# What do you think of the new pound coin?

The pound coin will look a little different from 2017 when it will have 12 sides and feature a new design on the 'tails' side.

15-year-old David Pearce's design will be printed onto 1.4bn brand new coins.

It features a leek, thistle, rose and shamrock, united by the crown.

The £1 is being replaced for the first time in more than 30 years because of fears it is now easier to counterfeit.

George Osbourne, the Chancellor, said “the £1 coin was one of the oldest coins in circulation and had become "increasingly vulnerable to forgery". Furthermore, he added that "One in 30 pound coins is counterfeit, and that costs businesses and the taxpayer millions each year."

However, the new design is drastically different to the current design so what do people think about it? Do they like the new design or do they want to keep the design as it is?

The staff and pupils at Buile Hill Visual Arts College have had their say:

We conducted a survey of 30 staff and pupils and opinion was divided; 50% liked the new design but 50% didn’t. Most of the people that said they liked it said they liked the four symbols because they represented each country that makes up the UK. Some of the teachers like it because it looks like the old threepenny bit. However, others said it looked ugly and was too different from the current pound coin.

Do you agree with the staff and students at Buile Hill?

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