

Appendix 3: John Summers High School

Draft Curriculum & Admissions Transition Plan 2015-2018

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

The Transition Plan will focus on the requirements of the learners and will endeavour to mitigate risk pertaining to continuity of Education should the Welsh Minister determine to close John Summers High School.

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

Detailed transition plans will be developed with John Summers High School and partner schools between September 2015 and December 2015. This will be in time for parents and carers to make informed choices prior to considering options for GCSEs in particular.

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

The Council and the partnering High Schools will also work on a contingency transition plan should the Minister not determine an outcome by the anticipated date.

Transition planning will extend 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 for Key Stage 4 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 the Cabinet with options for transport to address parent, carer and student concerns

Implications on Admissions Sept 2016

- As the Local 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 Sept 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 make an informed choice.

Implications on Admissions Sept 2017

- Should the Minister determine closure in February 2016, John Summers High School will no longer remain as a choice for parents for admissions for September 2017

Key Milestones

- 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 31st August 2016
- Post 16 Learning Centre based at Coleg Cambria opens - September 2016
- Subject to Ministerial approval John Summers High School closure - by 31st 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

Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016	Academic Year September 2016 – August 2017	Academic Year September 2017 – August 2018	Academic Year September 2018 – August 2019	Academic Year September 2019 – August 2020
<p>Pupils in 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 complete selection of 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 in Spring 2018</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 11</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 8s

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

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 8 journey over the academic years

Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016	Academic Year September 2016 – August 2017	Academic Year September 2017 – August 2018	Academic Year September 2018 – August 2019
Pupils in 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 9s

Remaining at John Summers High School 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
- Choice of partner school is critical for this group to ensure learners have curriculum continuity through Key Stage 4
- GCSE year 1 options selected on basis of John Summers High School options selection in the Spring Term of 2016, working with a combined curriculum with Connah's Quay High School. Alternatively, pupils move to another partner school.
- Transport provided for learners who select options offered at Connah's Quay High School

Year 9 journey over the academic years

Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016	Academic Year September 2016 – August 2017	Academic Year September 2017 – August 2018
<p>Pupils in year group 9 will select their partner school</p> <p>GCSE selections based on John Summers High School options working with a combined curriculum with Connah's Quay High School as the designated receiving school</p> <p>Individual transition plans developed</p> <p>Pastoral support provided</p>	<p>Pupils move into year group 10</p> <p>Pupils have already selected their partner school (if this is not CQHS then pupils advised to move at this stage)</p> <p>GCSE year 1 commences</p> <p>Individual transition plans implemented</p> <p>Pastoral support provided</p>	<p>Pupils move into year group 11</p> <p>Pupils have already selected their partner school</p> <p>All pupils transfer into the new partner schools by September 2017</p> <p>GCSE year 2 commences</p> <p>Individual transition plans implemented</p> <p>Pastoral support provided</p>

Year 10s

Remaining at John Summers High School until August 2017

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 10 journey over the academic years

Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016	Academic Year September 2016 – August 2017
Pupils in year group 10 selected GCSEs based on John Summers High School options	Pupils in year group 11 selected GCSEs based on John Summers High School options
GCSE year 1 commences	GCSE year 2 commences

Year 11s

Remaining at John Summers High School until August 2016

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 11 journey over the academic years

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

Year 12s

Remaining at John Summers High School until August 2016

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 12 journey over the academic years

Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016	Academic Year starting September 2016 – August 2017
Pupils year group 12 selected A levels based on John Summers High School options working in Deeside Consortium A Level year 1 commences	Pupils transfer to Coleg Cambria September 2016 A level year 2 commences Teaching curriculum will be based on pupils selected John Summers High School options within Deeside Consortium

Year 13s

Remaining at John Summers High School until August 2016

- No identified curriculum issues

Year 13 journey over the academic years

Academic Year starting September 2015 – August 2016
Pupils year group 13 selected A levels based on John Summers High School options working in Deeside Consortium A Level year 2 commences

ACADEMIC TRANSITION OVERVIEW

Academic Year	Admission Process (by March)	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
2015 - 2016	March 2016 for 2016/17 admission round John Summers High School remains as an option for year 6, with indication that school is under review	Partner school selection process commences	Partner school selection process commences	Options year – John Summers High School options in the Spring Term of 2016 in partnership with other school(s)	GCSE Year 1	GCSE Year 2	No change	No change
Ministerial decision for age change proposal known in Feb 2016 Age Range Change potentially implemented from 2016/2017 Local Authority/ Ministerial decision for John Summers High School closure 2017 proposal known in 2016								
2016-2017 (Proposed Age Change Year)	March 2017 for 2017/18 high school admissions will not include John Summers High School as an option for year 6 – if proposal for closure is formally confirmed by Local Authority before admission cycle closes	Partner school selection process completed	Partner school selection process completed	Partner school selection process completed Options selected in spring 2017 for selected partner school	GCSE Year 1 (previous year 9 - 15/16) Learners start GCSE, including partnership courses with other school(s)	GCSE Year 2 (previous year 10 – 15/16) No change to John Summers High School GCSE selections	Formal transfer of year 12 to new Learning Centre based at Coleg Cambria	Year 13 will transfer to Coleg Cambria to ensure continuity of learning for this group
School officially closes on 31/08/2017								
2017-2018 (Proposed Closure Year)	March 2018 for 2018/19 High school admissions will not include John Summers High School as an option for year 6	NA	Pupils join Year 8 in selected school	Pupils join Year 9 in selected school Options selected in Spring 2018 based on partner school curriculum	Pupils join GCSE Year 1 in partner school	GCSE Year 2 Learners complete GCSE courses at partner schools	NA	Year 13 will now be provided from Coleg Cambria