**Woolston 6th Form College- Parent Questionnaire Review**

The questionnaires were sent out to parents/guardians of all 31 students in Summer term 2015 and 18 were returned (58% return rate). The breakdown of results is as follows:

**Ratings** 1 = Excellent 2 = Good 3 = Average 4 = Poor 5 = Don’t Know

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|  | **YES** | **NO** | **BLANK** |
| **Is your son/daughter happy at the college?** | 100% |  |  |
| **Do you feel that your son/daughter has developed as a result of being separate from the main school body? *(for new students)*** | 72% | 6% | 22% |
| **Do you think that the college is the appropriate place for your son/daughter?** | 94% |  | 6% |
|  | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **BLANK** |
| **The respect and welcome shown to parents by staff** | 88% | 6% | 6% |  |  |  |
| **The way college listens to parents** | 82% | 12% |  |  | 6% |  |
| **The extent to which staff care about the students** | 88% | 12% |  |  |  |  |
| **The availability of specialist facilities** | 61% | 22% |  |  | 17% |  |
| **How stimulating is the college environment?** | 78% | 22% |  |  |  |  |
| **The range of activities outside lessons** | 56% | 22% | 17% |  |  | 5% |
| **How well informed are parents about how students are getting on in college?** | 78% | 17% |  |  | 5% |  |
| **The current college curriculum being offered** | 56% | 32% | 6% |  | 6% |  |
| **The contribution of Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and other Medical Services in meeting student’s needs.** | 44% | 11% | 17% | 11% | 17% |  |
| **How good is the college in getting the best out of your child?** | 83% | 17% |  |  |  |  |
| **The arrangements for transport to and from college** | 22% | 6% | 6% | 28% | 17% | 11% |
| **The college’s arrangements for health, safety and security** | 61% | 22% | 11% |  | 6% |  |
| **The range of work experience options** | 33% | 22% | 17% |  | 17% | 11% |
| **The support and guidance given for moving to post 19 providers *(leavers only)*** | 75% | 12.5% | 12.5% |  |  |  |

**Parents were asked to record what they thought worked well:**

* XXX has now settled into college life and is currently very happy. She is close to and relates well to Anne who has built up a good relationship with her.
* We think that the overall set up and running of the college on a daily basis suit xxx’s needs and we think he has steeled well
* Xxx loves college and feels very grown up and mature in this environment- I think the teaching staff make a tremendous environment for this growth and development.
* Combining GLS and FW to be one 6th form means more opportunities for all pupils- this has worked well
* Introducing him to school meals
* Risley Moss work day and gym
* My child has settled very well into college. The staff are helpful and friendly and keep me well informed of what takes place in college
* The opportunity to have work experience
* The encouragement and support from the staff to function independently.
* Xxx has been very happy at the new college- lovely surroundings and excellent staff. Think being with just the older children has been good, and I know he has friends from both schools there. Shame he couldn’t stay longer.
* The desire to improve
* Xxx enjoys office and retail course, but everything she does at college works well. Xxx loves college and has improved heaps.
* The college has worked well with xxx in last few years. She has come on with communicating. Do think its because college is away from main school.

**Parents were asked to note any areas for improvement:**

* Safety around the car park
* Transport arrangements
* Information and earlier notice about college trips
* Regular update of social fund money
* More life skills and independent living instead of high school curriculum
* The students need to be dropped off from transport outside the college and not by the school and made to walk around in all weather.
* Only thing that lets the college down is the car parking
* Provide a post 19 provision on the Woolston site to avoid need to travel out of area and to allow the children to remain together.
* Transport- once awarded after weeks was excellent but getting to that point was a nightmare, and not from home
* Not sure what they have done towards work experience
* Post 19- we have no social worker and no help at all. Everything we have done has been because we instigated it. Given misleading information and we have made our comments known to those concerned and recommended changes.

**Parents were asked what courses they would you like to see being offered in college?**

Recorded are the number of top 5 responses

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| **Course** |  | **Course** |  |
| **Hospitality & Catering** | 6 | **Retail/Café Skills** | 9 |
| **Office Skills** | 5 | **Hair & Beauty** | 3 |
| **Sport & Leisure** | 6 | **Money & Time** | 9 |
| **Independent Living Skills** | 13 | **Computer Skills** | 9 |
| **Gardening** | 8 | **Duke of Edinburgh** | 5 |
| **Literacy**  | 3 | **Childcare**  | 1 |