

**John Summers High School**

**Curriculum & Admission Transition Plan 2015-2018**

It is acknowledged that school organisational change can cause anxiety for parents and carers, pupils, staff and the wider community across a number of issues, including continuity of Education.

The transition plan focuses on the requirements of the learners and endeavours to mitigate risk on continuity of education should the Minister determine to close John Summers High School.

The statutory process around potential school closure has been planned to coincide with the timing of GCSE option choices for local high schools. The anticipated timeline for the Minister's decision is by the end of January 2016.

Detailed transition arrangements continue to be developed for implementation between John Summers High School and partner schools through to December 2015. This allows students, parents and carers to make informed choices prior to considering options for GCSEs.

There is an agreement with the partner high schools that they work with the Council and John Summers High School regarding the timing of their option choices for students to coincide with the timeline for Ministerial decision making.

The Council and the other partner high schools are also working on a contingency transition plans should the minister not determine by the anticipated date.

Transition planning extends to the admissions process and will also involve the primary school consortium schools associated with John Summers High School.

The general principles of the plan will be as follows:

- Continue to work with staff at the school and at neighbouring schools to minimise disruption for students
- Build on current joint curriculum delivery work at Key Stage 4 with local schools (particularly at Connah's Quay High school), aligning the curriculum to provide resilience and the potential for an improved range of curriculum options.
- Individual transition plans and support for vulnerable learners and dedicated plans for vulnerable cohorts (including pastoral support across transition)
- Provide options to the Cabinet for transport to address student, parent and carer concerns

**Implications on Admissions September 2016**

- As the Authority cannot pre-determine the Minister's decision, John Summers High School remains a choice for parents of year 6 pupils wishing to attend John Summers in September 2016. However, parents will be informed on the electronic admissions form that John Summers High school is in a statutory consultation period for potential closure in order that they can made an informed choice.
- Parental choice for current year 6 pupils remain unaffected by the proposal as parents can express a preference for any school through the admissions process and policy.

**Implications on Admissions September 2017**

- Should the minister determine closure as of January 2016 , John Summers High School will no longer remain as a choice for parents for admissions for September 2017

**Key Milestones**

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| • School admission process for high schools for September 2016 opens            | - | 1 September 2015                |
| • School admission process for high schools for September 2016 closes           | - | 6 November 2015                 |
| • Ministerial decision on the closure of John Summers High School               | - | by end of January 2016          |
| • GCSE options for year 9 for all high schools commences                        | - | Spring 2016                     |
| • Subject to Ministerial approval age range change for John Summers High School | - | by 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2016 |
| • Post 16 Learning Hub based at Coleg Cambria opens                             | - | September 2016                  |
| • Subject to Ministerial approval John Summers High School closure              | - | by 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2017 |

**Summary of Year Groups and the Implications of the proposal**

**Year 7** (as of September 2015)

- Admissions as above
- No identified curriculum issues

Year 7 journey over the academic years

<b>Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2016 – August 2017</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2017 – August 2018</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2018 – August 2019</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2019 – August 2020</b>
<p>Pupils year group 7 will commence selection of their partner school</p> <p>Individual transition plans developed</p> <p>Pastoral support provided</p>	<p>Pupils move into year group 8</p> <p>Pupils have already selected their partner school</p> <p>Individual transition plans developed</p> <p>Pastoral support provided</p>	<p>Pupils move into year group 9</p> <p>Pupils have already selected their partner school</p> <p>Pupils transfer into the new partner school September 2017</p> <p>Teaching curriculum will be based on pupils selected partner school</p> <p>GCSE selections based on their selected partner school GCSE options</p> <p>Individual transition plans implemented</p> <p>Pastoral support provided</p>	<p>Pupils move into year group 10</p> <p>Pupils have already selected their partner school</p> <p>Pupils transferred into the new partner school September 2017</p> <p>GCSE year 1 commences</p> <p>Teaching curriculum will be based on pupils selected partner school</p> <p>Individual transition plans implemented</p> <p>Pastoral support provided</p>	<p>Pupils move into year group 10</p> <p>Pupils have already selected their partner school</p> <p>Pupils transferred into the new partner school September 2017</p> <p>GCSE year 2 commences</p> <p>Teaching curriculum will be based on pupils selected partner school</p> <p>Individual transition plans implemented</p> <p>Pastoral support provided</p>

## Year 8

Remaining in John Summers until August 2017 and transferring into partner school September 2017

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 8 journey over the academic years

