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Archdiocese of Cardiff and Bridgend County Borough Council

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Dear Parents/Carers/Legal Guardians,

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 1st 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;
- 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.

All of the County's secondary schools are inviting parents/carers/legal guardians, members of staff, governors and officers from BCBC to consultation workshops during January and February 2019. We will be holding our event here at Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School on Thursday 31st January, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. As this meeting is part of a process to determine the future of post-16 education, I feel it is essential that you have this opportunity to contribute.

If you could please return the below registration form to me by Tuesday 29th January, 2019.

Yours faithfully,



Angela Keller,

Headteacher.

REGISTRATON FORM

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I would like to attend the post-16 consultation workshop to be held at your school on Thursday 31st January, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Parent/Carer/Legal Guardian:* (delete as appropriate):

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Name of Students(s): Year(s):

Signed: