form provision for Pontypridd can be found and the level of investment to create a 21st Century school campus is secured).

Yes to proposal five – to reorganise the catchment of the new Hawthorn school to include Gwauncelyn Primary School in Tonteg.

I hope that you can find the time to read the attached guide and summary document and consider their implications for your children's education. **I shall write to you again soon to tell you when you will have the opportunity to come to the school and discuss the attached documents** with myself, Governors and the Headteacher. You have until the last week in January to make your views known to the council.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Chair of Governors

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