Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: POST 16 CONSULTATION – PHASE 4 – 29th JANUARY 2020

There is a major consultation underway over the future of post-16 education in Bridgend County Borough. 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.

BCBC will be holding a consultation event at Bryntirion Comprehensive School on Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 5pm and we would like to invite all parents to attend the consultation to support the school and be able to air their views and ask any questions. The consultation also takes place throughout the day and will involve all stakeholders – a selection of pupils from key stage 3, 4 and 5, staff, parents/carers and Governors.

You can also respond to this consultation via the BCBC website by completing the online survey. This can be accessed by following the link below:


The following page provides a brief outline of the 3 proposals and most importantly how they will affect Bryntirion Comprehensive School. Clearly the potential implications are serious and will change the future of Bryntirion forever. To this end I strongly encourage you to engage in this consultation process. Please complete the survey and/or attend the consultation next Wednesday at 5pm in the Lle Dysgu. This will be our only opportunity to show our strength of feeling towards such a proposed change.

Here at Bryntirion Comprehensive School, 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 6th form provision in Bryntirion. A full and robust show of support will show the Local Authority the feeling, passion and pride we have for retaining our sixth form.

It is fundamental to the future of Bryntirion Comprehensive School. Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely

Mr Beard
Deputy Headteacher
The following is a very brief overview of each options and most importantly the implications for Bryntirion Comprehensive School:

**Option 1**
*Keep some sixth forms and merge some sixth forms to make sixth-form centres run by the council*

**How will this option affect us?**

Brynteg School becomes a sixth-form centre and hosts sixth-form students from Bryntirion comprehensive on the Brynteg School campus.

Because of the money needed for building this, it may not start being built until 2025.

The sixth-form centre could be managed and run by both schools or Bryntirion Comprehensive could become an 11-16 year olds school and the centre run by Brynteg School.

**Option 2**
*Keep some sixth forms and merge some sixth forms to make sixth-form centres run by Bridgend College*

**How will this affect us?**

Sixth-form centre in Bridgend town run by the college for students from Cynffig Comprehensive School, Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen, Pencoed Comprehensive School and Bryntirion Comprehensive School (if Bryntirion does not merge with Brynteg).

**Option 3 – Keep all sixth forms in all schools (but have better collaboration)**

**How will this affect us?**

Keeping all sixth forms is seen as a positive approach as it maintains the link between sixth-form students and the rest of the school, especially as role models and supporting younger learners. However, some students do not have the same choice or quality of subjects as students at other schools. Collaboration will need to increase.