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**Education and Family Support Directorate –**

**Directorate Support Unit (EDSU)**

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Dear parents/carers in the primary school sector

**The potential re-organisation of post-16 provision across Bridgend County Borough Council – consideration of concepts**

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

There are currently sixth forms in every secondary school in Bridgend County Borough, varying in size from 76 to 347 pupils. Around 80 pupils also attend the sixth-form provision at each of the county borough’s two special schools, while Bridgend College provides a range of vocational pathways for approximately 2,000 learners aged 16 to 18.

In the new public consultation, which is open until 13 March 2019, parents, pupils, teachers and other interested parties will be asked to say whether they would prefer to retain and improve the current sixth-form system, or choose an alternative.

The options include:

* closing all school sixth forms and instead developing a state-of-the-art sixth-form centre which could be governed either by the local authority or a further education college;
* having a mixture of school sixth forms with some mergers to create a new sixth-form centre run by either the local authority or a further education college;
* or having a full tertiary model governed by the further education sector.

Separate arrangements are being proposed for Welsh-medium and faith education.

It is suggested that the collaboration between Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd with Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llanhari in Rhodda Cynon Taf should continue to develop, with Archbishop McGrath Catholic School continuing to form close relationships with other sixth forms and Bridgend College.

Consultation events for parents/carers of primary school age children are being held in Bridgend County’s secondary schools listed below and you are invited to attend one of these events on the dates indicated:-

Cynffig Comprehensive School Monday 4March 5.00 pm

Pencoed Comprehensive School Tuesday 5 March 4.00 pm

Bryntirion Comprehensive School Tuesday 5 March 6.30 pm

Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School Wednesday 6 March 6.00 pm

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd Monday 11 March 5.00 pm

Officers from Bridgend County Borough Council will provide a short presentation and will then be available to take questions from attendees at the meeting. A Welsh simultaneous translator will be available at these meeetings.

If you would like to attend one of these events please indicate your interest by completing the attached registration form and returning it to the Education Support Unit (EDSU) at the Civic Offices or by emailing it to: edsu@bridgend.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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**Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol – Addysg a Chymorth i Deuluoedd**

**Corporate Director – Education and Family Support**

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**Registration form**

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To EDSU

I would like to attend the post-16 consultation workshop to be held at:

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Parent/carer of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Primary school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_