

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF CASTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WALMER SCIENCE COLLEGE

Summary of written responses

Consultation documents distributed: 2600

Responses received: 153

	Support	Against	Undecided	Total
Parents/Carers of pupils at Castle Community College	9	21	0	30
Members of staff at Castle Community College	18	0	0	18
Governors of Castle Community College	5	0	0	5
Students at Castle Community College	6	14	2	22
Parents/Carers of pupils at Walmer Science College	13	42	2	57
Members of staff at Walmer Science College	1	4	0	5
Governors of Walmer Science College	1	0	0	1
Students at Walmer Science College	0	0	0	0
Interested party	2	4	1	7
Total	51	97	5	153

Please note: Some of those who responded fitted into more than one category and are shown under each such category, but are only counted once in the totals at the foot of the table.

Comments made in favour of the proposal

- Economies of scale
- Opportunity through BSF that otherwise would be lost
- It should ensure stability for staff
- Mini schools will help retain small school ethos
- New build will bring better facilities
- One school serving the whole community is a good idea
- Working together will produce a better outcome
- Great for the whole area to be united

Comments made opposed to the proposal

- Congestion at Castle
- Access is difficult to Castle
- Removal of choice of school
- Wants a small school
- Numbers are not going to decrease
- Class sizes will increase
- No guarantee that BSF money will be available
- Selling off part of the Walmer site would be catastrophic
- Competition between the two schools is healthy
- It is a waste of money building a new school
- The new school will be far too big
- Walmer is a great school; Castle is dark and dull