

REPORT TO:	Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee
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LEAD MEMBER:	N/A
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SUBJECT:	Learner Outcomes Report for Wrexham Pupils in Coleg Cambria 2017/18
WARD:	N/A

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the education standards for Wrexham pupils attending Coleg Cambria.
- 1.2 To consider the percentage of pupils in Year 11 remaining in full time education.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Committee receives monitoring reports on the performance of Wrexham pupils attending school sixth forms and Coleg Cambria.
- 2.2 Education standards in the two school sixth forms in the County Borough are included in a separate report which is considered in October each year.
- 2.3 It is important to note that the success rates shown in the Learner Outcomes Report (LOR) are derived from whether a learner both completes their study and attains a qualification, making it difficult to compare performance with school sixth forms. In future years the Post 16 Measures report will replace the LOR, and hence address the incomparability issue.

- 2.4 The Learner Outcomes report does not distinguish between county. However the College produces its own data and is therefore able to provide a breakdown of results for learners who reside in Wrexham.
- 2.5 National comparative information in respect of further education has been provided. The disaggregated data for Wrexham learners shows the following:
- The overall attainment rate at Coleg Cambria was 94%. The overall success rate (when early leavers are included) was 81%. This includes all qualifications including GCSE resits and Essential Skills Wales.
 - For main qualifications (over 150 hours) the overall success rates in 2017/18 were 85%, this is one percentage point above the Wales national comparator of 84%.
 - For Academic provision (A Level) the success rate was 88%, 3% points above the Wales national comparator and ranked 1st in Wales.
 - For vocational qualifications the overall success rate was 83%, one percentage point below the national comparator.
- 2.6 The percentage of Wrexham pupils remaining in full time education based on the annual survey by Careers Wales in 2018 is 82%. This is slightly below the Wales figure of 86%.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Members formulate their conclusions and recommendations based on the information in the report and the discussions at the meeting.**

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable the Committee to consider educational performance of Wrexham pupils who attend Coleg Cambria. To consider the destination of Wrexham pupils at Year 11.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 Provisional data regarding education standards at Key Stages 3 and 4 (secondary) and Key Stage 5 (school sixth forms) are reported to the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee in October on an annual basis. The final verified results are then reported to Members in April following receipt of information from Welsh Government (there is very little change in the data).
- 4.2 In 2014, the Committee noted that the Key Stage 5 results only included data for the three school sixth forms (11-18 schools) and therefore agreed to invite Coleg Cambria to attend a meeting to provide information on the achievement of 17/18 year old Wrexham learners attending the college.
- 4.3 A Learner Outcomes Report for Wrexham Pupils Attending Coleg Cambria was first considered at the meeting of the Committee in May 2015

- 4.4 A new set of learner outcome measures has been developed by Welsh Government that can be applied consistently across further education and school sixth forms. This is the first progress report to Committee using this measure.
- 4.5 At the previous meeting where this was considered in June 2018, the Committee agreed the following (a link to the report and minute is provided in the Background Papers section of this report):-
- (i) That the Chair, in consultation with the Head of Department and the Lead Member for People – Education, write to the Welsh Local Government Association with a view to addressing the concerns raised at the meeting regarding the sharing of pupil data between schools and further education colleges.
 - (ii) That a further progress report be submitted in June 2019, to include more information regarding progression rates to Oxbridge and any developments regarding the sharing of pupil data referred to in (i) above.
- 4.6 In respect of the above issues no further information has been received with regard to sharing of pupil data. In respect of point (ii) progression to Russell Group and Sutton Trust universities is included at 3.3.3 in Appendix 1.
- 4.7 A visit to the new construction site at Bersham Road was held in November 2018.

Coleg Cambria Learner Outcomes Report

- 4.8 Attached at Appendix 1 is the Coleg Cambria Learner Outcomes Report for Wrexham based learners for the academic year 2017/18.

Percentage of Pupils remaining in Full Time Education

- 4.9 The Committee has previously requested this information as it was previously one of the key performance measures in the Wrexham County Borough Council Plan. Careers Wales provide this information from an annual survey of school leavers undertaken by on behalf of the Welsh Government. It provides a useful snapshot of pupil destinations which informs careers staff in their work with clients, parents, teachers and employers. The data collected also proves an invaluable aid to partners and colleagues involved in planning learning, training and employment opportunities. This destination information is recorded as a result of the pupil's known activity on 31st October 2018. The percentage of Year 11 pupils remaining in full time education in 2018 was 82%. This is slightly below the Wales figure of 86%.
- 4.10 One of the key performance measures in the Council plan is the percentage of pupils known not to be in education, training or employment (NEETs). The Wrexham rate of NEETs is 1.7% compared to the Wales average of 1.6% and the percentage of Wrexham learners in work based training is 3.7% compared

to the Wales average of 1.6%. A link to the Careers Wales data is provided in the background documents section of the report.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** – This matter will contribute to the in year priority raising the aspirations of young people in Wrexham.
- 5.2 **Budget** – There are no budget implications arising from this report.
- 5.3 **Legal** – There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.4 **Staffing** – There are no staffing issues arising out of the report.
- 5.5 **Equality/Human Rights** – This is a monitoring report of an external/partnership organisation and any Equality/Human Rights issues would be the responsibility of that organisation. (EIA 00135/2018).
- 5.6 **Risks** – There are no risks identified in the report.

6. CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

7 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO.
Careers Wales pupil destination data 2018	Careers Wales website	http://destinations.careerswales.com/ https://www.careerswales.com/en/professionals/pupil-destinations/
Report No. HF/54/2018 – Learner Outcomes Report for Wrexham Pupils in Coleg Cambria 2016/17 – Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee 21 June 2018.	Wrexham County Borough Council website	http://moderngov.wrexham.gov.uk/documents/g3844/Printed%20minutes%201st-Jun-2018%2014.00%20Lifelong%20Learning%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=1