

Returns from year 7 Parental Questionnaires

Thank you for completing parental questionnaires at the Year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday 15 April 2015. This information will be used to help us plan future improvements. Here are the results:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys school	60%	32%			
My child feels safe and well cared for at school	72%	28%			
I am kept well informed about my child's progress	48%	44%	2%		
My child knows their targets and how to improve further	52%	48%			
My child gets the right amount of homework to support his/her learning	52%	44%	4%		
School provides a good range of activities outside lesson time (the SCAMPs programme)	48%	30%	12%		
School works in close partnership with parents	32%	56%	8%		
School encourages high standards of behaviour and attendance	64%	32%	4%		
School is helping my child become a mature, responsible and independent young adult	64%	30%			
School is well led and managed	64%	30%			
I would recommend ACSC to other parents	76%	20%			4%
My child has settled into school well	64%	28%	8%		

Our strengths

- A big school with a small school feel - very welcoming. Very relaxed but with purpose
- Family environment, supportive, engaging, friendly and wellbeing environment
- Aim to support individual children and recognise & praise them where due.
- Brought my son out of his shell he has come on in leaps and bounds.
- No concerns, my son enjoys school.
- Excellent year 7 - no worries at all starting high school.
- Ashton school is very accepting with children of the deaf.
- My son is very happy with his new school.
- The staff: friendly staff; approachable staff; great friendly teachers; committed teachers; friendly approachable staff; teachers encourage my child's best abilities; the teachers are kind; teachers respect the students; the teachers are interested in my daughter.



- There are a lot of good teachers teaching subjects which are suitable for students
- The way the teachers talk to the pupils and the passion the teachers have
- Friendly and approachable staff who are happy and willing to help
- After sitting with most of my child's teachers, I can see they really care about the progress of the children
- Good communication, keeping parents informed, parent/ teacher communication
- Brilliant curriculum, SCAMPs
- We are very pleased with the school, both academically and after school curriculum
- 'Can do' attitude; good with the children encouraging a positive attitude
- Encouraging children to make the most of themselves
- Incidents are dealt with quickly and easy to talk to people if there's things wrong
- High expectations of behaviour and attitude to learning, good conduct, students are well behaved
- Teachers are working with my daughter's form to 'improve behaviour'
- Homework app
- Support for students
- It has a great PE department/ facilities

Suggested improvements

- Continue with what you are doing
- Would have been nice to see the absent staff
- Have parents' evening in classrooms as hard to hear the teachers
- Lengthen girls skirts
- Regular email for parents about activities, progress, holidays
- More after school clubs/ More sports activities after school
- Meditation 5 - 10 minutes at the start and end of the day many benefits especially if they were to begin to learn this at a young age
- I would suggest dropping dance at off the weekly timetable, as I feel there are far more important subjects that would benefit more of the children i.e. Science, Maths, English
- Improve more detail on "Show my Homework" and ensure homework is always visible and explains what is expected

Our response

- Thank you for all your positive feedback; it is always nice to hear what you feel we do well. The students are always are priority and it is reassuring to see that this is recognised.
- We are sorry that some staff were missing from parents' evening due to illness. Should you wish to receive feedback from those staff, please contact them directly.
- We take on board your comments about the location of parents' evening. We switched the venue to the Hall as a result of previous feedback and will consider very carefully the location of future evenings. We currently hold it in the main school hall to ensure that all staff are easily accessible.
- There is an issue with the length of the girls' school skirts and we are currently liaising with our uniform suppliers to remedy this problem. Skirts are available in 2 lengths to cater for differing heights; sadly some of our taller girls are choosing the shorter length and some girls are rolling the waistband over to make the skirt more fashionably short. We are discouraging both of these practices in school and appreciate your ongoing support in doing the same at home.
- Our SCAMPs timetable is reviewed termly in response to the feedback we receive. Please encourage students to talk to staff about the clubs they would like.
- We agree that meditation can be beneficial and although this isn't something that we have adopted as a whole school strategy, there are lessons where meditation does take place.

- We understand that not all students enjoy or see the value of all subjects. However, in Key Stage 3 we try to ensure that all students have access to a broad and balanced curriculum in preparation for their GCSE choices.
- Thank you for your suggestions regarding how we can further improve “Show my Homework”. We will feed this back to staff.