

# Salesian Parent Survey Feedback - "You said, we did..."

Autumn 2020



"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." – Mother Teresa

Dear all,

A very big thank you to those who took time to complete the autumn parent survey. We are hugely appreciative of the many positive comments regarding school ethos, expectations of students, pastoral care, communication with home, teaching, results, staffing, school leadership and much, much more.

Despite the current challenges we remain committed to delivering the very best deal for your children and your feedback helps us to do this. Please find below details of some of the most frequent issues raised in the recent survey along with our response. Where more personal feedback was given we will endeavor to speak to families personally. If you feel that your individual concern has not been addressed, then please contact your child's head of year or a member of the leadership team to discuss this further.

We will be relaunching our parent voice group in January with the aim of hearing parent views and opinions on a range of recent issues. If you are not already a part of this group and would like to be please contact Mrs Honeywood-Jones at [khoneywood@salesian.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:khoneywood@salesian.surrey.sch.uk) to express an interest.

God bless,

Paul Gower | Head of School

Issue raised	School action
<b>Home learning:</b> Should we go into lockdown again will the provision for home learning be improved?	We have reviewed the provision offered from lockdown in the summer and listened to your feedback. We are pleased the calls home during this period were appreciated. As far as learning is concerned we have worked on developing our live lesson offer. Over the last fortnight we hope we have delivered on this with home learning lessons being taught live as per your child's timetable.
<b>Feedback on progress:</b> Will I receive more regular updates on the progress of my child?	Yes. Lockdown last year made reporting incredibly difficult for obvious reason. This year every child will receive 3 reports, a parents evening and a curriculum evening. The exception is in year 9 where the option evening will replace the curriculum evening. By Christmas all students will have received a report and had a curriculum evening (minus the above exception) and years 7 and 13 will have had a parents evening. Teachers are contactable every day if you have a specific question relating to your child's progress.
<b>Curriculum:</b> How do I know what my child is studying this year?	Skills and key knowledge maps will be published <a href="#">here</a> in the coming weeks for each department. These will detail all of the headline information your child will cover over the seven years in each of their subjects while at Salesian School and College.
<b>Homework:</b> What is too much and what is too little? Should all homework be listed on Show my Homework (SMHW)?	Over a <u>fortnight cycle</u> of lessons homework will be set as below: At KS3 students will get three piece of homework in English, Maths, Science and RE. In other subjects they will get two pieces. At KS4 students will receive up three pieces in Maths, English and RE. This may be slightly higher in Science due to the curriculum load and if students do triple Science. In option subjects students can expect two pieces. At KS5 students can expect to receive six hours per subject. Should your child receive an allocation outside of these guidelines please contact their head of year. From 1 December all homework will return to SMHW.
<b>Extra-Curricular:</b> Will there be a broader programme of extra-curricular sport offered soon?	The Physical Education department are desperate to launch into a full programme of sport and fixtures. We are being guided currently by the government and the National Governing Bodies (NGBs). Emerging from lockdown the NGBs of the sports allowing active participation will be part of the extra-curricular offer. Where certain sports are not allowed more socially distanced sports will replace these.
<b>Canteen offer:</b> Will the current canteen food offer be reviewed and expanded?	Yes. After a half term of managing six food outlets for the different years there will be a broader offer as we move into the winter months. The year 11 student leadership team are currently being consulted over the menu. The new menu will include a vegetarian option. Food will continue to be served in recyclable containers
<b>COVID-19 response:</b> Will students be asked to wear face masks more often?	Yes. Mr Kibble will be updating you on plans around face masks later this week.