



# WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

*Pride In Achievement*

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Dear Parent/Student,

Thank you for helping us with our recent Kirkland Rowell questionnaire. We invite parents to do this every year and this helps us check your view of our standards. This letter sets out the main features which are most strong, and gives us your view about areas where you would like things to be strengthened.

Overall, you confirmed once again that Woodbridge is a good school that is getting better. You tell me that communication is especially good and that we have excellent facilities. Since last year, all of our capital projects have been finished and this gives us a high quality canteen, fitness centre, many specialist equipped classrooms and a theatre. The site is attractively presented. Also, you feel confident that we have good security as part of our overall care.

You find most areas of the curriculum to be good or better. You remarked on History, Media Studies and Life Studies as subjects that have become significantly stronger this year. Other subjects, including those that are in the core curriculum, continue to be strong. Within Life Studies, the area of the curriculum that addresses academic, social and individual well-being, you called for more input on healthy diet. We will address this. Please be assured that our canteen service continues to be wide-ranging, ever popular with the students, and externally assessed to ensure that we surpass all dietary standards required of schools.

You are very proud of our young people. You recommend the school highly to others and you notice the excellent demeanour that they have. This includes their mature respect for each other and generally very good behaviour. Thank you for all of this feedback.

There are some things that you wish to see strengthened. This includes some teaching in ICT and Science. We have had long term absences in both of these subjects, meaning that we have used some agency staff as cover. This has been agreeable in many, but not all, cases and has caused some students to have a turnover of teachers that we would not normally wish for. I can advise that we are fully staffed for September. In addition, Subject leaders, Year Co-ordinators, members of Leadership Group, Governors and I, will address any feedback that you give about your child not making expected progress.

You picked up on some other points. Our Special Educational Needs provision continues to be strong, but you would like to up to date information about what it does to progress your child's learning. Similarly, you would like to know more about Careers education. We will be setting out a summary of each subject curriculum at the start of next term so that you can follow this at home. We will also explain how we assess your child's progress and how we can continue to empower them to set their work out to ensure depth and clarity of content.

Thank you, as ever, for your support. Woodbridge is a fine school in very many ways and we share a commitment to make it ever stronger.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Beaumont  
Headteacher

