

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF ST DAVID'S HIGH SCHOOL, SALTNEY, FLINTSHIRE

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Notice is given in accordance with Section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Flintshire County Council of County Hall, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6ND ("the Local Authority"), having consulted such persons as required, propose to :-

- **Change the age range of St David's High School, St David's Terrace, Saltney, Flintshire, CH4 0AE from 11-18 to 11-16 as of 31 August 2016.**

St David's High School is an English medium community secondary school maintained by the Local Authority.

The Local Authority undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish the proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available on www.flintshire.gov.uk, or alternatively a request for a copy can be made by emailing 21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk

It is proposed to implement the change in age range from 11-18 to 11-16 for St David's High School on 31 August 2016.

It is proposed that pupils registered at St David's High School wishing to access Post-16 (sixth form) provision will transfer to the post-16 (sixth form) Hub, based at Coleg Cambria, Connah's Quay, or other suitable provision selected by students in accordance with preference and subject to available places.

There is no requirement to consider home to school transport arrangements for pupils currently in St David's High School transferring to the post-16 (sixth form) Hub at Coleg Cambria as there is no statutory requirement to provide transport to post 16 learners.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published that is to say by **2nd October 2015** any person may object to the proposal.

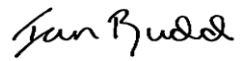
Objections should be sent in writing to Ian Budd, Chief Officer – Education and Youth, Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6ND, or by email to 21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk.

The Local Authority will publish a summary of any objections made within the objection period and not withdrawn in writing together with the observations of the Local Authority.

Under Section 50 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 ("the Act") this proposal will require approval by the Welsh Minister whether or not objections are received as this proposal affects sixth form education.

Within 35 days of the end of the objection period the Local Authority must send a copy of the documents listed in subsection (4) of the Act to the Welsh Minister.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Budd', written in a cursive style.

Ian Budd
Chief Officer – Education and Youth
For Flintshire County Council

4th September 2015

Explanatory Note

(This explanatory note does not form part of the Notice but is offered by way of explanation)

1. The Council is proposing to change the range from 11-18 to 11-16 at St David's High School as of the 31 of August 2016. St David's High School is an English medium community secondary school.
2. The proposal is one of identified through the 'School Modernisation Strategy' which was undertaken by the Council to address issues including the Learning and skills (Wales) measure, reduce the need to have a consortium arrangement, reduce travel time for post 16 learners.
3. At the date of the last school census in January 2015, St David's High School had 422 (Years 7-11) and 86 (Years 12 -13) Total Full Time pupils on roll of 508 against a capacity of 725 Full Time pupils. In January 2015, there were 217 unfilled places, which equates to 29.93% unfilled places.
4. The rationale for this proposal was set out in the consultation document circulated in June 2015, further copies of which are available on request from the address set out above.
5. A copy of the Council's School Admissions Policy is available from Admission Team, Education and Youth at the address in the above Notice.
6. A copy of the Council's Home to School Transport Policy is available from www.flintshire.gov.uk
7. This Notice marks the start of a 28 days objection period from 4th September 2015 to 2nd October 2015 and sets out the address to which objections in writing may be submitted.