Foreword
Careers Wales Cardiff and Vale is pleased to present the 2011 Pupil Destinations Survey. This annual survey of school leavers is undertaken by Careers Wales on behalf of the Welsh Government and provides a useful snapshot of the destinations of school leavers who were in Years 11, 12 and 13/14 during the academic year 2010-11.

In what continues to be an uncertain and highly competitive labour market, our young people are faced with a complex range of choices and decisions. High quality, impartial careers guidance has never been more important.

This report will be a valuable aid to partners and colleagues involved in planning learning, training and employment opportunities, as well as future school leavers.

Mark Freeman
Chief Executive

Definitions
Headings used in the following pages are largely self explanatory though the following may assist:

**Full time education** - those in education 16 hours or more per week.

**Part time education** - those in education less than 16 hours per week.

**WBT – Work Based Training** - Government sponsored training programmes. This includes Traineeships, Foundation Apprenticeships and 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 in 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 - includes:**
- those registered with Careers Wales for support to find a placement in education, employment or training
- those available for work, training or education but who are not registered with Careers Wales.
- those not available for work, training or education eg 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 the survey.

**Gap Year** - Those who have applied for a higher education course and formally deferred via UCAS.

**Year 11/12/13/14 Students** are classified according to their birth year, not their national curriculum year. So for example, a student who was 18 in the academic year 2010-11 will be counted as a Year 13 regardless of where they are in their studies.

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

Introduction
This report is based on the destinations of over 3000 pupils attending secondary schools in the Vale of Glamorgan. Pupils from special schools and pupil referral units are included in the survey but those from colleges and independent schools are not. It is a snapshot of their destinations on the 31st October 2011.

Every effort is made to establish the destination of all pupils included in the survey. This includes phone calls, letters, emails and home visits. We are grateful to all our staff involved in the gathering and recording of data. We also wish to acknowledge the assistance given by local partners including schools, colleges, learning providers and other agencies, as well as young people themselves.

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YEAR 11 1640 pupils

- There were approximately 40 more students completing statutory education in the Vale of Glamorgan compared to 2010. We have established the destination of all but 15 of these.
- At the time of the survey, the vast majority (93.6%) were in education, training or employment (ETE). This applied equally to males and females. In 2010 girls were more likely (by four percentage points) to be in ETE than boys.

Education
- 86.8% remained in full time education which is very similar to 2010. A higher percentage of females (3 percentage points more) chose this route than males.
- Those opting for full time education were more likely to return to school (61.5% of the total cohort) than go to college (25.3%). Boys were more likely to go to college than girls and girls more likely to stay in school.
- Just 3 individuals were in part time education i.e. fewer than 16 hours per week.

Work and Training
- 6.7% entered the labour market either going into work or training. Boys were more likely to opt for this than girls – 8.1% compared to 5.2%.
- The number of school leavers entering work based training (WBT) increased from 3.8% of the 2010 cohort to 4.6% in 2011. Males account for 55% of those in training.
- 2.1% entered employment which is slightly more than in 2010.

NEET/Unknown
- There was a decrease in those who are known to be Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET), from 4.6% in 2010 to 4.3% in 2011. Of these, 61% were registered with Careers Wales as actively seeking employment or training. Males and females were equally likely to be NEET. In previous years males have been overrepresented in the NEET group.
- 1.2% of the cohort had moved away and 0.9% did not respond to the survey.

KEY
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- Continuing in full time education - college
- Continuing in part time education
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- WBT employed status
- Employed
- Not in education, employment or training
- No response
- Left the area

All Pupils

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Ethnicity

- 92.4% of statutory school leavers were white, 6.4% from a minority ethnic group with the ethnicity of the remaining 1.2% unknown. The proportion of the cohort from minority ethnic groups has decreased by 0.5% compared to last year.
- White pupils were more likely to remain in education than their ethnic minority counterparts. Minority ethnic school leavers were less likely to enter employment or training compared to white school leavers and were more likely to be NEET. (Note: Because of the low number of minority ethnic pupils in the cohort, these figures should be treated with caution.)

5 Year Trends %

- Remaining in full time education has been the most popular destination and has increased steadily over the 5 years. The 2011 figure is the highest of the period and is nearly 7% higher than the 2007 figure.
- The proportion entering work based training in 2011 showed a small increase following a period of decline.
- The percentage of school leavers entering employment reached 2% for the first time in three years but remains significantly lower than earlier levels.
- The proportion of 2011 school leavers who were NEET is the lowest of the five years.

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* Data on those entering p/t education has only been collected since 2009
52% of the cohort was female and 48% male.

Overall 96% were positively engaged at the time of the survey.

82.2% opted to remain in school after Y12 which is similar to last year.

A further 9.9% opted to continue their education in college.

Of the remainder, 1.8% entered work based training, 2% found employment and 2.1% were NEET. Compared to last year, there has been a 1% decrease in those in employment and a 1.3% decrease in the NEETs.

18 students (1.8%) had moved away or did not respond to the survey.

### Vale of Glamorgan Pupil Destinations 2011

#### YEAR 12 979 pupils

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- 82.0% Males
- 82.4% Females

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Females accounted for just over 50% of the cohort.
- 78.8% remained in full time education which is 3% higher than last year.
- 58.7% progressed on to Higher Education (60.7% in 2010).
- A higher percentage of females (59.4%) progressed to HE than males (57.8%).
- 9.5% returned to school and 10.6% moved on to a college of further education. 0.3% was in part time education i.e. fewer than 16 hours per week.
- A further 8 individuals (0.9%) took a gap year and will be entering HE in 2011. This is lower than 2010 when 3.3% opted for a gap year.
- 11% entered the labour market with the vast majority entering employment and just over 1% entering work based training.
- Of the remainder, 7.7% were NEET at the time of the survey which is over 3% higher than last year.
- 11 students (1.2%) had moved away or did not respond to the survey.