

Year 9 Parental Feedback

Thank you to all parents of year 9 students who completed the questionnaire at the recent parents evening. The partnership between our parents and the school is vital to our success and we really value your views and opinions.

The general questionnaire about your child at Barnwell School was overwhelmingly positive. It was really encouraging to learn that most of you agreed or strongly agreed that your child was happy coming to Barnwell, feels safe at Barnwell, makes good progress at the school and is well looked after. Comments made included:

“The teachers are very helpful and supportive”

“I am happy with the quality of lessons and pastoral care”

“I’ve had great support from the form tutor”

“Well-managed pupils fully supported from all staff”

“The attitude of the staff and commitment to developing my son”

Responses to the other questions on homework, behaviour, leadership and information about progress were also largely positively received. There were one or two comments or concerns which we are currently looking into ways of improving. These included:

More information on progress.

Improving links with the community.

Increasing contact time with parents.

Thank you also to those of you who completed questions about our options arrangements for the move between middle and upper school. Once again, your responses were overwhelmingly positive. You generally liked the options process and a number of useful suggestions were made as to how to improve it. These included:

Distributing the options booklet earlier in the year to give more time to consider choices.

Holding trial lessons for subjects offered at KS4 but not studied at KS3.

Linking the careers evening more directly to the choices that students are being offered.

Thank you, once again, for taking the time to complete the parental surveys. They have provided us with some useful information and have identified some areas that we need to develop and improve.

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