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# Pupil Destinations 09

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## Foreword

Careers Wales believes that the identification of school leaver destinations is a valuable data source for individuals, partners and the Welsh Assembly Government. It supports pupils in making informed and realistic decisions on their next steps.

Partners also benefit from this 'snapshot' as it provides information on the choices made by young people and identifies any significant changes over the years. These trends should be particularly useful to the Welsh Assembly Government.

I trust you will find the data informative. If you have any comments on the content or presentation, please email me at [joyce.mcaw@cwne.org](mailto:joyce.mcaw@cwne.org).

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## Introduction

The data in this report shows the destination of 6,646 pupils who left Years 11 to 14 in 2009. It relates to all secondary schools across Flintshire, Wrexham and South Denbighshire. Pupils from special schools are included in the survey but those from colleges and independent schools are not. The survey is conducted by Careers Wales North East on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government and is a snapshot of the destinations at 31st October 2009. Reports from other Careers Wales companies and the full national report can be found at [www.careerswales.com/prof/server.php?show=nav.3844](http://www.careerswales.com/prof/server.php?show=nav.3844).

Every effort is made to establish the destination of all pupils included in the survey. This can involve staff making phone calls out of hours as well as sending letters. We are grateful to all the staff who collect the data and to the young people themselves. We also much appreciate the co-operation of our partners including schools, colleges, training providers and youth services.

### Key Findings in 2009

#### Year 11 school leavers

- 80.7% continued in full-time education, a figure that has risen by almost 7% over the last 5 years. Of these:
  - 39.5% stayed in school, an increase of 3.8% compared with 2008.
  - 41.2% entered Further Education, a decrease of 1.9% since last year.
- 6.4% entered work based training opportunities. This is an increase compared with 5.2% in 2008 and reverses a decline since 2006.
- 2.7% were employed outside of work based training. This is 2.1% less than in 2008. More males than females entered this destination during the last 5 years.
- 4.2% were not in education, employment or training. This is 3.2% less than the 7.4% in 2008.

#### Year 12 school leavers

- 87.5% continued in full-time education, an increase of 3.9% on 2008 (83.6%). This increase is due to a higher percentage remaining in school during 2009 (73.4%).
- 3.3% entered employment outside of work based training which is a drop of 3% from 2008 and the lowest in the last 5 years.

#### Year 13 school leavers

- 77.1% continued in education, an increase of 2.1% over 2008.
- 6.3% entered employment, a drop of 5% from 2008, with more males (7.1%) than females (5.7%).

#### Year 14 school leavers

- 31.5% entered Higher Education, a significant increase of 16.1% from 15.4% in 2008.
- 73.9% were female and 26.1% male, a complete turnaround from last year when the majority of entrants were male (75%).

### Definitions

The following is an explanation of the terms used in the report.

#### Education

This includes young people who continue to study academic and/or vocational courses in education by either returning to school or entering Further Education in college full-time.

#### Employment & Training

##### Work Based Training (WBT)

Work Based Training (WBT) is a government sponsored training programme. This includes Skill Build and Apprenticeships. Figures for WBT are split as follows:

- **WBT - Non Employed Status.**

Young people who receive a training allowance.

- **WBT - Employed Status.**

Young people who also have a contract of employment.

#### Employed

Young people who have a contract of employment but are not involved in government sponsored training.

#### Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

These figures include young people who are:

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

#### Unknown

- **No response.** Did not respond to the survey.
- **Moved from area.** No longer in the company area.

Please note for Years 13 & 14 there are two additional categories:

- **Higher Education.**
- **Gap Year.**

## Year 11 (cohort 3981)

### Destinations of Year 11 pupils leaving compulsory education in 2009

Again this year, we see a decrease in the Year 11 cohort to 3981 compared with 4194 in 2008. There are slightly more males (2040) than females (1941) in the cohort. We established a destination for all but 48 pupils.

