



Consultation Document John Summers High School Young Persons' Version

What is proposed?

That sixth form education will not be offered at John Summers High School from 31st August 2016.
(subject to Welsh Minister's approval)

Why are we proposing to change sixth form arrangements at the school?

John Summers High School has a long history of providing sixth form education. However the school and partnership group of 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".

Why are we proposing to close the school?

The school building requires significant financial investment but external funding cannot be sought from Welsh Government. The Council are concerned about the current and projected pupil numbers at the school, which in turn effects the school budget and makes it difficult for the governors to provide sufficient curriculum opportunities for learners. There are also a high percentage of unfilled places at the school meaning that the Council have a responsibility to review the school.

Proposal to remove sixth form at John Summers High School

What's happening to the sixth form in 2016?

The Council, John Summers 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 Regulations. (The Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure) and ensure better outcomes for post 16 learners.



Consultation

Back in 2013 we visited your School when you, your parents/carers and the school council had the chance to say what they thought about a slightly different proposals which included sixth removal of sixth form provision.

The Council wanted to provide additional information and to ask you again what you think about the proposals for the sixth form.



The proposed timeline for the sixth form changes?

We are proposing to close the John Summers 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, Connah's Quay.

Proposal to remove the sixth form at John Summers High School



What will change for the sixth form?

Sixth form provision will not be available in your local school.

However, this proposal will enable students to access an appropriate range of courses at one specialist facility, rather than access 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 John Summers High School) and for College staff currently teaching post 16 course.



Can I get free transport?

Free transport to the Post 16 hub will only be provided if you apply and meet the criteria contained in the Council's transport policy. Further information will be available at your school at the appropriate time.

Who is responsible for the Hub?

The Post 16 Hub will be located at the Coleg Cambria site, 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.



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 assistance 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 into the proposed Post 16 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

Proposal to Close John Summers High School

What's happening to John Summers High in 2017?

The Council needs to review the school at John Summers High School as part of its School Modernisation Strategy. There is concern around the condition, suitability and sustainability of the existing school building, the number of current and projected pupils numbers, pressures on school budget allocations and concerns about school standards.

Consultation

We will be visiting your school when you, your parents/carers and the School Council have the chance to say what you think about the proposal to close your school.

The proposed timeline for the High School closure?

We are also proposing to close John Summers High School by 31st August 2017, we hope to have a decision from the Welsh Minister by February 2016.

Proposal to Close John Summers High School

What will change?

John Summers High School will close and you will need to choose another secondary school within the local area.

Which school can I go to?

You can apply for a place in any secondary school you wish however the admissions policy will apply. One school in the area does not have many unfilled places but other nearby schools do have sufficient spaces to accommodate pupils from John Summers High School.

Can I get free transport to my new High School?

Possibly dependant on your choice of school and where you live. You will only be able to access free transport if you have applied for free transport and meet the criteria contained in the Council's transport policy.

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

Will this effect my Education?

We understand that school re-organisation can be an unsettling time. This is why the timeline for consultation has been developed to gain a Ministerial decision as soon as possible so that pupils, parents/carers and staff can make decisions about their future.

We hope to have a ministerial decision by February 2016. This is in time for the school admission cycle for September 2017 it also enables pupils in option's year to choose their GCSE options at another school

The Council, John Summers High School together with the partnership schools will work together and produce detailed plans which will be designed to protect learners as much as possible.

Whilst you can choose any local available secondary school based on personal preference, the Council's nominated partnering school is Connah's Quay High School, they will work with your school to ensure smooth transition of pupils.

What will happen to the Staff?

The Council will try to assist staff find a suitable position within other schools in the County where possible, however this may not always be the case.



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
Anticipated Ministerial decision post 16 changes and school Closure	February 2016
If approved, closure of John Summers High School sixth form	August 2016
Opening of the new Post 16 Hub, Coleg Cambria located in Connah's Quay	September 2016
If approved, closure of John Summers High School	August 2017

WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU ABOUT IT?

We want to know what you think about the sixth form plans and school closure 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 pages 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

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

Primary School Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
Which Primary School _____	
High School Pupil Yrs 7-9	<input type="checkbox"/>
High School Pupil Yrs 10-11	<input type="checkbox"/>
High School Pupil Yrs 12-13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Pupil Governor	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Councillor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peer Mentor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefect	<input type="checkbox"/>

How strongly do you agree with the plan to close the sixth form at John Summers High School in August 2016

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither Agree or Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

How strongly do you agree with the plan to close the John Summers High School in August 2017

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither Agree or Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

What do you think about the plans to close John Summers High School sixth form by 31st August 2016, with post 16 provision being provided from September 2016 at the Post 16 Hub Coleg Cambria, Connah's Quay?

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

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