

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education and Inclusion Services, 21st Century Schools, Valleys Innovation Centre, Navigation Park, Abercynon, CF45 4SN.

Notice is given in accordance with Section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, and the Welsh Government School Organisation Code 2018 (011/2018), that Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC), having consulted such persons as required, proposes to:

1. Make a regulated alteration to below English medium school listed as 1.1, so that the age range of the pupils it can admit is amended from 11 to 19 years to 11 to 16 years and that the sixth form provision be removed.

1.1 Mountain Ash Comprehensive School, New Road, Mountain Ash, CF45 4DG.

Post-16 pupils from Mountain Ash Comprehensive School will have the option of attending sixth form at Aberdare Community School, Ynys Road, Aberdare, CF44 7RP, or the local college, Coleg y Cymoedd, Aberdare, Welington Street, Aberdare, CF44 8EN and Nantgarw, Heol y Coleg, Nantgarw CF15 7QY for their post-16 education.

RCTCBC undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A Consultation Report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and the view of Estyn is available on RCTCBC's website at:

Consultation Report Mountain Ash Comprehensive School Proposal

It is proposed to close the sixth form at Mountain Ash Comprehensive School and amend the catchment area for post-16 provision to place Mountain Ash Comprehensive School in the catchment area of Aberdare Community School.

The capacity of Mountain Ash Comprehensive School after this proposal is implemented will be 1,394 pupil places. From September 2025 the proposed admission number for the school will be 255.

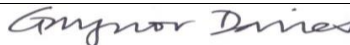
It is proposed that the sixth form at Mountain Ash Comprehensive School closes by no later than September 2026. To enable the closure of the sixth form at Mountain Ash Comprehensive School by this date, no new year 12 sixth form pupils would be admitted in September 2025.

Pupils will be provided with transport in accordance with RCTCBC's Transport Policy which is available here:

School and College Transport | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which these proposals were published, that is to say by 17:00 on 3rd April 2025, any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to the Director of Education and Inclusion Services, 21st Century Schools, Valleys Innovation Centre, Navigation Park, Abercynon CF45 4SN, or e-mail schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk.

Where objections have been received, RCTCBC will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within 7 days of the determination of the proposal.

Signed:	
Director of Education and Inclusion Services for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council	
Date:	4 th March 2025