

Careers Wales Mid Glamorgan & Powys



# Pupil Destinations

## 2009

Merthyr Tydfil



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## FOREWORD

The Annual Destinations Survey provides statistical information and analysis of the destinations of school leavers who were in Years 11, 12 and 13/14 during the academic year 2008-2009.

Today's young people are faced with an increasingly complex range of choices and decisions and for this reason high quality, impartial careers guidance has never been more important.

We hope this report will assist all those involved in the planning and delivery of education, training and employment opportunities, as well as informing future school leavers of the choices available to them.



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## INTRODUCTION

This report outlines the destinations of pupils from the **Merthyr Tydfil County** Borough for the year 2009.

Careers Wales Mid Glamorgan and Powys covers a large and extremely diverse area. Where combined figures from the whole company area are of some value, we have provided comparative information which you should find useful.

In addition, you may wish to consult [careerswales.com](http://careerswales.com) for similar reports from neighbouring Careers Wales companies.

### Company Area

The Mid Glamorgan part of the company covers a significant area with Caerphilly in the east, Rhondda Cynon Taff wrapping around Cardiff and the Vale in the south and Bridgend in the west. The farthest point north is Merthyr Tydfil.

Much of Mid Glamorgan was traditionally made up of industrial, valley communities which have suffered from the decline in manufacturing and heavy industry over many years.

Powys, the largest county in Wales stretching from the borders of Wrexham and Gwynedd in the north to the Swansea Valley and Monmouthshire in the south, is a primarily rural area with all the associated benefits and difficulties.

We have analysed data on pupils who attended years 11, 12 and 13/14, including special schools. The data does not, however, include those attending college or independent schools.

It is based on a snap shot of the pupils' destinations on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

The survey is conducted by all Careers Wales companies on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Destination information is collected through a variety of methods. Many young people register at their local careers centres but we also follow up significant numbers by phone, email and letters. In addition, information is provided by our partners in schools, colleges and learning providers as well as other agencies dealing with young people and their families.

We are grateful to all those who have assisted in the gathering of this information.

Headings used in the following pages are largely self-explanatory though the definitions at the end of the report may assist:

Figures may not always total exactly 100% due to rounding up/down.

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# Year 11 Merthyr Tydfil Pupil Destinations 2009

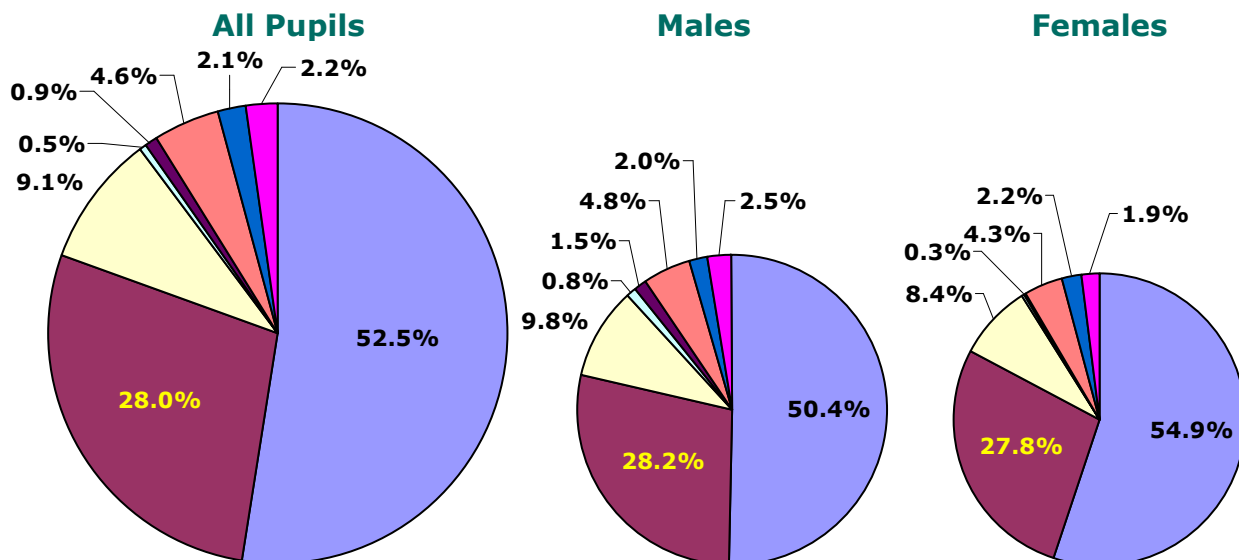
- 767 in the cohort
- The population of Year 11 is unchanged since last year.
- The cohort is made up of 52% males and 48% females. In 2008, the percentage was 50% each.

