



Consultation Document St David's High School, Saltney Young Persons' Version

What is proposed? That sixth form education will not be offered at St David's High School from 31st August 2016. (subject to Welsh Minister's approval)

Why are we proposing change? St David's High School has a long history of providing good sixth form educational outcomes. However the school and the group of partnership schools offering post 16 courses find it increasingly difficult to sustain the number of courses as prescribed by Welsh Government "Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure".



What's happening?

The Council, St David's High School and other partnership High Schools in the area have been reviewing the way in which sixth form provision is offered. The purpose of the review is to make sure that the range of courses available to sixth form students meets the requirements of Welsh Government Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure and ensure better outcomes for post 16 learners.



Consultation

Back in 2014 we visited your School when you, your parents/carers and the School Council had the chance to say what they thought. The Council wanted to provide additional information and to ask you again what you think about the proposals.



The proposed timeline?

We are proposing to close the St David's High School sixth form by 31st August 2016. From September 2016 students wishing to continue their education post year 11 have an option to attend the new, post 16 hub located at the Coleg Cambria site at Connah's Quay.

What will change?

Sixth form provision will not be available at your local school from 31st August 2016.

However, this proposal will enable students to access an appropriate range of courses at one specialist facility, rather than access a range of courses on multiple school sites



Will I see any of my old teachers?

Possibly, teaching staff appointments for the new hub are ring-fenced in the 1st instance for staff in the partnership schools (including St David's) and for college staff currently teaching post 16 courses.



Will I get free transport?

Yes but will you need to apply and you will need to meet the criteria of the Council's transport policy.

Further information will be available at your School at an appropriate time.

Who is responsible for the Post 16 Hub?

The Post 16 Hub will be located at the Coleg Cambria site in Connah's Quay. The Hub will be governed by Coleg Cambria and will open for September 2016.

Your school and school governors representatives have been involved in an advisory group with partnership schools and the college to ensure the facility has been developed with the best interests of learners in mind.

The Council, partnerships schools and the college will work together and produce detailed plans which will be designed ensure a smooth transition and to protect learners as much as possible.



How do I register for the hub?

Recruitment for the admission cycle in 2015, will be administered by both the partnership schools and the college. (further information will be available at your School at the appropriate time).

Places will be ring fenced for pupils transferring from Year 12 in partnership schools to year 13 in the proposed hub.

Thereafter, Admissions to the post 16 hub will be administered by the College as per their admissions policy.



WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

The new Post 16 Hub, Coleg Cambria, Connah's Quay will open in September 2016 and will have the following:-

- Wider subject options for students to select
- New Art, ICT and Design Technology rooms
- Private study areas
- Social study areas
- Sports facilities accessible on the Coleg Cambria, Deeside site

The facilities will be brand new and purpose built for 700 post 16 learners

Visual Impression of the new Post 16 Hub



HOW LONG WILL THINGS TAKE?

Events	Dates
Getting everyone's view	5 June 2015 – 17 July 2015
Telling everyone what we've decided to do	August 2015
Asking Welsh Government to approve the proposal	January 2016
If agreed, confirming that St David's High School sixth form will close	February 2016
If agreed, closure of St David's High School sixth form	August 2016
Opening of the new sixth form hub, Coleg Cambria located in Connah's Quay	September 2016

WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU ABOUT IT?

We want to know what you think about the sixth form plans.

We are also asking parents/carers, teachers and the parents/carers and teachers in others schools, and other interested parties.

This gives you chance to tell us what you think and your views will form part of a report to our Cabinet and to the Welsh Minister.

We would like you to answer the questions on the back page or you can tell us what you think by going to

www.flintshire.gov.uk/areaschoolsreview

or
Email us on

21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk



WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

This is a summary document of the full Formal Consultation. You can find the full version plus lots of information, facts and figures on our website:-

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Area-Schools-Review.aspx>

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

You know our plans – now we want to know what you think.

You can

Write down your answers to the questions on the back page, tear off and post it to us at:-



Schools Modernisation Team
Education and Youth
Flintshire County Council
County Hall
Mold
Flintshire
CH7 6ND



Or complete yours answers on-line at www.flintshire.gov.uk/areaschoolsreview



Or email us 21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk

Thank you for taking the time to look at this proposal.

If you would prefer to use email, send your answers to 21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk

Or if you would prefer to complete on-line, use the following website link www.flintshire.gov.uk/areaschoolsreview

How strongly do you agree with the plan to close the sixth form at St David's High School, Saltney

Strongly Agree

Tend to Agree

Neither Agree or Disagree

Tend to Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Are you... (please tick all that apply)

Primary School Pupil

Name of Primary School _____

High School Pupil Yrs 7-9

High School Pupil Yrs 10-11

High School Pupil Yrs 12-13

Associate Pupil Governor

School Councillor

Peer Mentor

Prefect

What do you think about the plans to close St David's High School, Saltney sixth form, with sixth form provision to be provided from September 2017 at the Post 16 Hub located on the Coleg Cambria site, Connahs Quay?

Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead of what we are proposing?

If you want to let us know what you think of the plan, you have to send your comments to us by Friday 17th July 2015. We will not be able to accept anything after this date.