Year 11	Male	Female	Total	Total%
Return to School	789	783	1572	39.5%
Further Education/College	788	853	1641	41.2%
WBT - Non Employed Status	116	64	180	4.5%
WBT - Employed Status	57	18	75	1.9%
Employed	81	28	109	2.7%
Not in education, employment or training	100	66	166	4.2%
No response	26	22	48	1.2%
Moved from area	83	107	190	4.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>3981</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

#### Education

- The majority of statutory school leavers (80.7%) returned to full time education, which is 1.9% higher than in 2008 (78.8%).
- Of those remaining in full time education, 41.2% entered college which is 1.7% higher than those returning to school (39.5%). This is a significant change to the figures for 2008 when 43.1% entered college and 35.7% returned to school.
- Again this year, more females (1636) opted to remain in education. However, the number of males (1577) choosing this option has increased by 2.9% since 2008.

#### Employment & Training

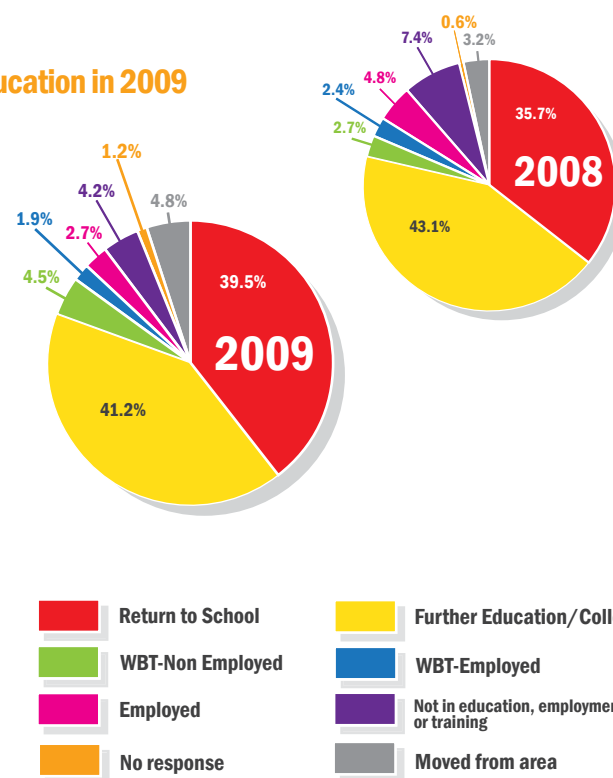
- 6.4% entered work based training (WBT) in 2009, an increase of 1.2% on 2008 (5.2%).
- WBT-non employed status has increased from 2.7% in 2008 to 4.5% in 2009.
- WBT-employed status has decreased from 2.4% in 2008 to 1.9% in 2009, the lowest in 5 years.
- Only 2.7% entered employment outside WBT, a decrease of 2.1% from 2008. There were 81 males compared with 28 females.

#### NEET

- 4.2% (166) were not in education, employment or training, a significant drop of 3.2% from 7.4% in 2008.
- Of these, 66.9% (111) were registered with Careers Wales and actively seeking employment or training.
- A further 16.3% (27) were not registered and the remaining 16.9% (28) were not available.

#### Unknown

- 1.2% did not respond to the survey.
- 4.7% had left our company area.



#### Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Total%
White (White British, White Irish, White Other)	3629	91.2%
Mixed (Mixed White and Caribbean, Mixed White and Black African, Mixed White and Asian, Mixed Other)	8	0.2%
Black (Caribbean, African, Black Other)	16	0.4%
Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Asian Other)	21	0.5%
Other Ethnic Group	259	6.5%
No information on Ethnicity	48	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3981</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Out of the 3981 cohort, 91.2% are White and 7.6% from minority ethnic groups. The number in Other Ethnic Group has increased by 5.5% since 2008, matched by a similar decrease in White. The remaining 1.2% were unknown as this information was not recorded, in some cases because the individual preferred not to say.

#### Welsh Language

Of the 3981 cohort, 2.8% (112) stated that Welsh was their first language:

- 6.7% of the South Denbighshire cohort (43).
- 1.8% of the Flintshire cohort (35).
- 2.4% of the Wrexham cohort (34).

