

24<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you very much for your responses to the recent parental survey.

We received replies from 216 parents and are pleased to report that the overwhelming majority of responses were positive about the College.

In terms of the choice between the Sixth Form College and Schools with Sixth Forms a significant majority of parents stated a preference for the Sixth Form College. Some parents expressed a desire to have the choice, but it was significant how many parents felt more positive about the Sixth Form College once their son/daughter had been through the experience.

The key messages that we will be taking forward into the new academic year to enable us to improve are:-

Parents would like us

- To involve them more in the key college processes.
- To work harder at easing the transition from school to college and in particular how to use students non-contact time efficiently.
- To involve them more in the 'next steps' process, eg UCAS and employment choices.

In the survey there are many positive messages and comments, particularly around the quality of teaching and learning, pre-enrolment information, extra-curricular activities in sport, music and drama, and the overall experience that students receive.

Thank you to parents you have recently supported us at the college production

We intend to survey parents on an annual basis in an attempt to monitor efforts to improve. We will also give parents the opportunity to reveal their identities if they wish – which will enable us to respond to individual comments.

At the end of the Summer Term teaching for students will end on Thursday 15 July. Friday 16 July will be used by staff for development activities.

Thank you again for your support

Yours sincerely



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Principal