**Returns from year 9 Parental Questionnaires**

Thank you for completing parental questionnaires at the Year 9 Parents’ Evening on Thursday 3 March 2016. 76% of Year 9 parents attended the parents’ evening and 17 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 | 47 | 41 | 5 |  | 5 |
| My child feels safe and well cared for at school | 65 | 29 |  | 5 |  |
| I am kept well informed about my child's progress | 41 | 53 |  | 5 |  |
| My child knows their targets and how to improve further | 47 | 47 | 5 |  |  |
| My child gets the right amount of homework to support his/her learning | 41 | 47 | 10 |  |  |
| School provides a good range of activities outside lesson time (the SCAMPs programme) | 41 | 41 | 10 |  | 5 |
| School works in close partnership with parents | 41 | 41 | 10 | 5 |  |
| School encourages high standards of behaviour and attendance | 76 | 24 |  |  |  |
| School is helping my child become a mature, responsible and independent young adult | 59 | 41 |  |  |  |
| School is well led and managed | 59 | 41 |  |  |  |
| I would recommend ACSC to other parents | 65 | 29 | 5 |  |  |
| My child finds “Show My Homework” effective as a way of recording homework | 59 | 29 | 5 |  |  |

**Our strengths**

* It’s a good school
* The school ethos
* Very good teaching
* Openness to parents
* Staff; teachers are very helpful (x2); teachers are very charming
* Everyone is very polite and very helpful
* Teachers explain in detail the child’s strengths and weaknesses
* Ashton deals with a lot of different disabilities
* Deal with bullies/ parents’ concerns etc. quickly
* Good communications e.g. PROUD magazine (x3)
* Very helpful at helping my daughter settle in and bent over backwards to help her with anxiety.
* The school has been brilliant at helping my child feel at ease and encouraging them to come to school.
* Encouragement for each child’s individual development
* Good support for students
* My child is making good progress and knows their targets
* Achievable expectations
* Confidence in child’s abilities
* Well informed of child’s progress
* We are very happy with the progress
* My child enjoys school and is proud to be a member of ACSC

**Suggested improvements**

* Provide more sports outside school
* More after school activities and text messages regarding sports’ fixtures
* Parent pay
* To be more involved with parents

**Our response**

* Once again, thank you for the positive feedback we have received from you. We really do value your comments.
* We have passed your comments on to the PE Department with regard to increasing the amount of sporting activities available beyond the school day and sending text messages about sports’ fixtures. The PE staff are also trialling the use Show My Homework to remind students and parents about sporting fixtures.
* We update our SCAMPs programme every half term with different activities. Most of these are initiated by staff but we would love to hear about any activities, clubs or sports that students would like to do. We always try to meet students’ requests.
* We are currently investigating introducing Parent Pay in the next school year.
* We try to involve parents as much as possible in our students’ education. We firmly believe that education is most effective where there is a strong home-school partnership. 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. If you can think of other ways in which we could be more involved with parents please contact Mrs Hoyle.