



SoS Y Pant

Save Our Sixth Form – Y Pant

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From: SoS Y Pant Action Group

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We are writing to ask you to help us in our fight to retain Y Pant's Sixth Form, which is under threat of closure by Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT).

As an Action Group we have written to RCT's Cabinet and to the relevant education officers within the Council. We now need your help to send as many letters as we can to Councillor Russell Roberts (Leader of Council for RCT), Mr. Keith Griffiths (Chief Executive) and Mr. Mike Keating (Director of Education).

We have attached three template letters and are asking you to please fill in your address (in the box) at the top of each letter, sign them and return them either directly to RCT at the addresses provided, or alternatively to Y Pant School in an envelope clearly marked SoS Y Pant. This will save you having to pay postage and to allow us to log how many letters have been sent.

We hope that you will join us in fighting to keep our sixth form. If you would like to help us more please check the website at www.sosypant.com, email us at the address above or drop a note into school clearly marked SOS Y Pant.

Thank you for your support.

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Mr. K. Griffiths,
Chief Executive,
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council,
The Pavilions,
Cambrian Park,
Clydach Vale,
Clydach,
Rhondda Cynon Taf. CF40 2XX

Sender:-

Dear Mr. Griffiths,

I wish to strongly object to the proposals by Rhondda Cynon Taf Council to close the Sixth Form in Ysgol Y Pant School.

In your document "*Strategic Outline Case to Transform Education in Rhondda Cynon Taff*" you state the reasons for decision-making as:

- Standards and achievements
- Choice
- Participation
- Equity and parity
- Ability to respond to future learners, community and business needs
- Financial viability and effectiveness

None of the above factors can be used to justify the closure of the Sixth Form in Y Pant. Firstly, A Level results for Y Pant were, as you are aware, outstanding last year and have been, over time, consistently higher than the average for RCT. Secondly, your proposal to close the sixth form at Y Pant actually restricts students' freedom of choice when you take into account the fact that Y Pant offers over 20 AS/A Level subject choices to over 200 students. Furthermore, in terms of participation, Y Pant has an average of 17 students per class undertaking AS/A level courses. Even typically less popular subjects like Chemistry are well supported with almost 60 students studying the subject at AS/A Level. Finally, Y Pant remains within budget, has no surplus places and is projected to grow year on year.

As a prospective parent/guardian of a child who will be attending Y Pant, I am confident that you will consider my views. Ysgol Y Pant School should not lose its sixth form and as Chief Executive I believe that you should reconsider this proposal so that Y Pant and other prosperous sixth forms in RCT remain. Quite clearly, in an area as diverse as RCT, a mixed economy in terms of post-16 provision is the best way forward. I await your response with interest.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. M. Keating,
Director of Education & Lifelong Learning,
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council,
Ty Trevithick,
Abercynon,
Mountain Ash,
Rhondda Cynon Taf. CF45 4UQ

Sender:-

Dear Mr. Keating,

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