



Your opinion matters!

To ensure the best future for you and your friends, we want to hear your views on post-16 education in Arfon, setting out your ideas and intentions for the next few years.

On the next page we go into some detail about why we want to hear your thoughts and ideas.

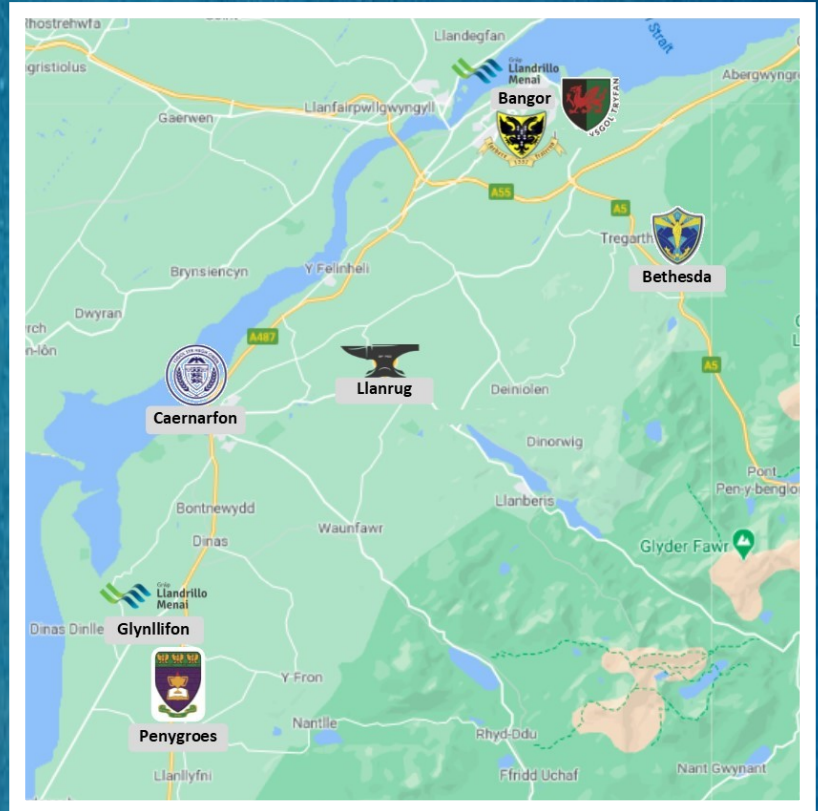
And with those few words, thank you for taking the opportunity to contribute to the big conversation that will help us ensure fairness and strong support for you and all young people to succeed and realize their full potential.

Arfon' Post-16 Education

The Current Provision

The current post-16 education provision in Arfon is provided at six secondary schools in Arfon, and at further education colleges by Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, namely:

- **Ysgol Brynrefail,**
- **Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle,**
- **Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen,**
- **Ysgol Friars,**
- **Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen**
- **Ysgol Tryfan**
- **Grŵp Llandrillo Menai Colleges**



Arfon secondary schools in partnership with Gwynedd Local Authority, Isle of Anglesey secondary schools and Isle of Anglesey Local Authority and Llandrillo Menai Group form a Consortium (Gwynedd and Anglesey Post-16 Education Consortium) which sets the area's post-16 curriculum through a partnership arrangement. This, among other aspects, enables the schools to offer learners a choice of 30 courses.



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Why are we looking at Arfon' post-16 education?

There has been no significant change in the post-16 education provision in the Arfon area for some time. With the landscape of post-16 education changing across Wales, it is therefore timely for us to take a step back to see if the current situation fully meets the needs of our young people.

By holding an open conversation we are keen to see what aspects of the current system are working well and what we can do better to achieve an innovative system that offers the best for all learners.

Above all, we want to find an answer to the question 'What needs to be done to ensure that this system in Arfon enables all our learners to fulfill their potential?'

The Council therefore believes that it is time to look afresh at the opportunities to improve post-16 provision in Arfon, in particular to address the following:

- Ensure that the opportunities and experiences are the same for all learners. There is currently too much variation in courses and results across the county.
- Increase class sizes. There are small teaching groups in many subjects and a lack of pupils to enrich the experience in lessons.
- Ensure a choice of 30 courses is available.
- Ensuring a post-16 education system that achieves value for money, offering equality of opportunity for all learners.
- Ensure that learners take advantage of the choice of courses available through the medium of Welsh and bilingually.
- Opportunity to attract investment of up to £18m through the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools and Colleges Program for improving post-16 education provision in Arfon.