



17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

## KS5 Parent Survey Term 1, 2022

I would like to thank parents/carers who completed the KS5 Student Survey for term 1. As I expressed at the start of the academic year when I outlined the sixth form ethos and vision, it is important that the sixth form develops synergy with its stakeholders and I believe that student and parent voice is an incredibly important aspect of the culture that we aim to provide at the sixth form.

We received 30 parent/carers responses to the survey and I appreciate the time that parents/carers took on answering the 42 questions on all aspects of the sixth form provision.

There were a total of 116 responses to the student survey, representing around 73% of the student body in Yr12 and Yr13. I also appreciate the time that students took on answering the 42 questions on all aspects of the sixth form provision.

The responses to both the parent and student survey have now been collated and will be used to inform the sixth form improvement and development strategy, with specific initiatives, activities and events now being planned in response.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure students and parents that views, opinions and feedback is taken seriously; the fact that I have written a 58-page report on this survey should communicate how important I take this, to you. But I believe that action is more important than a report and as a sixth form team, we will begin working on areas identified by the student body and parent/carers feedback.

Please be aware, and appreciate, that not all actions will be instant and we thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the areas of the improvement and development plan. It should also be recognised that not all things can be changed and if this is the case, I will be providing the reasons why so that students are fully informed and understand the reasons behind some decisions.

Hopefully you will already be aware of some initiatives that have been put in place already and some that are starting. This includes:

- KS5 Student Consultation Group (bi-weekly)
- Wellbeing Ambassadors introduced
- AccessAble Ambassador introduced (represents voice of students with disabilities)
- Post-18 Options Programme introduced with Oxbridge and personal statement support
- 'Post-18: What's Next' student and parent information evening (Summer term)
- 'Preparing for University and Moving Out' programme
- Free hot porridge and fruit breakfasts (Nov-Feb) to all KS5 students
- SENd support meetings and SENd drop-in sessions

- Pre-exam and post-exam support workshops (scheduled for when both Yr12 and Yr13 exams are due to take place)
- Monthly careers assemblies led by guest speakers from diverse industries and backgrounds
- Mental Health training for staff
- Mental health and wellbeing strategy and commitment
- Healthy living, mental health and wellbeing drop-in 'surgery' from Dacorum Healthy Hub
- Student social events
- KS5 student scholarship awards (£50 awards to support and enhance learning – staff nominated)
- Monitoring programmes to **support** students in academic and pastoral success
- KS5 student post-box (*in the sixth form study area for feedback and suggestions*)
- Healthy living programme (coming in the Summer term)
- KS5 Student Newsletter (coming soon)

We received some questions and feedback relating to study periods and students be allowed to leave the school site. We are currently working on a proposal to provide students with opportunities for flexibility with their afternoon study periods and will be updating you on this once confirmed.

Whilst we are aware that current Yr13 students will not directly benefit, we have now commenced the building of our new sixth form building which we plan to have fully open by September 2023 where we will have much improved facilities and dedicated accommodation for our sixth formers. Updates and information about the build will be provided as the development progresses.

As you will appreciate, budgets in schools are also seeing the impact of the national economic situation, and we appreciate the impact of the cost of living crisis on both students and parents. The sixth form team continue to source funding and support from local organisations, charities and bodies to support the work and initiatives we want to implement. If you are aware of any support/organisations or would like to support us yourself, we welcome any suggestions.

Please continue to provide feedback and suggestions. The best way to contact us is via email on [6form@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:6form@kls.herts.sch.uk). Positive feedback is just as powerful as negative feedback. We are also a community with the common goal of success, achievement and happiness. We value a solution-focused approach and a focus on positive change.

Regards,



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