



Collated Feedback from around 200 S1 Parents who attended our Welcome Evening on 20th Sept

<i>What is going well?</i>	<i>Even better if...?</i>
<p>Transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Transition was very varied – sports, art, science - our kids felt they are coming to a place they liked ☆ Transition seamless – general agreement in our group ☆ Transition reduced stress for pupils and parents ☆ Sport event was good ice breaker and good event – timetable good format – staff very approachable and inspiring – good team building ☆ Enhanced transition excellent – very slick – pupils were excited and not scared ☆ Enhanced transition good – more familiar with school – nice small groups ☆ P7 Open Day was good to get ideas of class size. ☆ Time visiting school during primary was good – friendly atmosphere ☆ Induction days are good – pupils definitely gain a better understanding of the school, the system, classes etc ☆ Change in practical classes handled really well ☆ Clubs ☆ Good clubs and good to try them out ☆ Frehsers Fair very good ☆ Good that S6s are so involved in clubs ☆ Great lunchtime clubs – especially sports ☆ Good links with active schools from beginning ☆ Joined several clubs - very impressed ☆ Great variety of lunchtime clubs as well as after school 	<p>Learning & Teaching & Homework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✎ If someone can clarify the process of signing homework diaries some seem to and others not? ✎ Homework – difficult for parents to know what they’re supposed to be doing ✎ More streaming across subjects ✎ A map to download would be good ✎ Easier to choose the languages or choose one – include Spanish? ✎ More detail in homework diaries about what they are learning – titles of main topics week by week so parents can support ✎ Could there be a buddy system with older pupils? ✎ If my daughter told me more than “fine”! ✎ Slightly less homework/better co-ordinated across subjects ✎ Teachers could remind pupils to take photo/write down hwk. ✎ Some guidance on “online homework” office 365 to help understand and support. One note didn’t work at home? ✎ More communication about maths sets ✎ More clarity on homework for parents ✎ Consistency with homework ✎ Transition could be longer – more info about subjects ✎ Transition not as easy as for introverts – meeting people harder ✎ If PE last thing in the day can they not walk home from there? <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✎ Music auditions – more information about when auditions held and when lessons begin

Learning & Teaching

- ☆ Varied lessons
- ☆ Liked the goal of the week in PSE and homework diaries good support
- ☆ Guidance staff good
- ☆ SLT mingling with pupils
- ☆ Office 365 – homework being done on Teams is useful to catch up if pupils have missed a lesson
- ☆ Enjoying doing 2 languages – French and German
- ☆ Very welcoming for S1s
- ☆ Pupils feel supported, no fear of speaking to teachers or older pupils especially in PSE
- ☆ Excited about Activity Week
- ☆ Only positive things to say about teachers
- ☆ Trombone and music lessons
- ☆ Good range of subjects
- ☆ Good pupil support
- ☆ Friendly atmosphere – lovely school nurse
- ☆ 3 different classes good for integrating students to meet others
- ☆ Communication between school and parents is very good – emails

Building & Facilities

- ☆ Building is fab!
- ☆ Queues move quickly
- ☆ Love the canteen and pizzenis!
- ☆ Parentpay system for lunches is great and the fact you can see what they have eaten!
- ☆ Helpful signage and helpful staff and older pupils
- ☆ Building gives options for space, meets individual needs and personalities
- ☆ Biometrics going well

- ✎ Parentpay more itemised
- ✎ 3 changes to timetable – too many? Pupil stress when losing sheet
- ✎ Make it clearer how info to be shared – paper, email, website
- ✎ Wasn't sure how Health Care Plans were shared with secondary?
- ✎ More inf on office 365 and One Note
- ✎ Lack of clarity around Parentpay
- ✎ Better knowledge of sharing bulletin – consistency with sharing it
- ✎ Clarify mobile phone policy
- ✎ Noticeboards would help communication – sports fixtures not communicated
- ✎ Lost property – make this clearer for parents and staff
- ✎ Greater consistency with uniform

Building & Facilities

- ✎ Queues in dinner hall very long – could breaks and lunches be staggered?
- ✎ Why can't pupils walk to Meggetland instead of coach?
- ✎ When S1s out of school is there policing? Should they get out at all? Can there be guidance about where not to go at lunch?
- ✎ New building is a bit small
- ✎ Food portions too small
- ✎ More lockers made available
- ✎ More Nooks!
- ✎ Could prices be displayed on food? Only currently on small menu
- ✎ "Thumb" method means not practising handling money

Clubs

- ✎ More information about clubs at meeting in June
- ✎ Clubs on same day can be difficult
- ✎ Could Freshers' Fair be earlier?
- ✎ More information in clubs leaflet

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">☆ New building supports ethos☆ Nice range of spaces available – quiet spaces available like the Nooks.☆ Good facilities – like the Nooks!☆ Nice to be let out early for lunches | |
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