



YOU SAID, WE DID

Parent Advisory Board

November 2024

Focus	Parents Said	We Did
Extra-curricular (Music Lessons)	The opportunity for pupils to take music lessons and learn an instrument was recognised as excellent, but awareness within the school community was considered limited. It was suggested that the school enhance promotion of this offering through letters, the website, and social media channels.	Following this suggestion, we have added a dedicated section on the school website for Music. This includes information about the school's development plan for the subject and details of our peripatetic music lessons. The aim is to raise awareness of this fantastic opportunity for pupils.
Extra-curricular (Taster Sessions)	The broad and diverse range of extra-curricular activities was praised, with a recommendation to offer taster sessions and a buddy system for less confident pupils.	<p>Starting the week of 31st March, we are launching our Summer Extra-Curricular Timetable with two weeks of taster sessions. This will give pupils the opportunity to try new activities before committing to a club.</p> <p>With the Easter break approaching and the arrival of longer, warmer days, this is the perfect time to introduce these sessions. Many parents and carers feel more comfortable allowing their children to stay after school for extra-curricular activities when it remains light for their journey home.</p>
Transition Support	The school's strong support for primary-to-secondary transition was acknowledged, with a suggestion to promote these activities via the school website and social media.	Work has begun on a dedicated section of the school website showcasing our ongoing collaboration with primary schools. This aims to support transition by building pupils' confidence, sharing our school values, and providing reassurance for those who may feel vulnerable during this important stage of their education.

Summer School	It was suggested that incorporating the school's extra-curricular activities into the Summer School week would be a great way to promote lesser-known clubs, such as F1 Club, Warhammer, Gaelic Football, Dungeons and Dragons, etc.	<p>This idea sparked valuable discussions about the activities offered to pupils during our summer school week. As a result, we will run a range of sessions directly linked to our extra-curricular clubs. These sessions will not only promote the clubs but also give pupils the chance to plan-ahead for their start with us in September.</p> <p>Extra-curricular activities help pupils build confidence, develop social skills, work as a team, and grow resilience. Exploring new experiences outside of lessons can also spark hobbies and interests that may become lifelong passions.</p>
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