It is worth noting that 7.7% (305) did not specify any first language, and a further 1.3% (50) indicated another first language.

# Year 12 (cohort 1563)

## Destinations of Year 12 pupils

Again the Year 12 cohort increased slightly from 1,559 in 2008 to 1,563 in 2009. The near even split between females (50.9%) and males (49.1%) is different from 2008 when there were significantly more females (55.2%) than males (44.8%).

### Education

- The majority (87.5%) continued in some form of full-time education, an increase of 3.9% on 2008 (83.6%).
- The increase is due to a higher percentage remaining in school during 2009 (73.4%). This is 4.3% higher than in 2008 and more in line with the figure for 2007.
- The percentage of females (51.2%) remaining in school is still slightly higher than males (48.2%) but less than in 2008.
- A further 14.1% entered college in 2009, which is 0.4% less than in 2008.

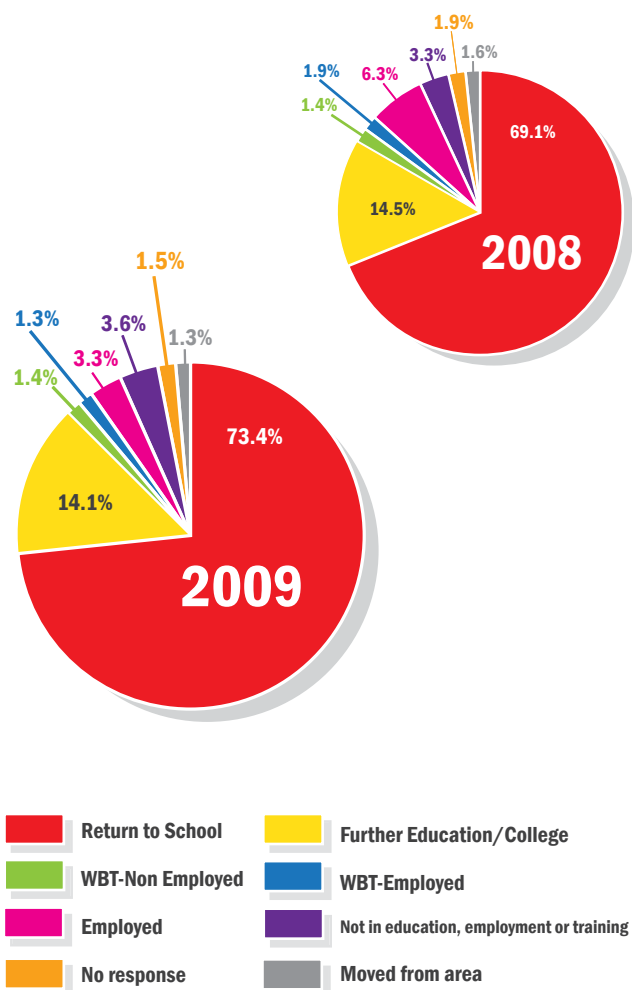
### Employment & Training

- Although there was an increase in the percentage entering work based training (WBT) employed status in 2008 (1.9%), the figure has dropped to 1.3% which is similar to 2007 (1.4%).
- 3.3% entered employment outside of WBT which is a drop of 3% from 2008 and the lowest in the last 5 years.
- In 2008 the percentage of males (6.6%) and females (6%) entering employment were similar. This year however, the gap has widened slightly with 2.5% of females and 4.2% of males entering employment.

### NEET

- 3.6% were not in education, employment or training at the time of the survey, an increase of 0.3% from 2008.