## Education

- The majority of school leavers – 80.6% – remained in full time education.
- Females in the cohort represent a higher percentage of those continuing in education than males. 82.7% of girls continued, compared to 78.6% of boys.
- Overall, of those who continued in **full-time education**, 65% continued in school with 35% attending full-time college courses. The percentage going to college has risen from 28% in 2008. Merthyr Tydfil is the only LEA in the Company's where this has happened.

### YEAR 11 MERTHYR TYDFIL PUPIL DESTINATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Full-Time Education - School	200	203	403
Full-Time Education - College	112	103	215
WBT - Non Employed Status	39	31	70
WBT - Employed Status	3	1	4
Employed	6	1	7
Not in Education, Employment, or Training	19	16	35
No Response To Survey	8	8	16
Left The Area	10	7	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>767</b>



## Year 11 Merthyr Tydfil Pupil Destinations 2009

### **Work and Training**

- 9.1% of the cohort entered non-employed WBT, which is a reduction from 11.6% last year but similar to 9.4% in 2007
- Only 0.5% (five pupils) entered WBT with employed status (including Modern Apprenticeships), up from 0.1% the previous year
- There was a decrease in the numbers entering employment from 19 young people in 2008 to 7 in 2009. It is worth noting that only a further nine Year 12 pupils entered employment this year putting the total number of 16 and 17 year olds entering the labour market in MT at less than 20. (See also **5 Year Trends**)
- Boys made up the majority of those entering WBT and employment, representing 59.3% of the total overall.
- At the time of the survey, 4.6% were not in education, employment or training (NEET), an improvement from 2008 (7.8%).
- Overall, 2.2% did not respond to the survey, a slight improvement on 2008 reducing the figure from 19 to 17.

### **Ethnicity (All Company Data)**

- Figures for Year 11 clients selecting an ethnic group show: 78.3% (81.3% in 2008) consider themselves White British, White Irish or White Other; 20.7% (17.9% in 2008) selected no ethnic group, and 1% (0.8% in 2008) selected other minority ethnic groups.

