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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to all who completed the parent/carers survey issued at the end of Term 3. We had over 400 responses which goes to show the tremendous amount of support you continue to show us as a school.

We have analysed your views and compared them with national data. We are pleased that the vast majority of you agree we ensure your children are safe, happy and supported to do well. The results linked to most statements in the survey were extremely positive and remain significantly above national averages.

Statement	HGS % Agree Term 1	HGS % Agree Term 2	HGS % Agree Term 3	National Secondary % Agree
My child is happy at HGS	93	97	96	83
My child feels safe at HGS	97	99	98	86
HGS makes sure that students are well behaved	92	94	93	77
HGS has high expectations for my child	94	95	95	81
My child does well at HGS	92	93	98	83
There is a range of subjects available to my child at HGS	93	95	98	89
My child can take part in clubs and activities at HGS	93	95	96	89
I would recommend HGS to another parent/carers	89	91	95	79

Your Child's Learning

At the start of the year the result to the statement 'HGS keep me informed about what my child will be learning throughout the year' was much lower than we would have liked - over 40% of you disagreed. Since then we have worked to improve this through the development of our [curriculum overviews](#). We have also added [revision overviews](#), where our specialist teachers have given direction to revision guides and websites that are particularly useful in supporting your child's independent study at each key stage. As such, we were pleased to see the response to this statement improve by an impressive 26% (from 57% to 83%) in the Term 3 survey; this result is now significantly above the national average for secondary schools.

Catering

At the end of each survey there is the option for you to leave short comments and/or suggestions in relation to your responses. These comments are read individually and have been helpful in supporting us to identify a small number of parents/carers who we are working with more closely to improve their child's experience at school. In the Term 3 survey there were a number of comments/suggestions relating to catering that we wanted to investigate further. To do this we asked our Head Chef from Mellors to meet with the Student Council to hear their views on catering. She took on board their suggestions and we are already seeing some of these being implemented. Furthermore, the Head Chef is starting a 'Student Food Focus Group' in the new academic year to continue to deliver high quality catering that meets the needs of our students.

Parents' Evenings

We have also noticed a number of comments relating to parents' evenings and how you are keen for the return of face-to-face events. As of September, all parents' evenings will be in-person events held in school and we are looking forward to welcoming you in to hear about your child's progress.

Once again, thank you for the responses, comments and suggestions given in the Term 3 survey. Your views are extremely important to us and have helped drive our continued improvement. We look forward to collecting your views again in Term 1 of 2023-24.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer.

Yours faithfully,



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