**Woolston 6th Form College- Parent Questionnaire Review – September 2017**

The questionnaires were sent out to parents/guardians of all 32 students in the Summer term 2017 and 17 were returned (53% 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) \*12 new students – 7 responses*** | 100% |  |  |
|  | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** |
| **The respect and welcome shown to parents by staff** | 76% | 24% |  |  |  |  |
| **Communication with parents** | 47% | 41% | 12% |  |  |  |
| **The extent to which staff care about the students** | 82% | 18% |  |  |  |  |
| **The availability of specialist facilities** | 82% | 18% |  |  |  |  |
| **How engaging is the college environment?** | 65% | 35% |  |  |  |  |
| **The range of activities outside lessons** | 59% | 35% | 6% |  |  |  |
| **How well informed are parents about how students are getting on in college?** | 41% | 53% | 6% |  |  |  |
| **The current college curriculum being offered** | 53% | 47% |  |  |  |  |
| **The contribution of Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and other Medical Services in meeting student’s needs.** | 35% | 35% | 18% |  | 6% | 6% |
| **How good is the college in getting the best out of your child?** | 59% | 41% |  |  |  |  |
| **The arrangements for transport to and from college** | 35% | 18% | 6% | 6% | 17.5% | 17.5% |
| **The college’s arrangements for health, safety and security** | 70% | 24% | 6% |  |  |  |
| **The range of work experience options** | 29% | 53% |  |  | 18% |  |
| **The support and guidance given for moving up to college at 16 *(1st years only) \*12 new students – 7 responses*** | 43%  \*3/7 | 57%  \*4/7 |  |  |  |  |
| **The support and guidance given for moving to post 19 providers *(leavers only)***  ***\*7 leavers – 3 responses*** | 33%  \*1/3 | 67%  \*2/3 |  |  |  |  |

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

* Duke of Edinburgh experience
* Independent office skills
* More engaged with tasks again
* Going out in the community
* Hydro pool
* Since moving to 6th form xxx has massively improved her independence and is doing things we never thought we’d see her doing
* Integration of students across all classes in college
* Duke of Edinburgh has been enriching and very enjoyable for my son
* Lots of activities outside of college in the community
* Liaison with class staff with regards to food/health issues
* Increased independence for my son
* Communication/ feedback through college note book
* Work experience
* Social evenings
* Shopping trips
* Leisure activities
* Transport
* XXX thoroughly enjoyed her time at college and made friends. The social activities are good. Her confidence has improved. The support staff have been very good. The courses in college have suited her and she has enjoyed them all. In summary an excellent college which has really suited and benefitted xxx.
* We think there has been a large improvement in xxx’s confidence and his communication
* Transition from school to 6th form has been fantastic
* Xxx has had a great year (and so have we!)
* The staff have been brilliant
* Communication between ourselves and staff has been excellent
* Transport is working well
* Transition from school to college life was smooth and effortless
* 1st year – lots of correspondence on day to day activities
* Horticulture course – keeping him motivated – ability related achievable goals/expectations
* Xx has experienced different activities to enhance learning/confidence
* Xxx has good level of support to achieve previously unattainable goals e.g. residential for Duke of Edinburgh
* Ease of access to communicate with staff regarding any issues
* The academic side has worked well and we all continue to tackle to behavioural side

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

* More opportunity for music and drama
* It would be nice to see the curriculum expand a bit, maybe more IT based, but this is really only nit-picking.
* In hindsight I would have liked to have had an informal meeting with class staff at the beginning of the term. Firstly to meet the staff( and staff meet me) and secondly to share any information that is important about my son. I would also have liked some sort of a progress update during the year.
* Staff are approachable and accessible but its difficult to chat at beginning/ end of the college day I know arrangements can be made to book time to have discussions but I personally would have liked an invitation to informally review where my son is up to, possibly part way through the college year
* Communication can sometimes be a bit last minute
* Parking can be an issue but not sure how this can be changed
* There have been a few incidents with another student hitting xxx which I think college could advised us better on
* Some students have occasional work experience outside of college – may have been nice for xxx to have had this option at some point during her 3 years
* We still believe that he would have benefitted from continual speech and language therapy
* Would like a few words of the working day and how its gone in the home/school book