



St. Joseph's RC High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig Joseff Sant

Pencarn Way, Tredegar Park, Newport, S. Wales, NP10 8XH
 Ffordd Pencarn, Parc Tredegar, Casnewydd, De Cymru, NP10 8XH
 Tel/Ffôn: (01633) 653110
 E-mail/E-bost: sjhs@newport.gov.uk www.sjhs.org.uk
www.facebook.com/stjosephsnewport twitter.com/sjhsnewport
Headteacher/Pennaeth: Mrs J Jarrett BA(Hons) M.A NPQH

3rd February, 2025

Dear Student

Re: Pupil surveys and pupil voice, Autumn term 2024

Thank you for participating in the pupil surveys so far this year. Your responses provide us with really useful information to help us to make your experience at St Joseph's the best it can possibly be.

What did you tell us last year and have there been improvements?

You said	We did
<p>Compared with last year, fewer pupils state that they never or almost never feel safe in school.</p> <p>Now, only 4.5% of you feel this way.</p>	<p>It's great that more of you feel safe in school but we want 100% of pupils to feel safe all the time.</p> <p>Heads of Year have checked in on those students who said they don't feel safe in school to see what we can do to support and reassure them.</p> <p>Most of you have told us who your trusted adult is in school – you can go to them with any worries and we will do our best to help.</p> <p>We will keep practising our fire and lockdown drills and we will continue to remind you about how we keep you safe.</p>
<p>Compared to last year, more of you find your lessons interesting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 83% of you stated that you find your lessons interesting at least some of the time 	<p>Last year, pupils worked with teachers to ensure there was more diversity in the curriculum.</p> <p>The Ministry of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning met with Heads of Department to make suggestions on improvements for the curriculum.</p>

'Serving God Through Learning Together'

'Yn gwasanaethu Duw trwy ddysgu gyda'n gilydd'

St. Joseph's High School is a Registered Charity. Charity No: 242380

Mae Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig Joseff Sant yn elusen cofrestredig. Rhif 242380

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41% of you stated that you find your lessons interesting all or most of the time. 	<p>This year, we are working with Year 9 pupils, in particular, to help us to decide which qualifications we should offer in Years 10 and 11.</p>
<p>Compared to last year, more of you feel encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now, 66% of you feel encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities, which is 6% more of you. 	<p>To help you to understand our extra-curricular offer better:</p> <p>We included reminders for clubs during Monday reflection. We asked the PE and Performing Arts departments, in particular, to remind you of all the clubs they are offering you.</p>
<p>Compared to last year, more of you feel listened to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now, 60% of you agree that school leaders listen to your suggestions and sometimes change things when pupils ask, an increase of 5%. 	<p>Last year, all pupils were emailed, explaining what they had said in the surveys and what we were doing.</p> <p>We will continue to do this – this email is another example of this.</p> <p>We want you to feel listened to and to understand the changes we are making which have been suggested by you.</p> <p>Mr Seghiri sent out a survey and 86.1% of you said that you are aware of the impact of pupil voice in the school.</p> <p>Your Ministry reps and form reps should be updating you with what they are doing and how they are making changes in school – please ask them for an update.</p>
<p>Compared with last year, more of you believe that other children behave well in your lessons and at break and lunchtime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 91.5% of you state that other children behave well in lessons all/most/some of the time, an increase of 5%. 91.5% of you state that other children behave well at break and lunchtime, an increase of 4%. 	<p>Last year, we developed our new positive discipline and behaviour policy and shared with you our expectations.</p> <p>We will continue to share with you what we are focusing on. For example, we told you that we were working on improving routines in the classroom and explained to you why.</p> <p>Your teachers agree with you that children are responding well to the routines we have in place.</p>

‘Serving God Through Learning Together’

‘Yn gwasanaethu Duw trwy ddysgu gyda’n gilydd’

St. Joseph’s High School is a Registered Charity. Charity No: 242380

Mae Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig Joseff Sant yn elusen cofrestredig. Rhif 242380

<p>Compared with last year, more of you are telling us that you don't feel unfairly treated in school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85.5% of you feel that you are not unfairly treated. • Fewer of you feel unfairly treated due to your ethnic background. 	<p>Even though more of you feel you are treated fairly in school, we want everyone to feel that they are treated fairly.</p> <p>We are glad that fewer pupils feel that they are unfairly treated due to their ethnic background.</p> <p>We have worked hard on celebrating diversity in school. For example, our celebration of Indian culture was an opportunity to share the rich culture and amazing talents of our pupils of Indian heritage – and their equally talented families.</p>
---	--

What do you want us to improve on this year?

You said	We will
<p>The percentage of pupils stating that they feel bullied in school has increased by 0.5%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 91% of you stated that you do not feel bullied in school. • 9% of you feel bullied in school 	<p>This may only be a small increase but we don't want anyone to feel bullied in school.</p> <p>We promoted books about bullying during Anti-Bullying Week in November.</p> <p>We will continue to include bullying and cyber-bullying in our PSHE programme.</p> <p>We are finding more opportunities to check in with you about how you are feeling, for example, your form tutor might check in with you. Take the opportunity to let us know if you are being bullied or if you have seen bullying.</p> <p>We promise we will be discreet – we won't tell anybody that you have told us.</p> <p>We can help. We can't always promise that we will stop the bullying immediately but we will keep trying until we find a solution.</p>

'Serving God Through Learning Together'

'Yn gwasanaethu Duw trwy ddysgu gyda'n gilydd'

St. Joseph's High School is a Registered Charity. Charity No: 242380

Mae Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig Joseff Sant yn elusen cofrestredig. Rhif 242380

<p>In pupil voice this Autumn term, you have told us that you like it when your teacher live marks your work because when you get immediate feedback, you can improve your work more efficiently.</p> <p>You want more of your work marked quickly so that you can make the necessary improvements more quickly.</p>	<p>We are working with your teachers to develop their live marking in your lessons.</p> <p>We are also working with teachers to ensure that when you get feedback, you know exactly what you have to do to improve.</p>
---	--

We are committed to acting on the feedback you give us

I hope that this letter reassures you that we do listen to you and that we are trying to make improvements where you tell us we need to focus. Please remember to keep talking to your form reps and year reps because they meet regularly and help us to improve your experience in school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Morgan

‘Serving God Through Learning Together’

‘Yn gwasanaethu Duw trwy ddysgu gyda’n gilydd’

St. Joseph’s High School is a Registered Charity. Charity No: 242380

Mae Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig Joseff Sant yn elusen cofrestredig. Rhif 242380