# Year 11 Merthyr Tydfil Pupil Destinations 2009

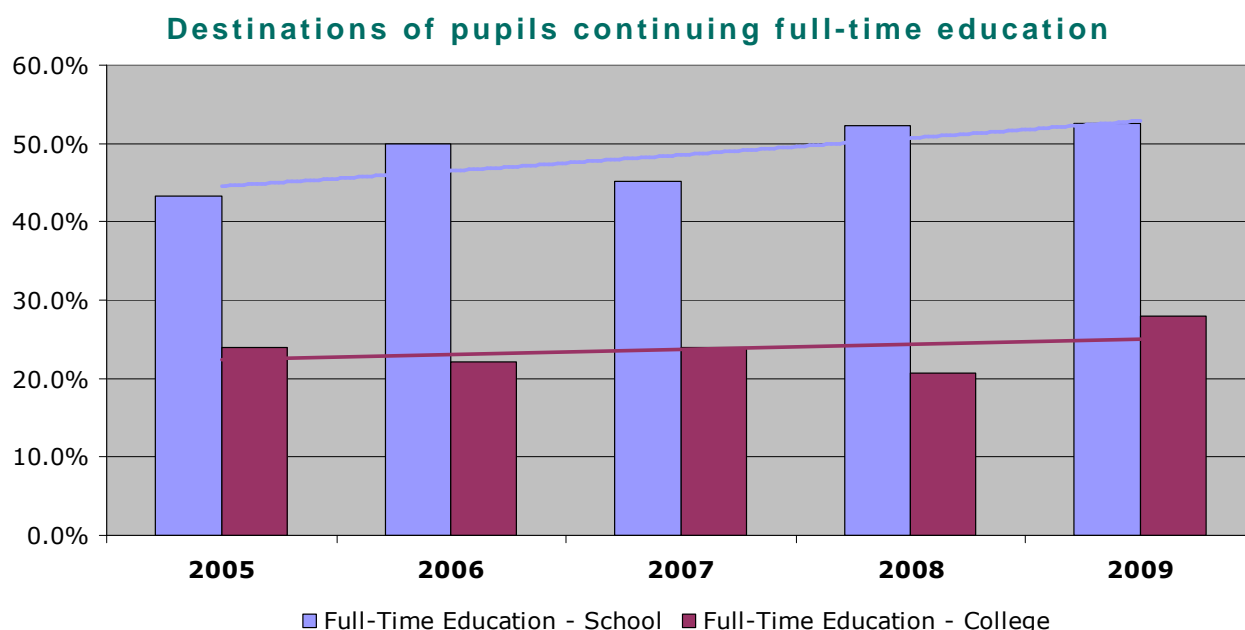
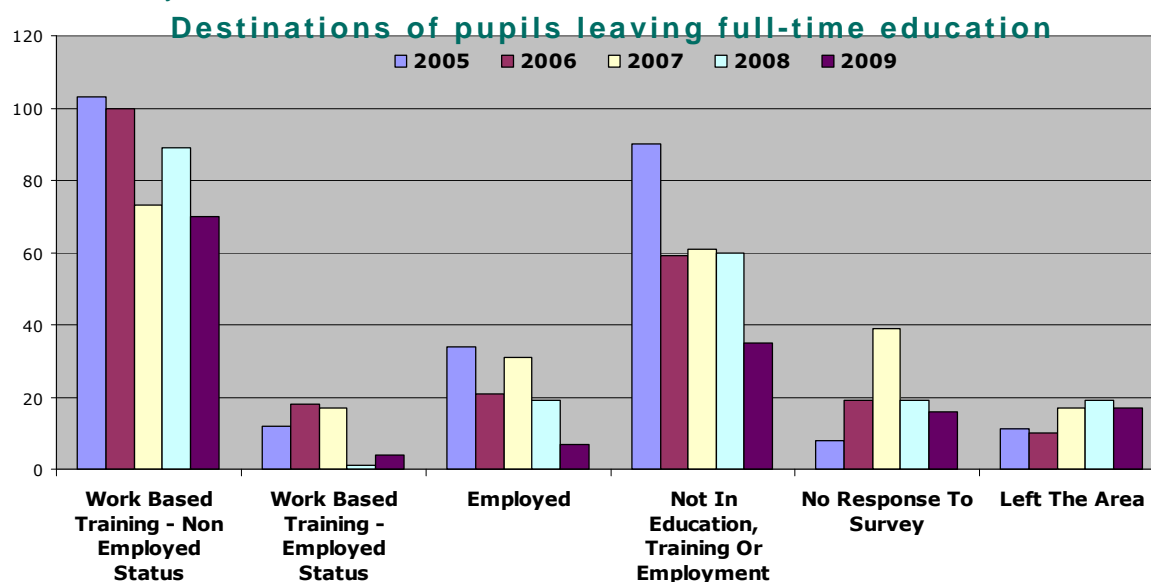
## 5 YEAR TRENDS

- The total Year 11 cohort is 767, a drop of 3% since 2005.
- The percentage of young people staying in education has increased by **13.2% from a low of 67.4% in 2005 to 80.6% this year.**

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
67.4%	72.0%	69.3%	73.0%	80.6%

- The Education Maintenance Allowance was introduced in 2004/2005 and may have influenced staying-on rates over the last few years.

- Following a peak in 2006 of 118, the number entering WBT has fallen by 37% to 74.
- The number entering employment has steadily decreased from a high of 60 in 2004 to this year's figure of 7, less than 12% of the 2004 figure.
- Girls have consistently represented the greatest percentage of those continuing in full time education and conversely boys have continued to be much more likely to enter work or training.



