

Update on Actions Taken as a Result of Autumn Term Questionnaire

Our parents said...	Our response at the time... and actions taken since!
<p>One parent said that they would like there to be more lunch options as their child is allergic to dairy and eggs.</p>	<p>We do have both vegetarian and vegan options on the menu. Student voice has impact on what is served, with the college council having attended a formal meeting with the director of City Catering and our Business Manager is now on the Trust board. These things will support our drive to offer students good quality and healthy food at reasonable process. We have worked closely with City Catering to extend the food offer and the quality of food. Questions about City Catering were included in the spring term questionnaire. Our food offer and quality will continue to be a focus.</p>
<p>One parent felt that their child they needed more support with further education options.</p>	<p>We have an extensive KS4 PSHE programme (outlined on the website) which includes post KS4 provision. Colleges regularly attend events, such as the Careers Fair, KS4 assemblies, GCSE and parents evening. All Year 11s have at least one careers meeting and have weekly guidance on college applications. There are also plans to liaise with KS5 colleges regarding course tasters. These are Covid dependent. We are pleased to announce we will be hosting 'The Big Interview' for Year 10s – another opportunity for them to learn employment skills and consider future careers and courses.</p>
<p>A few parents raised questions around how they could support their child if they had fallen behind or the data indicated they were not making expected progress.</p>	<p>Our new reporting method of B, M, A has simplified our system and made it clearer to students and parents where they are or are not making progress according to students' individual abilities. A glitch with SIMS central system meant that we were unable to use this to its full potential. Now that SIMs have updated this, more up to data will be available to parents on SIMS Parent App.</p> <p>Where data has highlighted a child is not making progress, teachers are able to give more precise detail during parents' evenings. Alternatively parents can contact the school regarding queries and HOYs or individual subject teachers can give more information. A guide for parents to support catch up will be produced in response to parental feedback. With recent progress reports we have included information on what parents can do if their child is not making expected progress.</p>
<p>One parent felt disappointed with the length of time allotted to Year 11 for the virtual parents evening.</p>	<p>We had hoped to offer parents the choice of virtual or in-person parents' evenings. However, the increase of Covid means that the next two parents' evenings will need to be remote. The virtual evenings have to have a strict time limit in order for the system to work and all parents to have an appointment. However, we have extended these slightly in response to parental feedback. If parents still need a more detailed conversation, then teachers or HOYs are always happy to make follow-up calls. We have since offered parents the choice to attend remotely or on site – a blended approach. We will continue to review this to see what best meets the needs of our families.</p>