

HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you so very much to all of you who took time over this past fortnight to complete the Parent/Carer survey that was sent out to you. We had over 80% of our families complete the survey which is a fabulous response.

It is so very valuable to have your feedback and feel both reassured about the work that we do but also discover areas that we can always look to change or improve.

With that in mind here are just few of some common queries that I hope to be able to resolve or explain.

Curriculum

Some parents/carers reported that they were not always clear on curriculum content in year group and subject areas and would like more information on what is being taught and how this is sequenced.

The school website has recently been updated to ensure that you have all the information you need as parents/carers in relation to our curriculum. You can find this information here. Where you will find a link to the curriculum content and individual pages for each subject area. Here you will also find a Key Stage 4 curriculum booklet and a Key Stage 3 one is in development.

Curriculum Offer

A few parents/carers queried the curriculum offer, especially in languages. I can confirm that this year we have introduced Spanish to the Year 7 curriculum, in addition to French, and have plans to include Spanish as a GCSE option in the very near future.

Others asked about more subjects being offered at Key Stage 4 and 5 and I want to reassure families that we review our curriculum offer every year and are always looking for new subjects to offer or include in our curriculum, always conscious that if we add one subject we have to take another away in order to run a balanced and affordable curriculum.

Extra-curricular Provision

Many of you queried the extra-curricular provision and while recognising that historically it has always been excellent knew that it had been hard this term with COVID. However, I am pleased to report that we are currently working on getting our extra-curricular provision in PE, Music and the Arts, Computing and Technology up and running at lunch and after school by week beginning 11th January 2021, assuming COVID restrictions allow us to.

Reporting to Parents/Carers

A few parents/carers asked for more clarity on when academic reports would be sent out and for more regular academic reports. Schools are required to report to parents/carers three times per year which we do and you can find a copy of all the reporting windows for each term on the website or by clicking here.



Contacting Teachers/Staff

So many of you were very appreciative and complimentary about how good and regular the level of communication is with you. However, in a year when parent/carer evenings have been lost since last March it is clear that some parents/carers would like more opportunities to garner information about your child's attainment and progress. Until further notice parents' evenings will be virtual through Microsoft Teams, in order to get as many appointments in as possible appointments can only be scheduled for 5 minutes otherwise such evenings would run on and on. However please be aware that you can email staff at any time during the school day and we aim to always respond within 48 hours, and should you wish to have a face to face meeting we are happy to arrange virtual meetings by Microsoft Teams. You can find all staff emails on the website here.

Again, my sincere thanks for your support, positive reassurance of our work and efforts and for your constructive comments.

As always if you want to contact me directly you can at my email address below.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely

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