

Pupil Voice Minutes 19th September Period 4

The pupils turned up at 10:20am where they had taken a seat and worked in their groups. Poppy, Erin and John introduced the task. The groups were rotating questions about the school. The questions focused on excellence and what areas are good and what areas need fixed. Later, after every table had completed the task, the groups were asked that they read what they felt was the most important/best answer on the sheets.

Below are some questions that were asked along with responses:

What makes a school excellent for teachers?

- Everyone being kind and helpful
- Everybody respecting adults
- No one fighting
- Everyone listening
- Having all equipment
- No shouting out
- Having the pupils know what they have to do for a career so they can focus on developing and making strong improvements in that subject/area
- Teachers can have their own rooms and make them their own
- Nice pupils
- Pupils focusing

In what ways do you think the school could enhance its excellence?

- Have reminders on how to do certain things before tests
- Fix the computers
- More lunch money machines and also fix current ones

- No changes to the uniform with some democracy for pupils instead of having to wear set uniform
- Better food options - vegan, vegetarian and gluten free etc
- Let pupils decide who comes to prom
- Be put into sets quicker
- More options for subjects in the S1-S3 stage

What makes a school excellent for pupils?

- Trips, Duke Of Edinburgh, Democracy in changes in the school (uniform) and departments have good good equipment.
- Good clubs and stuff to do.
- All the different subjects.
- PE.
- Fun Activities.
- Fair teachers
- More good trips.
- Better food.
- Not as strict uniform.
- Not changing classes learning because of one or two badly behaved pupils.
- Lots of support.
- Lots of lunch time clubs.
- Teachers, food, good education, right attitude, effort and support.

In what ways do you think the school is excellent already?

- You have a lot of opportunities (Susti, school clubs, we have four PE halls, swimming pool, lots of good rooms and equipment).
- Large variety of subjects to choose from.
- Study clubs.
- Lots of teachers.
- House points prize.
- Extra curricular things to do.
- You can be creative with your work not just copying from a board- group work.
- Great teachers.
- Senior School council.
- I like how you move about.
- I like having a practical set.

- I like how the school is bigger.
- You choose your subjects.
- You get your own independence.

What makes a school excellent for parents/carers?

- If children can get good results/experiences they then can get a good job
- Good feedback and well written reports
- Good communication
- If their children feel safe and recognise that the environment is safe
- If parent can have a say in what happens within the school
- If it is made sure that their child/children get the best education possible, suited to them
- Free transport
- A variety of trips
- An easy way to have someone look after their kids

What do you think the word excellent means?

- To do well
- To exceed expectations and be the best
- Outstanding
- To be good at something
- To try your hardest at everything
- To never give up
- To be the best you can be
- To exceed in specific subject areas