

ASHLYNS SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to share with you some of the findings from the stakeholder surveys that took place earlier in the year, as well as some of the topics and areas that Parent Forum have discussed over the course of this academic year. The views of, and input from, our students, parents/carers and staff are extremely important and form an integral part of our school improvement planning processes. We are grateful to those of you who took the time to complete the survey to give us your views, and to the students who completed theirs during form time.

Stakeholder surveys

The stakeholder surveys were designed with input from staff, Parent Forum, students and governors, in order to inform the school's improvement planning work and provide feedback on key areas, including teaching and learning within individual subjects. The information we have gathered has fed into subsequent planning for the next academic year and beyond.

One of the most important questions that we asked in all surveys was about school ethos and priorities. It was extremely pleasing to see that all three groups of stakeholders largely agreed on what priorities are most important to the school:

Parents	Students	Staff
Happiness of student	Happiness of student	Happiness of student
Teaching quality	Teaching quality	Teaching quality
Exam results	Exam results	Exam results
School discipline	School discipline	School discipline
School facilities	School facilities	Spread evenly across a number of areas

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We are delighted to see a great number of strengths identified in parent/carer and student surveys including: the safety and security of the school, management of hurtful behaviour or bullying, availability of school resources, teaching quality, exam results, and the school understanding the importance of the happiness of children, as well as the general performance of the school. Additionally, strengths identified by the students also included the use of challenge and growth mindset, the care by staff, and developing potential in students.

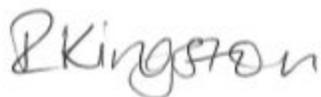
The areas that we continue to refine and develop further are: the development of independent learners through home-learning, Parent Information Evenings, encouraging a healthy lifestyle through food, issues around student access to computers at home, and ensuring consistency of strengths identified.

Parent Forum

Our Parent Forum consists of a number of dedicated volunteers who have given up their time once per term this year (once making it through the snow!) to discuss various aspects of school life and give us some very valuable feedback. Items for discussion this year have included: Google Classroom and the development of digital learning, developing and reviewing the curriculum, home-learning and independent learning, reports, home/school communication, stakeholder surveys, and attendance. The feedback from Parent Forum has helped to inform much of our practice, including: some changes to Parent Information Evenings in the new year, refinements to some of our home-learning guidelines and practices, providing further guidance on our attendance processes, including a flow chart in order to ensure that the process is entirely clear to parents, and the evolving of our weekly e-bulletin in order that it can continue to celebrate our students' many achievements while still being GDPR-compliant. We are grateful to the commitment shown by the members of Parent Forum and look forward to continuing our discussions in the new academic year.

Thank you once again to all who have contributed to our stakeholder communication and feedback over the course of the year.

Yours sincerely



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