

Date	Venue	Attendees	Question Asked by:	Question	Response Given by:	Response
19/05/14	St David's High School Saltney	Cllr Bithell Ian Budd Tom Davies Claire Homard Kevin Grandfield	Ann Strangland – son attends St David's High School	How are the children going to get to the new sixth form? How will they get back to school?	TD	Post 16 transport policy for the county provides free transport to the nearest suitable school if students home is more than 3 miles away from the provision. There will be a central point in the community for pick up and drop off arranged.
			Broughton Parent	The consortium as stands now will have bus problems, will it pick up in Broughton?	TD KG	A new network will be planned not the current consortium as is now. The new arrangements will be more robust and improved.
			Wood Memorial Parent	Will the pupils on Chester border still have these facilities and at 16 can my daughter still go to the hub?	TD	Yes if the hub has the requirements for daughters needs then could access. It is down to pupil choice for the best education provision.
			Emma Davies – Parent 3 children Wood Memorial	Why is only Saltney Ferry chosen to merge with St David's High?	TD Cllr Bithell	St David's is within the boundary of Saltney Ferry and Saltney Ferry primary is the closest to St David's. This arrangement won't disrupt any travel arrangement for the pupils and parents. Wood Memorial might be in the provision in the future but, due to being on the border it is uncertain if parents may choose a Saltney school or cross into Chester. It is possible Wood Memorial could be included but the schools are at different ends of the town.
			Broughton Parent	How does this apply to and affect Broughton pupils?	IB CH T.Davidson Head St David's	The consortium of schools will work closely together for a smooth transition. This is the starting point in the consultation and it would need to be considered if Wood Memorial would benefit. This is the whole point of consultations and nothing is cast in stone. All consideration of routes needs to be taken into account. It is not being seen as providing a disadvantage to Wood Memorial and it is important to express opinions at these consultations. The aim is to work and improve on child protection, arts, sports, literacy & numeracy etc and will continue to strengthen the school.

					High KG	The various key stages have to go through transition, and this applies if the pupil is in the same school or not.
			Helen – Parent St David’s High School	My daughter starts Sept will the admissions policy change for this school?	TD	Currently any pupil from any community can apply providing there is space available. The admissions policy will still be the same. If there is room in the school then there are no restrictions. The size of the school would need to be looked at. Saltney Ferry has spaces at the current time and we have to match with the means of the community.
			Sarah – Parent St David’s High School	Concerns about only having one head teacher. How will that work as in being managed? Can’t see it working and just see as a fund saving method. How will the head be appointed?	TD IB	We already have amalgamated sites and in terms of 3-16 need specialists in either primary phase or secondary phase. With reference to the saving comment it doesn’t make any difference to the local authority as the money goes to schools budgets.
			Parent	What about disruption to pupils when built.	TD	This will be looked at carefully, can’t predict at St David’s but at Holywell the new school is being built next to the old school, so the old school continuous as normal until ready to move. It is better to retain the old school whilst new one is built.
			Kerry Williams – HT Wood Memorial	In regards to admissions procedure is to apply to nursery, then reception then secondary. If 3-16 will it just be one application process? If the new school becomes over subscribed will the pupils admitted at 3 in a better position than those that apply at 11? So it’s a disadvantage to those coming in at 11?	TD	Once admitted won’t have to reapply and will just continue. A small amount will be affected. The new school will be of sufficient capacity taking into account computer projections of the area.
			Not known	The intake of St David’s 69% Broughton, there are children already caught in the divide. Why not consider Broughton	TD	There has already been investments in Broughton and considered with new projections.

				being invested in instead?		
			Barbara	Do you know of any schools already gone through this?	IB Cllr Bithell	Yes a school in Oswestry is 3-16 and well established and another 'Hadley Learning Community' in Telford. A lot of schools have split ages – infants and juniors for example. In fact the biggest primaries work very well.
			Not known	Broughton is loosing out.	IB	We need to bring forward school organisational change i.e. federations, shared ICT – working closely together.
			Ann Parent St David's High School	Daughter in sixth form, will her courses continue and will her A Levels be affected to? Is there a guarantee to get funding?	KG	The aim is to try to have continuity of staffing. Meetings have already been held with head teachers and Coleg Cambria. All courses have been identified, the plan is to become more efficient and pupils to still have the same staff but this depends on staff applying for the jobs. Nearly all has been subject to bids split with the government. It is a far more compelling argument with the Welsh Assembly Government as bringing schools together provides what the Government seeking.
			Parent	In regards to admissions think this is great for Saltney Ferry but not fair to the other schools.	TD	Numbers on projections gives ideas of numbers needed in the build so it is sufficient for numbers required.
			Parent - Broughton & St David's High School	Is the hub being built now and will it be ready when suggested?	TD	This has been planned for sometime and contractors have been engaged now and start January next year to be ready for July 2016, ready for opening September 2016. Previously we have always brought in on time and within budgets.
			Parent	What about new laws that pupils have to stay in education until 18?	IB	In England all have to stay on until 18 but in Wales it is different.
			A Green – Parent St David's High School	One of my sons is soon to go into sixth form and doesn't want to go to the hub, what is his alternative? It seems its all about consultation on sixth form and I think it has already been decided.	TD	All providers must provide a spread of subjects. St David's currently does this via a consortium. It would be difficult to continue with out the consortium arrangement. Pupils have the right to choose where they want.

			Parent	Will there be any exclusion if there is a cross over to Chester local authority?	TD Cllr Bithell	No exclusion due to where students live, or where they choose to study. It is the subject choices on offer that count. We are consulting as we want to hear people's responses as they may have new views to put forward that may be worth considering. We have to ensure all remains legal.
			Parent	Isn't a provision of local learners here already to keep a sixth form here and be sustained?		The provision is too small to be viable
			Parent	There is a massive difference in learning needs from age 3 to 11.	CH	Appropriate staff will be here to cater and expertise in their field. We need to ensure all pupils are getting their potential. There will be a primary leader at this school and secondary leader both with expertise
			Parent	What about timing of sharing facilities such as gym, canteen etc?	CH	We are already looking into this, how to segregate and what can be shared.
			Parent	Will the children mix?	CH	It is understandable that parents worry how the young are being seen as older pupils misbehaving; it is not a good view of young people as a lot like to help. The planning of the building will be factored in how to manage the school. Holywell has already had this been taken into consideration over the last 18 months. It has the facilities that advantage all the pupils and a time table designed to segregate at different break times.
			Parent	Parents feel other schools will be disadvantaged against Saltney Ferry		Admissions to St. David's will not change. A different admission number can be applied to the primary phase and the secondary phase within one school. This would ensure enough space for pupils from other primary schools in the area that traditionally have seen St. David's as their automatic choice of secondary school
					IB	Closing statement – A challenge is to ensure that no one is disadvantaged by change. Our aim is to ensure that children and young people benefit from better learning opportunities and outcomes.