

What do you think?

Proposal to close the Welsh Language Stream at Brecon High School

Please let us know what you think about the idea of closing the Welsh language stream at Brecon High School by filling in the following questionnaire.

We would also like to hear about any other concerns you have.

Name

School Class

1 If the Welsh language stream at Brecon High School closed, how would it affect you?

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2 If the Welsh language stream at Brecon High School didn't close, how else could we improve Welsh language education in south Powys?

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3 Do you have any other concerns or comments that you think the Council should think about?

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You can hand this questionnaire in to your teacher or post it to the following address:

**School Modernisation Team, Powys County Council,
County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5LG**

(Your questionnaire must be received before Monday the 27th July)

What's happening?

Powys County Council is the organisation which decides how education is organised and provided in Powys. The Council wants to make sure that all children and young people have the chance to go to schools that give them the best possible opportunities.

Some children and young people in Powys attend Welsh language schools. Pupils in these schools can either already speak Welsh fluently, or they learn to speak Welsh fluently at school. Welsh is the main language used in these schools, and subjects are taught using Welsh instead of English. The Council wants to make sure that all pupils that want to attend a Welsh language school can do so, and that the Welsh language education available in Powys is as good as possible, and gives pupils plenty of opportunities to use their Welsh.

At the moment, Welsh language education is available in two high schools in South Powys, Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School. However, the number of Welsh language pupils in both of these schools is quite small, so the Council is wondering if it would be better if it was only available in one of these schools.

Why is this happening?

Powys County Council is thinking of closing the Welsh language stream at Brecon High School because of the following reasons:

- Not all subjects are available in Welsh, and no sixth form subjects are available in Welsh.
- The number of Welsh language pupils at the school is small.

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What would change?

Instead of going to Brecon High School, Welsh language pupils from the Brecon area would go to a different high school. For most pupils, Builth Wells High School would be the closest school, but some pupils might live closer to schools outside Powys, for example Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera.

Pupils are taught in both Welsh and English in Builth Wells High School, but more pupils are taught in Welsh than at Brecon High School, and more subjects are available in Welsh. In Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, all pupils are taught in Welsh.

Do you want to know more?

We have sent a more detailed document to parents and teachers.

If you would like to see it, you can find it on our website:

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/schools-students/plans-for-powys-schools/>

What will happen next?

The Council will read all the comments sent in about the proposal, and will decide whether or not to carry on with it.

If the Council does decide to carry on, it will publish something called a 'Statutory Notice' to say that it wants to close the Welsh language stream at Brecon High School. There will be another chance for people to tell us if they don't agree that this should happen.

The Council will then make a final decision about whether or not the Welsh language stream should close. If the Council does decide to close the Welsh language stream at Brecon High School, this will happen from the 1st September 2016.

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How can you let us know what you think about our plans?

We really want to hear what you think about our plan.

You can contact us in the following ways:

Fill in the questionnaire on the back of this leaflet and hand it in to your teacher or post it to the address below

E-mail us: school.modernisation@powys.gov.uk

Write to us: **School Modernisation Team,**
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County Hall,
Llandrindod Wells,
Powys
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Fill in the on-line questionnaire on our website:

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