**Woolston 6th Form College- Parent Questionnaire Review – September 2018**

The questionnaires were sent out to parents/guardians of all 33 students in the Summer term 2018 and 15 were returned (45% 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 think that the college is the appropriate place for your son/daughter?** | 100% |  |  |
| **Do you feel that your son/daughter has developed as a result of being separate from the main school body? *(for new students only)*** ***\*8 new students – 3 responses***  | 100%\*3/3 |  |  |
|  | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5**  | **N/A** |
| **The respect and welcome shown to parents by staff** | 81% | 19% |  |  |  |  |
| **Communication with parents** | 63% | 31% | 6% |  |  |  |
| **The extent to which staff care about the students** | 88% | 12% |  |  |  |  |
| **The availability of specialist facilities** | 63% | 25% |  |  | 12% |  |
| **How engaging is the college environment?** | 63% | 31% | 6% |  |  |  |
| **The range of activities outside lessons** | 63% | 31% | 6% |  |  |  |
| **How well informed are parents about how students are getting on in college?** | 50% | 38% | 6% | 6% |  |  |
| **The current college curriculum being offered** | 63% | 37% |  |  |  |  |
| **The contribution of Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and other Medical Services in meeting student’s needs.** | 44% | 38% | 12% | 6% |  |  |
| **How good is the college in getting the best out of your child?** | 75% | 25% |  |  |  |  |
| **The arrangements for transport to and from college** | 57% | 25% |  | 6% | 12% |  |
| **The college’s arrangements for health, safety and security** | 63% | 37% |  |  |  |  |
| **The range of work experience options** | 57% | 37% |  |  | 6% |  |
| **The support and guidance given for moving up to college at 16 *(1st years only)*** ***\* 8 new students – 3 responses*** |  100%\*3/3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The support and guidance given for moving to post 19 providers *(leavers only)*** ***\*12 leavers – 3 responses*** | 67%\*2/3 | 33%\*1/3 |  |  |  |  |

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

* All of the different experiences and opportunities that college have provided that xxx would never of been able to access otherwise.
* The patience and understanding of the staff
* Transport to and from college
* Social evenings – there’s not much going on for young adults with SEN in the evenings- xxx looks forward to these events
* Xxx has grown up and become independent with all the support and guidance from college
* Xxx’s independence and self-help is really developing
* The curriculum is well thought out and it seems that every student is taught at an appropriate level consistent with their abilities yet still manages to stretch them and encourage them to progress
* Routine
* Communication diary for parents
* Transport
* Help from Claire Perrins
* Duke of Edinburgh
* 2 way communication has been excellent
* Work experience has been engaging and xxx has been thrilled to help
* Work experience
* Office work
* Cooking
* Duke of Edinburgh scheme
* The opportunities for our daughter to engage with outside opportunities e.g. conference in Birmingham
* Xxx has a circle of friends that she can mix with – not just adults
* Xxx has regained a lot of skills lost through disability and gained more confidence in carrying tasks out

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

* The communication between parents and staff regarding xxx’s progress and abilities
* I don’t really know what my child can and cant do because she can do a lot more than she says according to her personal presentation
* There are no further areas I wish for xxx to improve except for those being worked on
* None that the college can improve on. It would be nice to see proper funding provided by the powers that be, but that is out of our hands
* Front playground is very open and sterile – needs softening with planting or screening from road
* Communication with parents when issues arise needs to be handled more quickly
* I think xxx would enjoy more sessions in hydropool
* Everything seems to be working well
* Xxx continues to enjoy college life and leaves home every morning with a smile
* Xxx really enjoys spending time with his peers
* Staff interact very well with xxx and are excellent caring for his health needs
* Learning to be independent is very important and college seems to be making a real difference
* Xxx is very happy in every aspect of college from choosing what to wear and talking about her day
* My only wish is for xxx to behave at home as I know she does in college.
* In college her work is very impressive to me
* Having more speech therapy available

**Parents were asked for any further comments:**

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| * My child has come on in leaps and bounds since she started at Green Lane in Year 7 up to now and in her last year at Woolston 6th Form. She has had so many opportunities to experience things she would never have had anywhere else and has accomplished so much that I never thought possible.
* The commitment and skills shown by all staff members is fantastic and even after all the years we’ve been at Green Lane it still amazes me and I can never thank you all for what you have done for us. Please don’t stop, you have helped so many students to grow and mature into fine young people.
* There have been a couple of issues over the years at Fox Wood and college – both not handled in the 1st instance correctly and I would like to think that this will be looked at. That said there have been staff over the years that have gone above and beyond and to those few on behalf of our family I would like to say thank you.
* Overall xxx is very happy at college and we are delighted with teaching and support staff
* We are sorry next year is the last year!
* I am extremely pleased with xxx’s continued confidence and vocabulary she now possesses
* Wish it could be post 19!
* The enthusiasm of the staff in engaging in activities that expand the curriculum (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh) is amazing. Children’s confidence increases with these experiences
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