



**KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL**  
**YSGOL BRENIN HARRI'R VIII**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may have seen a news announcement on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November by the Welsh Government detailing a further commitment of £2.3 billion to modernise education infrastructure across Wales known as 'Band B' and more recently an article in the Abergavenny Chronicle on 8<sup>th</sup> November discussing the plans for the development of education provision in Abergavenny. The money will allow the Welsh Government 21st Century Schools and Education Programme to continue to invest in the improvement and development of school buildings and infrastructure which meet the investment objectives of Band B of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Programme which include:

- addressing growth in demand for Welsh medium education;
- reductions of surplus capacity and inefficiency in the system;
- expansion of schools and colleges in areas of increased demand for educational services;
- addressing condition of educational assets;
- making assets available for community use where demand exists.

Monmouthshire County Council are looking to further develop their Band B proposals for the current educational provision in Abergavenny. Within their new proposals for Band B funding, the key areas that their programme seeks to address are:

- the condition of the school buildings in particular King Henry VIII;
- ensuring that the schools are of an appropriate size and design to facilitate 21st Century Learning;
- to promote and enable greater learning within the County through the medium of Welsh.

To that end they have created a preferred proposal for Welsh Government which seeks to replace the existing 1200 pupil secondary school King Henry VIII in Abergavenny with a new build 3-19 year through school for 420 primary pupils and 1100 (900 +200) secondary pupils. This will also include a Welsh medium stream of education.

Although delighted with this proposal and outline approval by Welsh Government it will have a significant impact on our school and we will, of course, keep you updated on the development of these proposals and particularly any consultation planned in relation to these proposals.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher