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Dear Families,

Thank you for the positive and helpful feedback from the recent survey. We were delighted that 97% feel your child is happy and that 99% would recommend us. Overall, you felt supported and that your child was making great progress.

Many of you sent personal thanks to specific team members which was shared. Some of your comments were:

- *'Fantastic school, facilities, staff. Cannot recommend it enough.*
- *It has been the best school year for my child, and he has made so much progress and grown so much in confidence. Amazing school and teachers.*
- *Couldn't be happier with Grange Academy. Amazing staff and setting along with resources and outside connections. Would highly recommend this school.*
- *Our son started at the Grange in September. He is absolutely thriving.*
- *The settling is a breath of fresh air. Communication is fantastic.*
- *We can see that staff genuinely care about the pupils and want to provide a wide range of opportunities and a broad curriculum.*
- *Our child feels like part of a school family (this is how they refer to school) and is engaged in and excited by learning.*

Our staff team really appreciated your comments. There were so many I couldn't include them all; thank you for taking the time to share these.

We always want to be the best we can, so enjoy getting feedback which helps this. Your ideas were considered, and we want to share what we are doing as a result.

- More communication reports from form tutor/other teachers who teach my child. *We try not to ask teachers to write too many reports so they can focus on teaching, we do try to call or email at least once every 10 days with positive news. We will make sure that we share updates from other subject teachers as part of this.*
- PE needs to have less contact sports. *We try to have a balance of PE and games; we offer badminton, tennis, athletics. dodgeball, hockey, netball, quidditch, access to our gym and gymnastics. We also offer cricket, archery, fitness club and optional boxing. We know some pupils find competitive sport hard so ensure they can access the gym and have extra support in lessons.*



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- More information needed about when a child is leaving school and the options open to them. In Year 10 and 11 you will have meetings with our careers' lead; your child will have frequent meetings and support. You will also meet with our SENDCO, Mrs Morris. Next year our careers leader will be working three days per week instead of one so will have even more time to share information. We are also planning an options open event for families.
- Sometimes, there are very busy times where lots of events happen in a short period. It is fantastic that the pupils have so many opportunities, but it may be better to spread events out. We understand that changes to routine may cause difficulties at home and will take this feedback on board; we will try to avoid cluster times and ensure we give lots of notice about changes.
- My son is very happy here. Some sort of wrap around care would be helpful for working families. We have started a breakfast club and offer a number of after school clubs. At present, few families have wanted wrap around care, so it was not viable to offer it.
- Book looks and pupil tours or video tours on parents evening would be good. We do bring books to parent consultations and will keep doing this, we know you enjoy seeing your child's work. We will explore the idea of video tours and 'in person' tours with our pupil leaders ready for the autumn.
- Better access for disabled parents would be nice only access available now is via pupils entrance which has a step. We have already addressed this and the step has been replaced with a ramp.
- Finally, lots of you asked for a sixth form. We really want this too and are doing all we can to get DfE permission for September 2026.

Thank you for all of your feedback and please do feel free to contact me should you have any further comments, praise or ideas.

Kindest regards



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