# Year 12 Merthyr Tydfil Pupil Destinations 2009

- 401 in the cohort
- The majority - 88% of pupils - continued in full-time education following Year 12. Of those that continued, 52% were female and 48% male.
- The figures make it clear that most pupils who continue in full-time education beyond Year 11 will continue for at least two years.
- 11.7% left school after Year 12 to continue their education in college. This

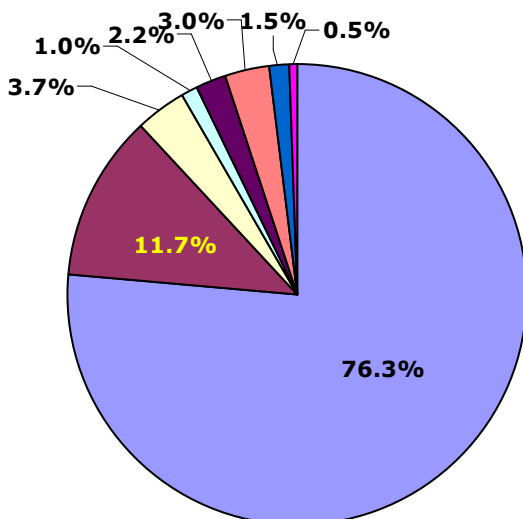
figure will reflect to some extent the nature of Year 12 course studied.

- There was a higher percentage of Year 12 leavers entering employment than Year 11 – 2.2% compared to 0.9%.
- Of the remainder, 4.7% entered WBT, 3% were known not to be in employment, training or education (NEET) and a further 2% had not responded to the survey or had left the area.

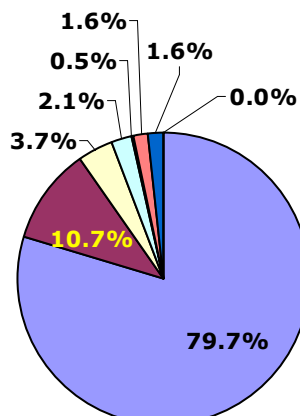
## YEAR 12 MERTHYR TYDFIL PUPIL DESTINATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Full-Time Education - School	149	157	306
Full-Time Education - College	20	27	47
WBT - Non Employed Status	7	8	15
WBT - Employment Status	4	0	4
Employed	1	8	9
Not in Education, Employment, or Training	3	9	12
No Response To Survey	3	3	6
Left The Area	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>401</b>

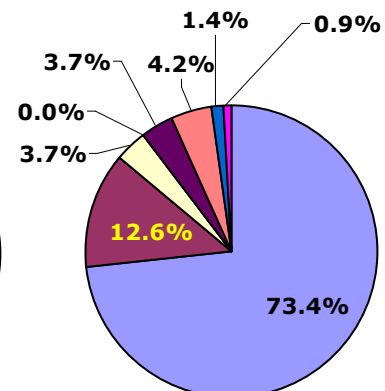
All Pupils



Males



Females



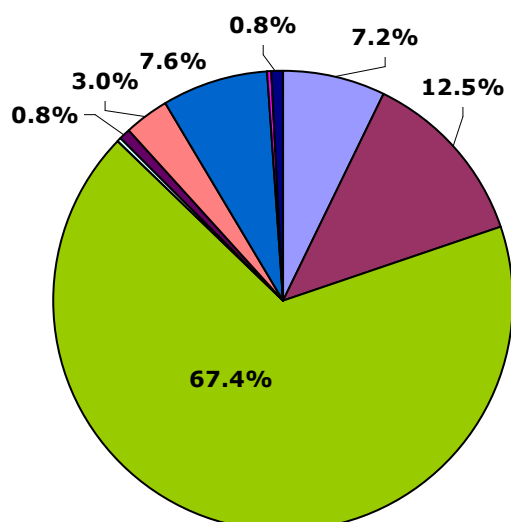
## Year 13/14 Merthyr Tydfil Pupil Destinations 2009

- 264 in the cohort.
- 87% of these students continued in some form of full-time education.
- 74.5% of the female cohort progressed to higher education compared to **only** 58.8% of the male cohort. (See Page 10 for some comparative tables)
- Of those attending higher education, 61% were female and 39% male.
- 19.7% of the total cohort continued in school or college education. This percentage is higher than that of many neighbouring unitary authorities.
- 3% of the group were employed and 1.2% entered WBT.
- Of the remainder, 7.6% were known not to be in education, work or training and 1.2% did not respond at the time of the survey or are known to have left the area.

