

**STATUTORY NOTICE TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF  
JOHN SUMMERS HIGH SCHOOL, QUEENSFERRY AND DISCONTINUE  
JOHN SUMMERS HIGH SCHOOL, QUEENSFERRY**

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Notice is given in accordance with Section 42 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, (“the Act”) 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 John Summers High School, Queensferry Campus, Chester Road, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 1SE from 11-18 to 11-16 as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**
- **Discontinue John Summers High School, Queensferry Campus, Chester Road, Deeside, Flintshire CH5 1SE as of 31 August 2017.**

John Summers 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 proposals. 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](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk), or alternatively you may request a copy by emailing [21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk)

It is proposed to implement the change in age range from 11-18 to 11-16 for John Summers High School on 31 August 2016.

It is proposed to implement the discontinuance of John Summers High School on 31 August 2017.

Pupils registered at John Summers 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 John Summers High School transferring to the sixth form hub at Coleg Cambria as there is no statutory requirement to provide transport to post 16 learners.

The Local Authority proposes that existing pupils may attend either Connah’s Quay High School English medium community based secondary school, St David’s High School English medium community based secondary school or Hawarden High School English

medium community based secondary school. This is subject to parental preference and subject to available places. Parents may express a preference for the said schools or indeed another school and the Local Authority will comply with any such expressed preference subject to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Section 86 (3).

Home to school transport arrangements for pupils aged between 11-16 currently in John Summers High School shall be dealt with in reference to the Local Authority's Home to School Transport Policy.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 any person may object to the proposal.

Objections should be sent in writing to the Ian Budd, Chief Officer, 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 Council.

Under Section 50 of 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 Section 50 of the Act to the Welsh Minister.

Signed



**Ian Budd**

**Chief Officer – Education and Youth  
For Flintshire County Council**

16<sup>th</sup> October 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 John Summers High School as of the 31 of August 2016. John Summers High School is an English medium community secondary school.
2. The Council is proposing to close John Summers High School as of the 31 of August 2017. John Summers High School is an English medium community secondary school.
3. The proposals is one of identified through the 'School Modernisation Strategy' which was undertaken by the Local Authority to address issues including Headteacher recruitment, surplus places, and the sustainability of schools.
4. At the date of the last school census in January 2015, John Summers High School had 314 (Years 7-11) and 49 (Years 12-13) Total Full Time pupils on roll of 363 against a capacity of 565 Full Time pupils. In January 2015, there were 202 surplus places, which equates to 35.75% surplus places.
5. 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.
6. A copy of the Council's School Admissions Policy is available from Admission Team, Education and Youth at the address in the above Notice.
7. A copy of the Council's Home to School Transport Policy is available from [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk).
8. This Notice marks the start of a 28 days objection period from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and sets out the address to which objections in writing may be submitted.