

# Thank you for responding to Greenfaulds High School Parent Council Survey (May 2018)

You said ... We listened!

40% - didn't know where to find out when our meetings are held? Dates for 2018/2019 are as follows and can be found on School App & Twitter.

Meetings begin at 6.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> August 2018

17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - AGM - all Parent Forum Welcome

29th October 2018

26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

58% - didn't know how to contact the Parent Council?

You can contact the school office (01236 794876) and they will pass on any messages to our Chair or email -

[ghsparentcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:ghsparentcouncil@hotmail.com)

It was wonderful to see the interest in attending educational workshop - GHS staff will be arranging the following workshops during the next academic year. Here are a few that are planned so far:-

Maths Workshops

Solihull Approach to Nurture  
Cooking Classes  
Working with Teenagers

Over 70% indicated they would prefer the Parent Council to communicate with parents/carers via School App & Twitter. Please note you can follow GHS on [https://twitter.com/Greenfaulds\\_HS](https://twitter.com/Greenfaulds_HS) and Parent Council on <https://twitter.com/GHSParents>

**Please note you don't need a Twitter account to look at posts! ☺**

In reply to specific questions raised:-

*"Please encourage the education authorities to decide and publish key dates (eg parents' evenings) well in advance to avoid unintentional clashes with holiday plans."*

**The School planner for each academic year is published on the school website:**

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/ghshome/>

*"Regular updates would be helpful. Can the school app be used to list homework to parents so we know when and how often homework is issued. Also in senior phase deadlines of AVUs or assignments etc would be helpful."*

**The School is currently investigating the feasibility of making this available on line and publishing key dates for Senior Phase.**

*"Is there a planned focus on how the parent council are helping to develop the school improvement plan? I'm not sure what they do??"*

Firstly, the School Improvement Plan is driven by the Scottish Government mandate for each educational establishment to raise the attainment for all pupils in Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. The School consult the Parent Council on their recommendations for each year, however we as a parent council probably don't input that much as we feel they are the experts and know our pupils best. However, if you have strong views ... why not join our Parent Council.

*"Ask the teachers or head to reply to emails sent."*

After discussion with the SMT they assure me that all staff attempt to respond as quickly as possible, however do remember teachers are class committed. The other problem the school encounters is that SMT are often sent emails or left phone call messages to return regarding absences. This type of message should be passed on to your child's Pupil Support Teacher.

*"Going from primary to secondary the gap in interaction and involvement in learning between parents and the teachers/school is so vast that it can leave parents feeling like they don't know what's happening in their child's learning journey especially if their child doesn't want to report what they are doing in class. I understand the complicated logistics with pupil numbers etc but why does it need to be this way? I'm not sure of the answer but what about introducing detailed feedback on core skills such as English and maths, letting parents know exactly what level their child is working at comfortably and highlighting strengths and weaknesses so parents can assist at home. What about sending out a list of the topics being covered over the term/year, instead of sending home what the children are going to be assessed on one week in advance. Thanks"*

The school has already taken on this feedback and have increased the number of times that reports/feedback is issued - extra tracking and monitoring reports are issued to S1, S2, S3. SMT are working on developing lists of core skills in Literacy and Numeracy for S1-S3.

*“Support for bullying”*

The school has a non-tolerance attitude towards bullying and have therefore been running for the past two years a very successful MVP (Mentors for Violence Prevention) Programme with senior pupils working with S1-S3. They have also recently completed the LGBT initiative - these all encompassed within the school's recent award for Rights Respecting School - Silver Award.

*“Get more people involved in fundraising activities. Not everyone wants to come to meetings but some people would be happy to sell tickets/donate prizes”*

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*“Mental health awareness for parents and students. Especially for exam year students.”*

The school employ additional counsellors to support pupils' health and wellbeing. There are also Mindfulness Workshops run throughout the year, as part of the PSD (Personal & Social Development) timetabled classes. This is an area which the school are looking to open up to parents.

*"If you are doing events on 'How to support your child's learning, homework and learning together sessions' the only other subjects I would be interested in are: 'All school clubs available' (as I think it's important to have access to different clubs and how they could benefit your child) and 'The different assessments your child goes through in their various years, the reasons why and what subjects to expect this in - so that I can ensure my child is competent in what he will be assessed on'. -Many thanks."*

**As the school develop the School App they will endeavor to provide the most up to date information.**

*"I would like the Parent Council to investigate whether a speed camera should be set up on the A73 road on the school access side as many drivers speed on this road, which makes leaving the school after dropping my children in the morning quite hazardous at times. Also it would be good to suggest to the school to set up a homework app so that parents can be aware of when the children have homework and what the deadlines are - often the children say they have no homework when in fact they do."*

**The Chair of the Parent Council has submitted an email to NLC and will update as soon as a response is received.**

