

2019 SURVEYS: “You said We did”

STUDENTS

In last year's survey (2018) you asked us to...	What we did
Give you the opportunity to go outside more often	We reviewed our arrangements for supervising break time and lunchtime and we now give students the opportunity to spend time outside during these breaks. This also included opening up the MUGA at break time to provide more space. We will continue to review the timing of our school day to see what we can do to give more time to students outside, within the restrictions of our site
Improve our rewards system	<p>Following extensive discussions with school council, we introduced a new “house points” system to replace commendations. These are now added to the school database so it is easy for staff to award and easy for the school to monitor.</p> <p>The advantage of the house points system is that good effort/work/actions don't just count towards an individual student but towards the house competition. We will be developing further to consider whether a certain number of house points could lead to a tangible reward.</p> <p>We have also introduced our DREAM tickets to help us focus on positive conduct and attitudes around the school.</p>
Improve the quality of food (more healthy options)	School council met with Mr Clark, the catering manager and were able to constructively discuss with him their thoughts and ideas about the lunch menu. As a result, since January, we have had a new menu with more freshly prepared food. Your feedback has been very positive saying that the food is tastier and is certainly more nutritious, with healthy options being given greater prominence.
Improve crowding in the corridors	<p>This year we introduced a one-way system on the first and second floors. We also invested money in a “lockers for all” programme. This has meant that big school bags and coats have been eliminated from the corridors, reducing further congestion.</p> <p>We have also had a focus, through our DREAM, initiative in being considerate and respectful of others. Many students look to meet our high expectations in this regard.</p>
More lockers for coats and equipment	Lockers are now provided for all students.
This year (2019) you have asked us to.....	Our response....
Review some of the school rules (especially mobile phone tying back long hair)	<p>School Council and our new Senior Student Leadership team may raise suggested rule changes with the school leaders. The school does listen (for example we relaxed expectations around particular hair styles that were acceptable) and we are open to discussion with the student body.</p> <p>We continue to believe that the ban on mobile phones being able to be used in school is useful and the right thing to do. Many schools who allow mobile phones to be used outside of lessons have found it difficult to ensure that phones go away during lessons and some have found that mobile phones are then used inappropriately.</p> <p>Also, we think that giving you space, freedom and a break from your device enhances mental health, the opportunity to talk and communicate in other ways which are vital for your development as young people.</p> <p>Our rule about long hair needing to be tied back is a health and safety requirement.</p>
further improve the quality of some lessons	We are always looking at how we can improve and develop the content we teach and your experience of learning. We will encourage curriculum leaders to talk to you about lessons and we are creating more time for teachers to work together to plan the best possible lessons.

	<p>Teachers will also be involved researching what other people say about the best ways to teach and considering how we could improve further what we do at our school.</p> <p>From time to time we will also invite expert visitors to the school to look at the quality of teaching and your learning and give us further advice on what we can improve so that you are supported in the best possible way.</p>
<p>Make sure we deal quickly with any bullying (especially bullying that might start through social media)</p>	<p>We have a very robust and swift response to bullying and many students and parents have said that our work in this area is very effective. Our bullying rates are very low compared with many other schools. Bullying which happens over social media is very difficult for schools to deal with – however the consequences of social media bullying are often experienced in school.</p> <p>So we will not be complacent. We will review our anti-bullying approach and look at ways to ensure that students feel more supported and ensure that there are effective ways to educate about bullying and put right any relationships and friendships which have been damaged as a result of bullying.</p> <p>We will continue to deliver a strong message about the dangers of on-line bullying and we will always try to address social media bullying when we are alerted to it.</p>