Year 12	Male	Female	Total	Total%
Return to School	560	588	1148	73.4%
Further Education/College	98	122	220	14.1%
WBT - Non Employed Status	16	6	22	1.4%
WBT - Employed Status	12	9	21	1.3%
Employed	32	20	52	3.3%
Not in education, employment or training	28	28	56	3.6%
No response	11	13	24	1.5%
Moved from area	10	10	20	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1563</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



# Year 13 (cohort 1029)

## Destinations of Year 13 pupils

Year 13	Male	Female	Total	Total%
Higher Education	249	360	609	59.2%
Further Education/College	33	46	79	7.7%
Continuing in school	70	35	105	10.2%
Gap Year	15	27	42	4.1%
WBT - Non Employed Status	1	0	1	0.1%
WBT - Employed Status	8	9	17	1.7%
Employed	32	33	65	6.3%
Not in education, employment or training	25	29	54	5.2%
No response	15	27	42	4.1%
Moved from area	5	10	15	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Education

- 77.1% continued in education, an increase of 2.1% over 2008.
- 59.2% entered Higher Education, an increase of 1.6% compared with 2008. More females (62.5%) than males (55%) chose this option.
- 10.2% returned to school, an increase of 1.4% on 2008 (8.8%). There is a significant difference between males (15.6%) and females (6.1%) choosing this option.
- 7.7% entered Further Education, a drop of 0.9% from 2008.

### Employment & Training

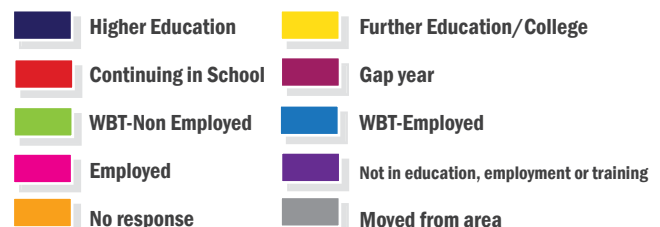
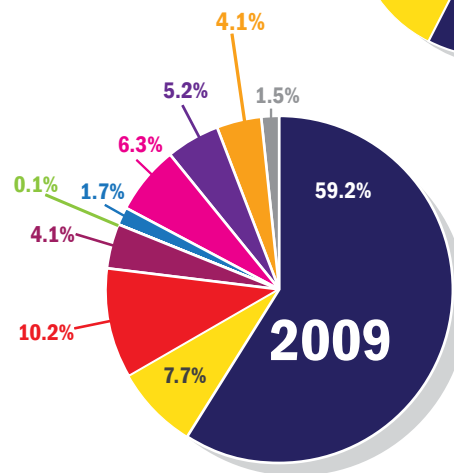
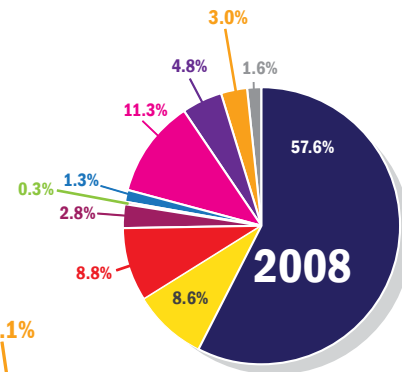
- 1.7% entered work based training (WBT) employed status, an increase compared with 1.3% in 2008.
- 1.8% of males entered WBT, a decrease from 2.4% in 2008, mirrored by an increase in females to 1.6% from 0.3%.
- 6.3% entered employment, a drop of 5% from 2008, with more males (7.1%) than females (5.7%).

### NEET

- 5.2% were not in education, employment or training, an increase of 0.4% on 2008.

### Gap Year

- 4.1% decided to take a Gap Year, an increase of 1.3% from 2008, with more females (4.7%) than males (3.3%).



# Year 14 (cohort 73)

## Destinations of Year 14 pupils

Year 14	Male	Female	Total	Total%
Higher Education	6	17	23	31.5%
Further Education/College	10	12	22	30.1%
Continuing in School	0	0	0	0.0%
Gap Year	0	0	0	0.0%
WBT - Non Employed Status	0	0	0	0.0%
WBT - Employed Status	0	1	1	1.4%
Employed	2	1	3	4.1%
Not in education, employment or training	15	2	17	23.3%
No response	4	1	5	6.8%
Moved from area	1	1	2	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

(NOTE: The Year 14 cohort was combined with Year 13 for the Welsh Assembly Statistics as requested)

