



# HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

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**Re.** Council proposals re. school reorganisation in Pontypridd

Dear parents/carers,

As I am sure you are aware, we are currently in the midst of the Council's consultation process with regard to the reorganisation of schools in the Pontypridd area. Staff and Governors at the school had the opportunity to question LEA representatives including the Chief Executive and Director of Education at a meeting at the school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting was very well attended and the Council representatives were asked a wide range of detailed questions about each one of their proposals in a session which lasted almost three hours. Whilst there is much in what is planned that we welcome, Governors have serious concerns about certain elements of what is being proposed and in particular the plan to close Sixth Form provision in all English medium schools in the Pontypridd area.

Governors and management at the school are still analysing and considering the Council's responses to the questions raised and we await a written record of the meeting. Once we have receipt of all the relevant information, we intend to invite all our parents to a meeting at the school so that we can share our opinions on the proposals with you and answer questions which I am sure you have. I shall write to you again in due course and I hope to see as many of you as possible at the parents' meeting we intend to convene. Your formal opportunity to meet with Council representatives is not until the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, which is late in the consultation process, and we would like to ensure that you are fully informed with regard to what we see as the key issues well in advance of that date. To that end and in the coming weeks, we also intend to share our written response to the proposals with the wider school community.

We look forward to your continuing support,

Helen Cook  
Chair of Governors

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