**Returns from year 7 Parental Questionnaires**

Thank you for completing parental questionnaires at the Year 7 Parents’ Evening on Thursday 5 May 2016. 71% of Year 7 parents attended the parents’ evening and 32 parents completed the questionnaire.

This information will be used to help us plan future improvements. Here are the results:

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|  | % Strongly Agree | % Agree | % Not sure | % Disagree | % Strongly Disagree |
| My child enjoys school | 63 | 28 | 6 | 3 |  |
| My child feels safe and well cared for at school | 59 | 31 | 9 |  |  |
| I am kept well informed about my child's progress | 56 | 41 | 3 |  |  |
| My child knows their targets and how to improve further | 66 | 22 | 9 | 3 |  |
| My child gets the right amount of homework to support his/her learning | 53 | 41 | 6 |  |  |
| School provides a good range of activities outside lesson time (the SCAMPs programme) | 59 | 28 | 16 |  |  |
| School works in close partnership with parents | 66 | 22 | 6 | 6 |  |
| School encourages high standards of behaviour and attendance | 81 | 13 | 3 | 3 |  |
| School is helping my child become a mature, responsible and independent young adult | 84 | 13 | 3 |  |  |
| School is well led and managed | 81 | 19 |  |  |  |
| I would recommend ACSC to other parents | 84 | 13 | 3 |  |  |
| My child finds “Show My Homework” effective as a way of recording homework | 72 | 16 | 6 | 6 |  |

**Our strengths**

* Teachers have very good relationships with the pupils; friendly and helpful teachers; knowledgeable and approachable teaching staff; teachers; teachers are great; staff and teachers
* Very focused on getting students up to expected grades; attitude to learning
* Mrs Barrow is very effective and quick to respond as Head of year ; heads of year are easily accessible
* Helpful – very quick to sort out any problems; always help with any issues
* SENCO; Miss Parkinson is a really good SENCO teacher and helps parents to feel involved.
* Lessons are good and fun and pupils are encouraged to join in
* Support underachieving pupils and making education fun; understanding the needs of pupils; help on all levels
* Good communication between school and parents; keep families up to date with all issues arising; inform parents of good and bad behaviour; communication is good; well informed
* Warm and welcoming environment; positivity throughout; bright, clean learning environment; Positive, friendly, approachable; very friendly approach to pupils; it feels like a family; culture; the school has a happy feel to it; friendly and organised; a caring, supportive atmosphere; good, friendly school
* Very well organised school
* I’ve noticed a vast improvement in my daughter’s schooling
* High standards are set for uniform and behaviour; pupils are told the behaviour standard expected of them and the consequences if not observed
* Promote good attendance
* My child is very happy in school; my daughter enjoys school; making my child feel safe whilst at school
* Hear good things about the school from others
* Enjoys lunch clubs
* Learning
* Sports’ facilities
* Science
* Show my homework is a fantastic idea

**Suggested improvements**

* Nothing – everything fine
* Can’t think of anything, glad I chose ACSC
* Encourage students to use SMHW; I find it a very useful tool.
* Show my homework is helpful but doesn’t always load; we have had issues with SMHW loading
* Explanation on how pupils are graded
* Clearer reporting on attainment (recent assessment results etc.)
* More sports’ events
* Better communication with parents
* Email school letters to parents to ensure we get them
* More updates via text e.g. early finishers
* Texts home for positives (you may already do this) not just detentions
* Let parents have email addresses to raise concerns or questions with subject teacher; easier access for parents to contact teachers i.e. list of emails

**Our response**

* Once again, thank you for the positive feedback we have received from you. We really do value your comments.
* We will forward your comments regarding the reliability of Show My Homework to the company.
* As you will have heard in the press, there are currently a lot of changes taking place in education regarding the ways in which students are assessed; the removal of national curriculum levels and changes to the format of GCSE exams are just two examples. At the beginning of the school year we held some drop in sessions on assessment at Ashton. We will look to arrange some more dates.
* We have passed your comments on to the PE Department with regard to increasing the amount of sporting events. Please follow the school Twitter account for regular updates.
* We believe that good communication with parents is essential if our students are to achieve their full potential and we do try to keep parents as up to date as possible. Staff will contact parents if there are any specific concerns, either academically or behavioural, or indeed to celebrate students’ successes. The newsletter, Facebook and Twitter also provide updates of school life. Parents are welcome to contact school at any time if they have any queries and we will investigate the feasibility of releasing staff emails for ease of contact. We plan to email all letters home from September but in the mean time we will operate both methods to ensure that you receive all information sent.