### Higher Education

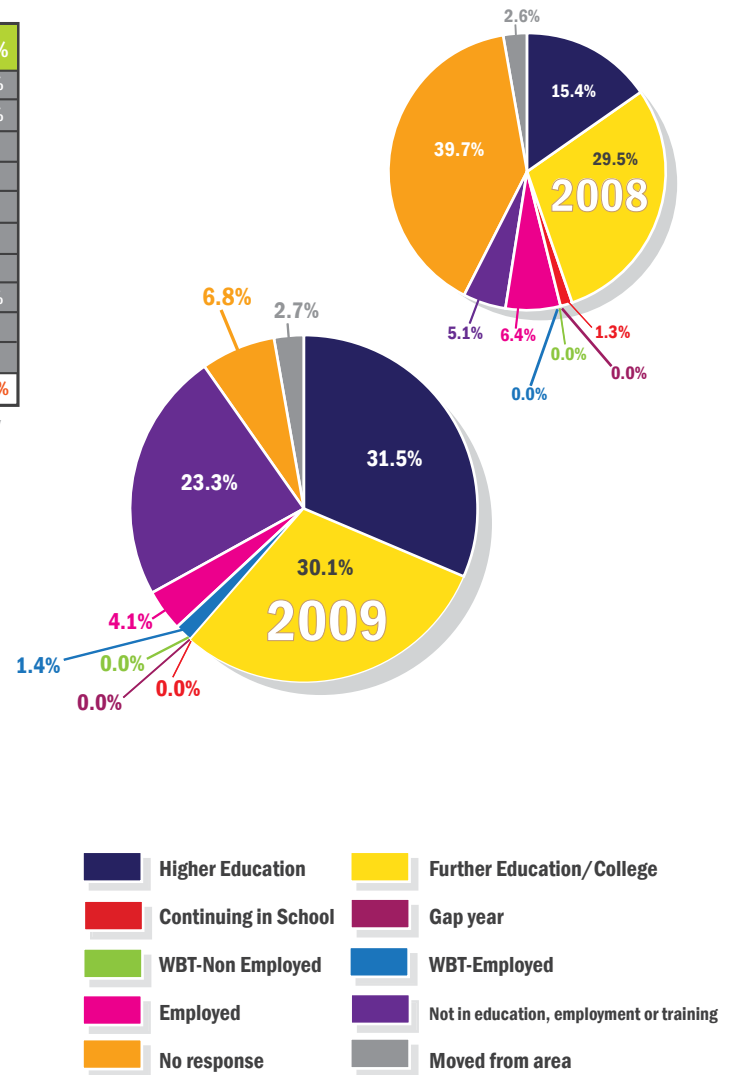
- 31.5% of Year 14 entered Higher Education, a significant increase of 16.1% from 15.4% in 2008.
- 73.9% were female and 26.1% male, a complete turnaround from last year when the majority of entrants were male (75%).

### Employment & Training

- 1 female entered work based training employed status.
- 2 females and 1 male entered employment.

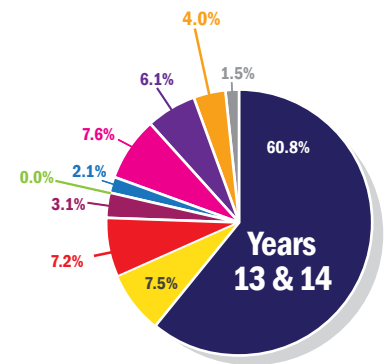
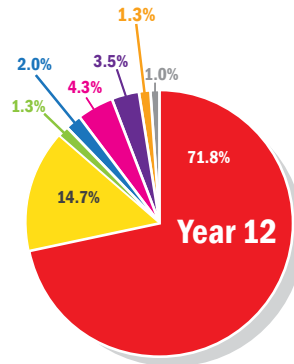
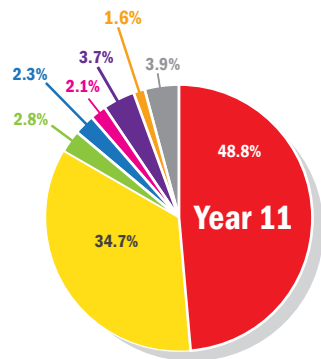
### NEET

- 23.3% (17) were not in education, employment or training.
- 3 were unable to enter education, employment or training and a further 14 were registered with the Jobcentre.