<b>Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2016 – August 2017</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2017 – August 2018</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2018 – August 2019</b>
Pupils year group 8 will commence selection of their partner school  Individual transition plans developed  Pastoral support provided	Pupils move into year group 9  Pupils have already selected their partner school  GCSE selected based on partner school options  Individual transition plans developed  Pastoral support provided	Pupils move into year group 10  Pupils have already selected their partner school  Pupils transfer into the new partner school September 2017  GCSE year 1 commences  Teaching curriculum will be based on pupils selected partner school  Individual transition plans implemented  Pastoral support provided	Pupils move into year group 11  Pupils have already selected their partner school  Pupils transferred into the new partner school September 2017  GCSE year 2 commences  Teaching curriculum will be based on pupils selected partner school  Individual transition plans implemented  Pastoral support provided

## Year 9

Remaining in John Summers until August 2017 and transferring into partner school September 2017

- Some identified curriculum transition challenges identified
- This group will be supported to select their partner school in during 2015-2016
- GCSE year 1 options selected on basis of John Summers High options selection in Spring 2016
- Some curriculum alignment concerns identified

Year 9 journey over the academic years

<b>Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2016 – August 2017</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2017 – August 2018</b>
Pupils year group 9 will commence selection of their partner school  GCSE selections based on John Summers High School options  Individual transition plans developed  Pastoral support provided	Pupils move into year group 10  Pupils have already selected their partner school  GCSE year 1 commences  Teaching curriculum will be based on pupils selected John Summers High options  Individual transition plans implemented  Pastoral support provided	Pupils move into year group 11  Pupils have already selected their partner school  Pupils transfer into the new partner school September 2017  GCSE year 2 commences  Teaching curriculum will be based on pupils selected John Summers High School  Individual transition plans implemented  Pastoral support provided

**Year 10**

Remaining in John Summers until August 2017

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 10 journey over the academic years

<b>Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016</b>	<b>Academic Year September 2016 – August 2017</b>
Pupils year group 10 selected GCSEs based on John Summers High School options	Pupils year group 10 selected GCSEs based on John Summers High School options
GCSE year 1 commences	GCSE year 2 commences

**Year 11**

Remaining in John Summers until August 2016

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 11 journey over the academic years

<b>Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016</b>
Pupils year group 11 selected GCSEs based on John Summers High School options
GCSE year 2 commences

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## Year 12

Remaining in John Summers until August 2016

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 12 journey over the academic years

<b>Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016</b>	<b>Academic Year starting September 2016 – August 2017</b>
Pupils year group 12 selected A levels based on John Summers High School options	Pupils transfer into Coleg Cambria September 2016 in line with established Transformation plans
A Level year 1 commences	A level year 2 commences
Curriculum based on John Summers High A level selections	Teaching curriculum will be based on options and curriculum pupils selected at John Summers High School
Individual transition plans implemented	Individual transition plans implemented
Pastoral support provided	Pastoral support provided

## Year 13

Remaining in John Summers until August 2016

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 13 journey over the academic years

<b>Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016</b>
Pupils year group 13 selected A levels based on John Summers High School options
A Level year 2 commences
Curriculum based on John Summers High A level selections

**ACADEMIC TRANSITION OVERVIEW**

Academic Year	Admission Process (March)	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
<b>2015 - 2016</b>	March 2015 for 2015/16 for admission round JSH remains as an option for year 6	No change	No change	Options year – JSH options in spring 2015	GCSE Year 1	GCSE Year 2	No change	No change
Ministerial decision for age change proposal known in Feb 2016 Age Range Change implemented from 2016/2017 Closure from 2017.								
<b>2016-2017 (Proposed Age Change Year)</b>	March 2016 for 2016/17 High school admissions will not include JSH as an option for year 6 – if proposal for closure is formally confirmed by LA before admission cycle closes	Partner school selection process commences	Partner school selection process commences	Options selected in spring 2016  partner school options selected by year 9 pupil	GCSE Year 1 (previous year 9 - 15/16)  No change to JSH GCSE selections	GCSE Year 2 (previous year 10 – 15/16)  No change to JSH GCSE selections	Formal transfer of year 12 to new 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Centre	Year 13 will transfer to 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Centre to ensure continuity of learning for this group
School officially closes on 31/08/2017								
<b>2017-2018 (Proposed Closure Year)</b>	March 2017 for 2017/18 High school admissions will not include JSH as an option for year 6	NA	NA	Partner school already selected  Options selected in Spring 2017 based on partner school curriculum Pupils move to new partner school	GCSE Year 1 (previous year 9 – 16/17)  Partner school selections curriculum aligned during 2016/17	GCSE Year 2 (2015-16) –  JSH GCSEs selections based at partner school (tbc)	NA	Year 13 provided from 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Centre