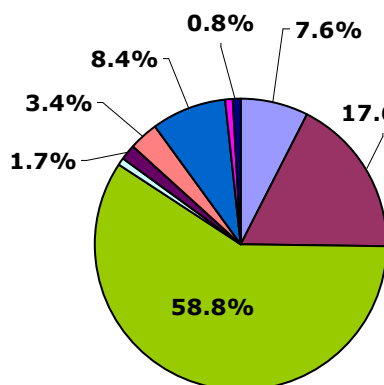
### YEAR 13/14 MERTHYR TYDFIL PUPIL DESTINATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Full-Time Education - School	9	10	19
Full-Time Education - College	21	12	33
Full-Time Education - HE including Gap Year	70	108	178
WBT - Non Employed Status	1	0	1
WBT - Employment Status	2	0	2
Employed	4	4	8
Not in Education, Employment, or Training	10	10	20
No Response To Survey	1	0	1
Left The Area	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>264</b>

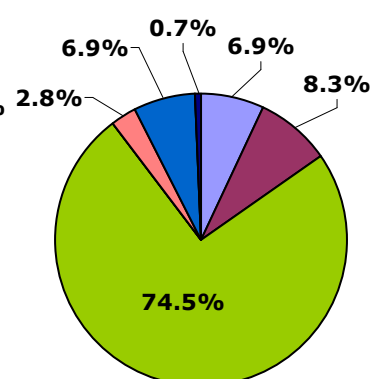
All Pupils



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## All Company Data Destinations 2009

### Employment

- Only 3.03% of young people surveyed **across the unitary authorities covered by the company** entered employment. This compares with 4.74% in 2008. In all, over 300 fewer school leavers went into employment this year than did in 2008.
- Boys are more likely to enter the labour market between 16 and 18 than girls although the gap is narrower than in 2008. In 2009, 3.69% of boys and 2.41% of girls entered employment whereas the figures in 2008 were 6.01% and 3.60% respectively.
- Boys made up 61% of the total employed. It is worth noting, however, that **76%** of labour market entrants, immediately after Year 11, were boys.

### Progression into Higher Education

The following table shows the 2009 Year 13/14 pupils who progressed to Higher Education through school as a percentage of the **2007 Year 11** cohort. While this table does not include all those entering HE (college/mature entrants are not included), it does show some significant differences between progression rates from different unitary authorities.

	HE including Gap Year		
	Male	Female	Total
Bridgend	22.8%	30.2%	26.4%
Caerphilly West	17.7%	25.7%	21.5%
Merthyr	17.6%	28.7%	23.0%
Powys	26.3%	33.7%	29.9%
RCT	21.7%	31.3%	26.6%
<b>Company</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>26.1%</b>

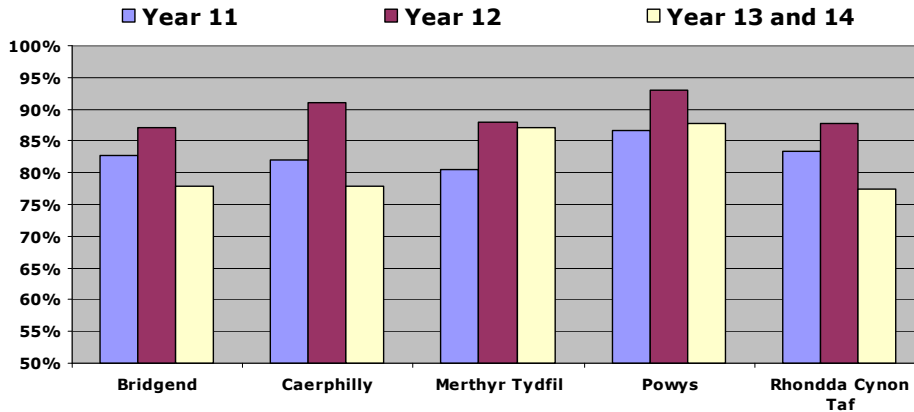
- The differentiated experience between male and females is marked.
- Girls have consistently outnumbered boys in those who continue in education. They now represent significantly higher percentages of HE entrants than boys.
- On average the percentage of girls entering HE is nearly 9% more than boys.