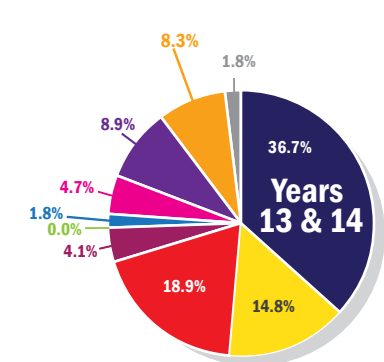
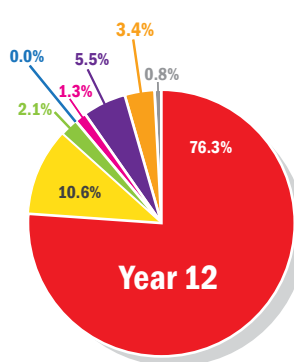
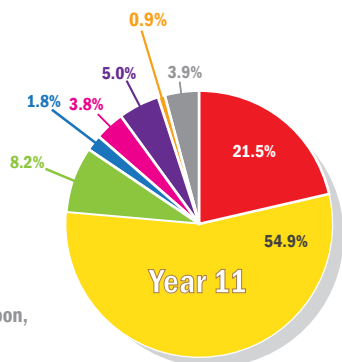
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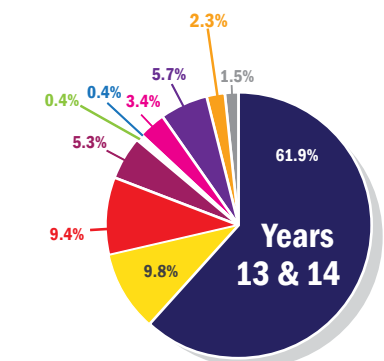
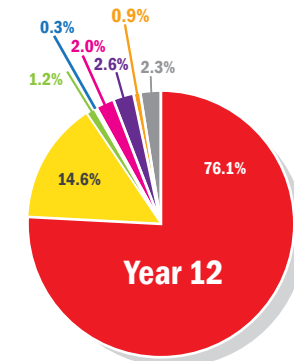
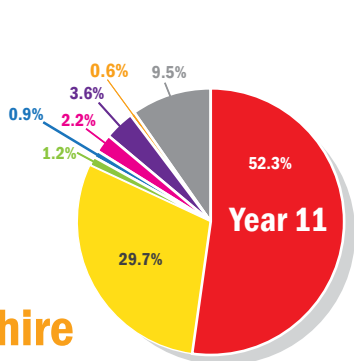


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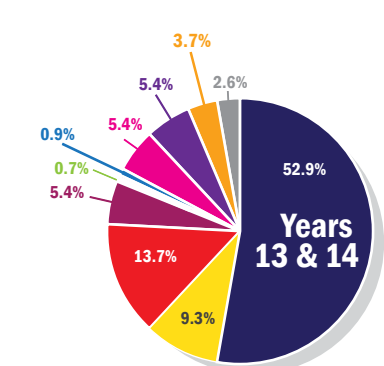
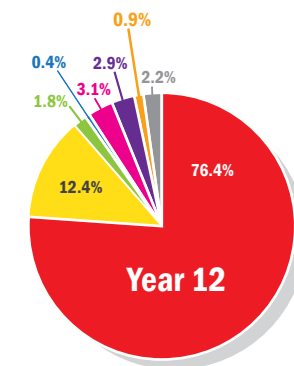
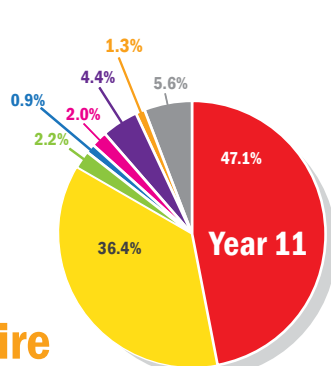
Please note that Further Education provision in Wrexham is available at Yale College, Ysgol Rhiwabon, Ysgol Morgan Llwyd and Maelor School only.



