

Parents Survey- July 2017

Please find the results of our Parents Survey for July 2017 below alongside our key conclusions.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your overwhelming support this year and for what is our strongest satisfaction data ever.

This information allows us to continuously improve our work and your input is invaluable in identifying where we need to develop.

From your feedback we have identified the following key areas for focus and improvement for 2018. Much of these are centred around providing you with information about our 6th form offer, the IB and our careers provision; this is particularly important to students lower down the school. Many of you answered “don’t know” to these statements and this shows us that better information is needed to keep you informed. A lot goes on in a school day, week and year and we will be looking at ways of keeping you on top of the improvements and outstanding provision we offer in school.

Key Strengths

- The majority of our key questions have received overwhelmingly positive feedback. We are glad you feel that, amongst many things, your children are safe, happy, taught well and make good progress.
- We have seen year on year improvements in areas such as understanding of the new GCSE grading system and use of the school website.
- We are really pleased to see that our key area for improvement in past surveys “homework” has seen a significant improvement since the introduction of ‘show my homework’ and ‘up for the challenge homework’.
- We are also proud to see an improvement in those of you feel we deal with bullying effectively. Although, the importance of this means we will continue to strive to make this 100%.
- More of you have read the school’s Ofsted report than in previous years showing a clear increase in those of you taking an active interest on what we do.

Key Actions

Many of these actions come from parents answering in the ‘don’t know’ category rather than “disagree’ or ‘strongly disagree’.

- To improve understanding of the EBACC pathways in year 8 options and what this means for your child. This is closely linked to information about setting in years 7 and 8 and this also needs further development.
- Improve parent knowledge of our 6th form improvements and the new International Baccalaureate pathway in all year groups, not just year 11, 12 and 13. We have made significant improvements in this area and need

to increase your awareness of these developments and what they mean in the future.

- With under half of you visiting our Facebook page, we need to ensure we communicate in a wide variety of ways the work we do.
- To improve parents understanding of the governing body and how this works.
- Extend the resources for the school revision website to years 7, 8 and 9. This was used frequently by year 10,11,12 and 13 parents/ students but less by years 7 and 8.
- We have extended our sports and arts extra curricular activities significantly this year but we need to improve the way we share this with you. Many of you answered don't know to these statements. We can always do more to celebrate and promote these areas, not just on our FB page or in newsletters.

Parent Survey Results July 2017	AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE
'My child is happy at this school'	90%
'My child feels safe at this school'	94%
'My child makes good progress at this school'	90%
'My child is well looked after at this school'	91%
'My child is taught well at this school'	87%
'The school communicates effectively with me - via email, letter, SMS, telephone call and its website'	91%
'My child receives appropriate homework for their age'	86%
'This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved'	81%
'This school deals effectively with bullying (Bullying includes persistent name calling, cyber-bullying, racist and homophobic bullying)	87%
'This school is well led and managed'	86%
'This school responds well to any concerns I raise'	81%
'I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress'	90%
'I am aware of the changes to GCSE grades from next year and understand how they will apply to my	79%

child'	
'I use the school website regularly'	89%
'I use the School Facebook page regularly'	53%
'I find the School website informative'	81%
'I find the school website easy and intuitive to navigate'	83%
'I use parent portal regularly to check on the progress of my child'	96%
'I am aware of Wrotham School's success and popularity in the local area'	84%
' I find subject evenings informative'	79%
'Teachers provide useful feedback and support to help my child make progress'	79%
'The school keeps me up to date with news regarding the school'	89%
'The school provides good quality opportunities for extra curricular sport participation'	76%
'The school provides good quality opportunities for extra curricular arts participation including music and drama'	65%
'I am kept up to date and aware of improvements to Wrotham 6th form provision'	35%
'I use show my homework regularly with my child to support their learning'	89%
'Wrotham School challenges students through high expectations'	87%
'I would recommend this school to another parent'	88%
'The school runs a range of educational trips that accommodate all students'	82%
'The school runs trips that are enjoyable and worthwhile experiences for my child'	88%
'I am aware of the EBACC pathway and what this means for my child'	58%
'I understand the setting process for ability groups in years 7-11'	69%

'I am aware of the school's parent voice group and know when and where to attend'	100%
'I understand the role of the governing body and how to contact them'	66%
'I feel the school is governed well'	69%
'I understand the school's curriculum structure'	79%
'I understand the schools assessment structure'	73%
'I know how my child can access their school computer area from home'	74%
'I have used the revision support and learning zone on the school website to support my child'	57%
'I am aware of the school's careers and work experience for years 7-13'	42%
'My child receives good careers advice to help them plan for the future'	37%
'I understand the school's behaviour policy and how it works to sanction poor behaviour'	83%
'I have read the schools most recent Ofsted report (May - 2015)'	75%
'I understand the IB passport system and support its values'	75%
'The school communicates well with parents'	90%
'I know who to call to discuss my child's progress or welfare'	80%
I know who the Headteacher and the leadership team are and feel confident in contacting them to discuss any issues I may have.	88%

Other responses:

Parents Evenings, Form Tutor Evenings and the Headteacher's Newsletter once again top the polls for the things that are most important to you as a parent. We are glad that this has been a focus of this year and is something you have hopefully enjoyed participating in. In addition to this mental health awareness has become increasingly important to you and this is something we do well at the school and will be focussing on increasingly in the future.

As with last year it is 'face to face' meetings that are most important to the significant majority of you and our calendar for 2018 continues to offer as many opportunities as possible for you to meet with staff in person and to visit the school to celebrate success and performance.

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