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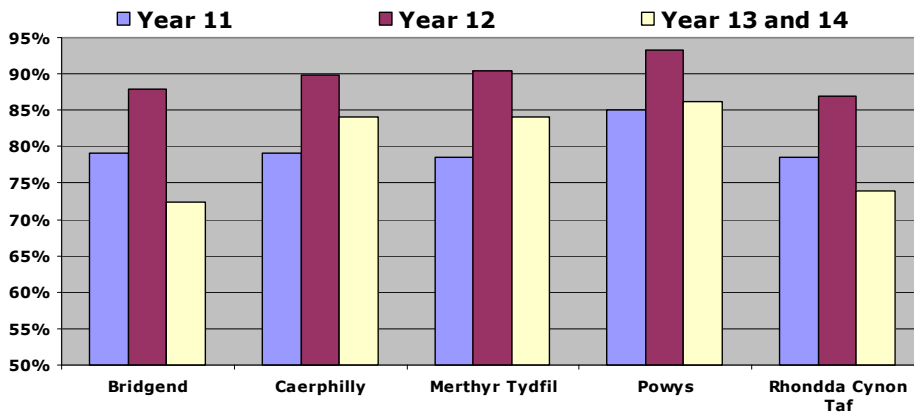
## Continuing Education

The following charts show the **percentage** of pupils in each cohort who continued in any type of education i.e. school, college or university. Figures are from across all company unitary authority areas.

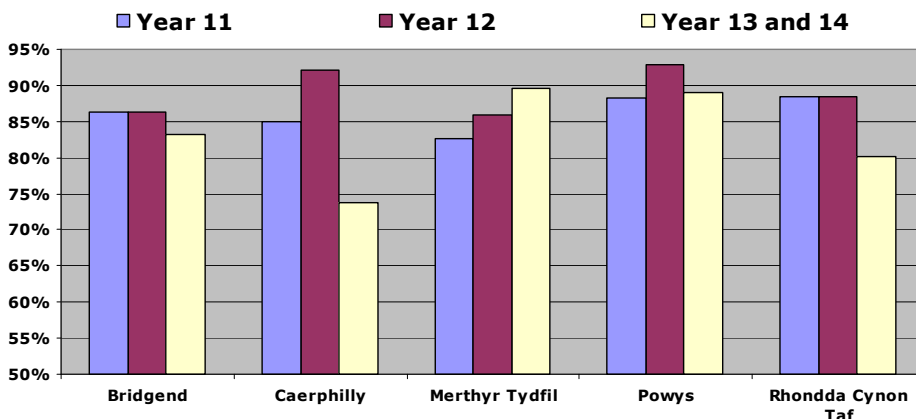
### Total



### Male



### Female



We hope you have found this analysis useful.

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## DEFINITIONS

### WBT – Work Based Training

- *Government sponsored training programmes.*
- *This includes Skillbuild, Foundation Modern Apprenticeships and Modern Apprenticeships.*

### WBT non-employed status

- *Young people on the above programmes who are in receipt of a training allowance.*

### WBT employed status

- *Young people on the above programmes who also have a contract of employment.*
- *It includes all those on Modern Apprenticeships.*

### Employed

- *In employment with no involvement in government sponsored training (but may include informal or in-house training).*

### Not in education, employment or training

- *Those registered with Careers Wales for support to find a placement in education, employment or training.*
- *Those available for work, training or education but not registered with Careers Wales.*
- *Those not available for work, training or education e.g. pregnant, carer, in custody, ill health.*

### Left the area

- *Known to have left the local area, but not necessarily Wales.*

### No response

- *Did not respond to our enquiries.*