## South Denbighshire



## All Denbighshire



- Higher Education
- Continuing in School
- Further Education/College
- Gap year
- WBT-Non Employed
- WBT-Employed
- Employed
- Not in education, employment or training
- No response
- Moved from area



## Trends 2005 - 2009

### Year 11 (5 Year Trends)

- The percentage continuing in education has steadily increased, from 73.8% in 2005 to 80.7% in 2009. More females than males stayed in education.
- The percentage entering Further Education has remained higher than those returning to school since 2005. However the difference narrowed significantly from 7.4% in 2008 to only 1.7% in 2009.
- The percentage entering employment has steadily decreased, from 8.6% in 2005 to only 2.7% in 2009. More males than females entered employment.
- The percentage not in education, employment or training in 2009 (4.2%) is the lowest for 5 years.

Year 11 5 Year Trends %	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number in Cohort	4081	4039	4200	4194	3981
Return to School	35.4%	36.6%	34.9%	35.7%	39.5%
Further Education/College	38.4%	39.4%	43.3%	43.1%	41.2%
WBT	6.9%	7.0%	5.4%	5.2%	6.4%
Employed	8.6%	7.3%	6.3%	4.8%	2.7%
Not in education, employment or training	5.7%	5.2%	5.9%	7.4%	4.2%
No response/Moved from area	5.1%	4.5%	4.3%	3.8%	6.0%

### Year 12 (5 Year Trends)

- The percentage continuing in education in 2009 (87.5%) was the highest since 2005.
- The percentage returning to school in 2009 (73.4%) is the highest in 5 years.
- The percentage entering employment fell significantly by 3% in 2009 to 3.3%.
- The percentage not in education, employment or training in 2009 (3.6%) is the highest for 5 years.

Year 12 5 Year Trends %	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number in Cohort	1554	1520	1555	1559	1563
Return to School	71.4%	70.8%	72.7%	69.1%	73.4%
Further Education/College	12.7%	10.7%	12.2%	14.5%	14.1%
WBT	3.0%	3.3%	2.8%	3.3%	2.7%
Employed	6.1%	8.8%	6.0%	6.3%	3.3%
Not in education, employment or training	2.3%	3.2%	3.0%	3.3%	3.6%
No response/Moved from area	4.4%	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%	2.8%

### Year 13 (5 Year Trends)

- The percentage entering Further Education (7.7%) in 2009 was the lowest since 2006.
- The percentage choosing a Gap Year (4.1%) in 2009 was the highest in the last 5 years.

Year 13 5 Year Trends %	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number in Cohort	941	1132	1077	1111	1029
Higher Education	62.7%	54.2%	55.9%	57.6%	59.2%
Continuing in School	5.1%	8.9%	9.0%	8.8%	10.2%
Further Education/College	6.0%	7.4%	8.4%	8.6%	7.7%
Gap Year	1.1%	3.5%	3.3%	2.8%	4.1%
WBT	2.2%	3.4%	2.7%	1.6%	1.7%
Employed	13.1%	14.4%	12.6%	11.3%	6.3%
Not in education, employment or training	3.4%	4.0%	3.7%	4.8%	5.2%
No response/Moved from area	6.5%	4.2%	4.3%	4.6%	5.5%

### Year 14 (2 Year Trends)

- The percentage entering Higher Education (31.5%) nearly doubled in 2009.
- Nearly a quarter (23.3%) were not in education, employment or training, over 4 times more than in 2008.

Year 14 2 Year Trends %	2008	2009
Number in Cohort	78	73
Higher Education	15.4%	31.5%
Continuing in School	1.3%	0.0%
Further Education/College	29.5%	30.1%
Gap Year	0.0%	0.0%
WBT	0.0%	1.4%
Employed	6.4%	4.1%
Not in education, employment or training	5.1%	23.3%
No response/Moved from area	42.3%	9.6%

(NOTE: Data for Year 14 has only been gathered for the last 2 years)