



# Parents' Perceptions Research

Presentation to Partnership with Parents

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# Responses

416 responses

- 156 boarders
- 260 non boarders

31% response rate



# Actions

## ■ Share the vision for the school

We accept the need to do more to share with parents the vision for the school and how we are moving towards it. The vision is on the next slide and one example of how we are getting there is the introduction of the Global Leader Award for the Sixth Form. The plan is to roll this out to younger years in future.

## ■ More clarity on trips and activities

Included on a later slide

## ■ Improve careers education and guidance

We know this is an area where we could improve so we have appointed a Head of Careers who is working with the Head of the Sixth Form, Head of the Upper School and Head of Year 11, to enhance the service we offer pupils. We have already added careers elements to the Sixth Form Lecture Programme and to Citizenship classes further down the school. There is more work to do but we are on our way.

## ■ More details on SIMS app

You have asked for more information on SIMS. We are planning to do this and are working on adding details of progress and achievement

## ■ Review the school newsletter

We plan to improve the school newsletter by making it easier to use and have news from all areas of the school. It is still work in progress but we hope to introduce it next term.



# School Vision

We develop impressive individuals ready to flourish  
*by*

- Providing an inclusive and all-round education
- Delivering academic progress and success
- Inspiring leadership and character



# Trips and Activities

- Can pupils have access to the swimming pool at weekends? **The pool is open for recreational swimming on Sunday afternoons**
- Do Flexi Boarders have to stay overnight if they want to go on a weekend trip? **No they don't but some choose to**
- Can we have volley ball as an activity. **Yes, we have it this term**
- How do you ensure pupils get a fair chance to participate in popular activities? **For popular clubs such as cooking, pupils can attend for one term. Pupils on the waiting list will automatically get a place in term 2 or 3**
- Do you follow up non-attendance at clubs? **We encourage pupils to attend the clubs but if they don't attend, the Co-curriculum office asks staff in the boarding houses to follow this up. Parents can now check their child's attendance in 'real time' on the parent portal**
- Can we have more notice is an activity is cancelled? **We have reduced the number of activities that are cancelled so it is a very small % of all activities. Nevertheless, we are aware of the issues caused when we do have to cancel an activity. Sometimes we don't get much notice but we will contact parents as soon as we are aware**



# Mobile Devices

In September we implemented a ban on mobile devices. We have made a few changes to the restrictions, based on feedback from pupils and parents, but in general the policy has remained in place and we intend to keep it in place. We would welcome your views on this.

<b>NUMBERS</b>	Emphatic support	Support the policy, but suggest a change*	Emphatic opposition	Total
Boarders parents	63	15	2	80
Non Boarders	107	46	7	160
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>%</b>	Emphatic support	Support the policy, but suggest a change*	Emphatic opposition	Total
Boarders parents	79	19	3	100
Non Boarders	67	29	4	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>



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<b>*Suggested changes / issues raised by those who support the policy but suggest a change</b>				
Difficulty getting through on house phone	Hard to get in touch with child	Too restrictive/ should allow after school	Child is using their phone despite the ban	Other
4	13	32	4	7



# October Half Term

We are reviewing term dates for the academic year 2020-21 and would like your feedback on the approach for October half term. Please select your preferred approach:

	All		Boarders		D/FB	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
10-Day half term to allow a 3 week Christmas holiday (as for 2018, when half term was Wed 17th - Sat 27th October and the Christmas holiday started on 14th December)	201	57	104	82	97	43
2-week half term and a 2.5 week Christmas holiday (as for 2017, when half term was Fri 20th - Sat 4th November and the Christmas holiday started on 19th December)	128	36	18	14	110	48
Other	26	7	5	4	21	9