

Area Schools Review

Options for St David's High School



Consultation for young people

Flintshire County Council has to look to see if all of the schools and their resources are being used in the best way.

At present St David's High School is open to pupils from ages 11- 18, and works with other local schools as part of a consortium to provide the minimum number of post-16 (sixth form) courses needed for a school to keep a sixth form open. Pupils travel to different schools to access these courses. This arrangement will end in July 2016 when other schools in the consortium become 11-16 schools and no longer provide post-16 or sixth form facilities.

Saltney Ferry Primary School is open to pupils from ages 3-11. Nearly all of the pupils leaving the school at age 11 go on to study at St David's High School.

The Options

1. To change the age range of St David's High School from 11-18 to 11-16 from September 2016.

The consortium arrangements for St David's High School which were put in place to make it possible for the school to offer the minimum number of post-16 subjects will end in July 2016. Because of this, it is proposed to change the upper age-range of the school from 18 to 16 years of age. The Sixth Form at St David's High School would close, and courses for students wishing to go on to post-16 courses would be available at a brand new £14.5m state of the art post-16 Hub at Connah's Quay from September 2016. Free transport to the Hub will be available.

2. To bring together (amalgamate) the primary provision from Saltney Ferry Primary School with the secondary provision at St David's High School from September 2015 and to change the age-range of the school to 3-16 from September 2016.

Many schools are now becoming 3-16 age-range schools. This means that pupils will not have to transfer from one school to another. A 3-16 age range school would run under one Headteacher and one Governing Body and have a single ethos, one set of policies. This will help resources be used in a better way and provide the strong leadership and management needed to make Saltney Ferry Primary School to be successful and thrive, allowing both schools to achieve the best possible outcomes for children and young people. Until funding can be found for new buildings, the schools would operate in the same way on separate sites and in the existing buildings. The post-16 provision for St David's High School would be the same as in Option 1.

For the full consultation booklet, and to fill in the consultation response form online, please go to: <http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Area-Schools-Review.aspx>

Consultation Response Form

Based on the information you have been given on this sheet, and through the other documents available on the Council's website, please tell us your views on the options available.

Please Note: You will not be able to log a formal objection (a reason for disagreeing) at this stage. If Councillors decide to progress with the preferred option, a 'statutory notice' will be published when any person can lodge an objection during a period of a month following publication.

How strongly do you agree with Option 1 for St David's High School?

- Strongly Agree
- Tend to Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

How strongly do you agree with Option 2 for St David's High School and Saltney Ferry Primary School?

- Strongly Agree
- Tend to Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please tell us why you feel this way. Please give a description of any alternative option you wish to put forward.

Name of School: _____

Are you? Please tick all that apply:

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| Primary School Pupil | <input type="radio"/> | High School Pupil Yrs 12 – 13 | <input type="radio"/> | Peer Mentor | <input type="radio"/> |
| High School Pupil Yrs 7 – 9 | <input type="radio"/> | Associate Pupil Governor | <input type="radio"/> | Prefect | <input type="radio"/> |
| High School Pupil Yrs 10 – 11 | <input type="radio"/> | School Councillor | <input type="radio"/> | | |

All consultation responses must be received by no later than 4th July.

Thank you for taking the time to complete and submit this form.