



Message from Mr Maltby

5th February 2021

Good afternoon,

I want to begin my weekly communication by thanking everyone who responded to Holbrook Academy's recent Parent View survey; we had 150 immediate responses and the full details of these are on our website within the Parents / Carers section.

Parental feedback is a vital component of a school's self-evaluation. It also helps the leadership team to ensure that the Academy's priorities for improvement align with your views. All schools need to strive for continual improvement and Holbrook Academy is no exception. Following my first term as your child's new Headteacher, I am keen to consult, to listen and to work collaboratively to raise standards.

There were many positive aspects from your feedback including:

- 96% of parents responded that their child is happy at Holbrook Academy
- 94% of parents responded that their child feels safe at Holbrook Academy (1% unsure)
- 92% of parents believe there is a good range of subjects available to their child at Holbrook Academy (2% unsure)

It was reassuring to read that such an overwhelming majority of parents believe that their child feels safe and happy at our school. The well-being of our young people is of paramount importance to everyone at Holbrook Academy - and particularly so at this difficult time. Attached to my message today is a helpful outline of wellbeing advice and services which has been created by our pastoral team to mark Children's Mental Health Week.

I was also reassured that a majority of parents believe that Holbrook Academy has a broad curriculum and high expectations; this is a real testament to the hard work of our staff over time.

The leadership team will now ensure that our Academy Improvement Plan is updated to reflect key areas for improvement from your feedback. I am particularly keen to develop:

- a formal and sustainable resolution whenever any incidents or concerns are raised with the school
- communication on curriculum planning; including our personal development programme.
- methods of communication regarding letting parents know how well their child is doing; including their child's academic progress.

In addressing this final bullet point, I hope that our recent introduction of remote parent / teacher consultation afternoons has helped to enhance communication between school and families at this time. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all teachers and parents for yesterday's Year 11 consultation event and we look forward to meeting Year 7 parents online immediately after the half term break.



Finally, I do want to reassure you that your feedback will move our Academy forward. Thank you again for your contribution and support and I wish you and your family a peaceful weekend.

Tom Maltby
Headteacher