**Returns from year 10 Parental Questionnaires**

Thank you for completing parental questionnaires at the Year 10 Parents’ Evening on Thursday 2 March. 73% of Year 10 parents attended the parents’ evening and 21 forms were returned. This information will be used to help us plan future improvements. Here are the results:

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|  | Strongly Agree % | Agree % | Not sure % | Disagree % | Strongly Disagree % |
| My child enjoys school | 57 | 29 | 5 | 9 |  |
| My child feels safe and well cared for at school | 76 | 24 |  |  |  |
| I am kept well informed about my child's progress | 57 | 38 |  | 5 |  |
| My child knows their targets and how to improve further | 62 | 33 | 5 |  |  |
| My child gets the right amount of homework to support his/her learning | 43 | 33 | 19 | 5 |  |
| School provides a good range of activities outside lesson time (the SCAMPs programme) | 38 | 43 | 19 |  |  |
| School works in close partnership with parents | 57 | 33 | 5 | 5 |  |
| School encourages high standards of behaviour and attendance | 71 | 29 |  |  |  |
| School is helping my child become a mature, responsible and independent young adult | 71 | 29 |  |  |  |
| School is well led and managed | 67 | 33 |  |  |  |
| I would recommend ACSC to other parents | 81 | 19 |  |  |  |
| My child finds “Show My Homework” effective as a way of recording homework | 57 | 29 | 5 |  | 9 |

**Our strengths**

* Great school
* The help, support and encouragement that is on offer (x2)
* There seems to be a genuine interest in the students
* Always kept informed if my child is falling behind and I enjoy the peace of mind that this brings
* Teacher friendliness and approachability
* Good, supportive staff
* Good communication with parents regarding students (x3)
* Keeping parents informed of progress
* Quick to react on behaviour issues
* Good behaviour policy
* Good head of year
* Good standards of teaching
* Positive reinforcement for students
* Opportunities for all to learn
* Good school life
* Good ethos
* Very helpful and pleasant staff
* Teachers are very friendly and approachable
* Helping my child to meet her targets
* Targets on books
* My child’s wishes are considered
* Out of hours activity
* Very helpful to the students
* The care and support students get

**Suggested improvements**

* Bring back the Sixth Form
* More parental involvement e.g. school fetes etc. – fundraising for school
* Parent pay
* More interaction with parents

**Other comments**

* I am astounded by the positive outlook, attitude and demeanour of the teachers I have met this evening – this is very positive and encouraging

**Our response**

* Thank you very much for all the positive feedback you have provided; it is always nice to hear what you feel we do well. The students are always our priority and it is reassuring for us to see that this is recognised. We are incredibly proud of our staff; they work tirelessly so that all our students can reach their potential. We are also very pleased to see that so many of you are happy with the communication you receive from school regarding your child and the progress they are making. We celebrate successes and send out information updates via our Facebook (Ashton Community Science College) and Twitter (@Ashtoncsc) accounts; please do follow us if you have not done so already.
* We appreciate the support that many of our parents gave to our Sixth Form provision. However, the consultation regarding its closure has now been completed and our school status has been confirmed as 11-16. Please be reassured that we have a comprehensive programme of independent CEIAG (careers education, information and guidance) and actively signpost our students to the high quality provision that exists in the travel to learn area.
* We are exploring ways that parents can access their child’s lunchtime account to add funds. LCC catering run the school kitchen and they are happy to accept larger payments from parents by way of cheque or cash placed in a clearly marked envelope with the child’s name and form on. We hope this might assist until a longer term online solution can be offered.
* Whilst the majority of our parents are happy with the communication and interaction that exists between them and school, we appreciate that for some there is still not enough. If you would like increased communication, please let us know so that we can make try to meet your expectations. Should you wish to contact a member of staff directly, please use the [enquiries@ashtoncsc.com](mailto:enquiries@ashtoncsc.com) email address with the name of the relevant member of staff in the subject line.