

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Having collected and analysed the results from the Parental Questionnaire, we would like to inform you of the following:

Firstly, we were very pleased indeed that so many of you had taken the time to complete the questionnaire and that the new electronic format encouraged 452 sets of parents to respond – a significant increase on previous years. Thank you! More than ever before, this will provide us with pointers as to how we should improve the school – my primary objective, but also helps to confirm what the school's strengths are. Thank you in particular to those parents who went to great lengths to write positive comments in support of the work we do.

Secondly, we are in the process of contacting by telephone or letter all parents who gave their contact details with a view to discussing the issues they raised, seeking further clarification or explaining our standpoint/the relevant policy.

Thirdly, in my next letter, which you will receive soon after the half-term break, I will attempt to summarise and respond to more general matters raised by parents. In the meantime, you may be interested to know the following statistics generated by the questionnaire:

- 94% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that NTS is an excellent school
- 88% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that they understood the new 9-1 grading system
- 81% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that they understood the Year 7-9 assessment system
- 92% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that we communicate effectively in reports/progress reviews
- 97% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that staff communicate effectively with them at Parents' Evenings
- 95% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that we communicate effectively through Facebook/letters/website
- 98% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that we communicate effectively through ParentMail
- 93% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that they would feel comfortable contacting us if there were an issue
- 89% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that we deal with problems promptly and effectively
- 92% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that NTS is suitably ambitious for their child
- 92% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that their child receives suitable homework
- 86% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that their child receives regular and constructive feedback
- 90% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that their child is encouraged to act on feedback
- 96% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that their child feels safe in school
- 90% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that their child feels supported and challenged
- 92% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that their child is encouraged to care about the presentation of work
- 95% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that they encourage their child to read in their free time
- 90% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that their child's spelling/grammar is corrected in most subjects

Have a wonderful half-term break!

Kind regards,

Mr DS Northwood

Headmaster