



# HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

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### Re. RCT School reorganisation proposals

Dear parents/carers,

The Chair of Governors and I were invited to a meeting with RCT Council on Tuesday afternoon (25<sup>th</sup> September) to be briefed on 21st Century Schools proposals for the Pontypridd area. At the meeting we were informed that detailed proposals for consultation were to be released at 9am this morning and might well make it into the press. Whilst I appreciate that this communication is sent at very short notice in relation to that release, Mrs Cook and I felt that it would be better for us to try to communicate it to you rather than for you to hear it second hand. ***It is important to remember that what exists at the moment is a set of proposals and these will go through an extensive consultation process which you will have the opportunity to take part in.*** The Council's press release can be read by following this link:

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Newsroom/PressReleases/2018/September/New37.4mproposalsfor21stCenturySchoolsfacilitiesinPontypridd.aspx>

Should the proposal in its current form be accepted in its entirety the most significant developments as we see them would be as follows:

- A new 3-16 through school will be developed on the current Hawthorn High and Primary school site which will incorporate Hawthorn Primary School and the English medium stream in Heol Y Celyn Primary.
- Coedpenmaen Primary school will be re-designated as a feeder school of the new school on the current Pontypridd High School site.
- Gwauncelyn Primary School will be re-designated as a feeder school of the new school on the current Hawthorn High site.
- Sixth form provision at Hawthorn High, Pontypridd High and Cardinal Newman will cease from September 2022. Post 16 pupils will be offered alternative provision (\*see RCT press release)
- A significant investment will be made in terms of a redevelopment of the current Hawthorn site to make it fit for purpose in the 21st Century.
- In September 2022 new through schools (3-16) will open on the current Hawthorn High and Pontypridd High sites.

These proposals obviously constitute a very significant change in terms of educational provision, particularly with regard to Sixth Forms, not only for Hawthorn and its community but for Pontypridd more generally; the Chair and I would encourage you to have your say with regard to the proposals and will endeavour to keep you updated as to how you can do so. You may wish to contact your local councillors in the coming days and weeks while you reflect on the detail of what is being proposed. We would expect further clarification with regard to the consultation process in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support and do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any particular queries or concerns.

Regards,

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