

Pupil Voice: Our Outcomes

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creating the right culture to learn to succeed



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An introduction...

This booklet presents a collaborative effort that reflects the voices of our vibrant school community. Within these pages, you will find valuable insights, constructive feedback, and the collective aspirations of our pupils.

We take pride in our diverse pupil body, an inclusive community across all year groups, cultures, backgrounds and talents. Our School Council is made up of ten pupils; two representatives from each Year Council. They come together once each term to share their thinking, ideas and opinions, and to put these to decision-makers within school with the intention to make Priory an even greater school than it already is.

While our school council embarked on this process of democracy together, we also took the opportunity to celebrate the many aspects that makes our school exceptional. However, we also recognise that growth requires continuous reflection and action.

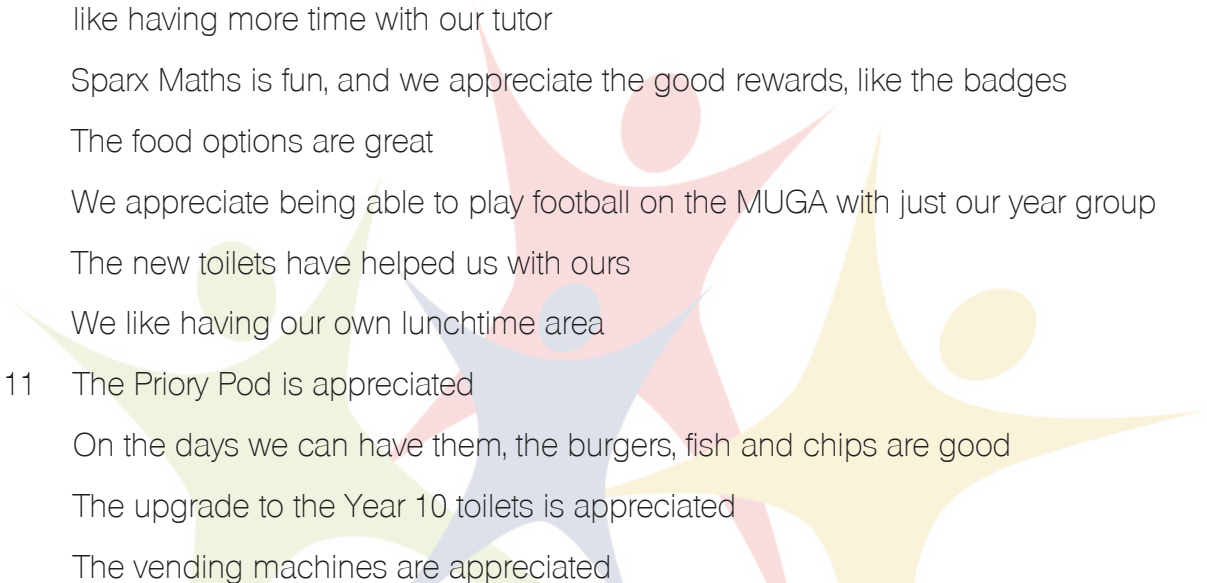
The following areas have been identified by our pupils as areas that we could evolve further:



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what we think is going well...

Year A sample of positive comments:

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- 7 Enjoying having the same teacher for Form and Learning for Life
 - 7 Enjoying the charity bake sales and bake offs
 - 7 Like having Learning for Life. Some of our friends at other schools only have Form, we like having more time with our tutor
 - 7 Sparx Maths is fun, and we appreciate the good rewards, like the badges
 - 7 The food options are great
 - 7 We appreciate being able to play football on the MUGA with just our year group
 - 7 The new toilets have helped us with ours
 - 8 We like having our own lunchtime area
 - 8 and 11 The Priory Pod is appreciated
 - 9 On the days we can have them, the burgers, fish and chips are good
 - 11 The upgrade to the Year 10 toilets is appreciated
 - 11 The vending machines are appreciated

What could be even better if...

Year 7

Pupil Voice 1

There are some pupils who sometimes use the incorrect toilets

Outcome and actions

Staff have been reminded to restrict use to the correct year group at all times

Pupil Voice 2

A couple of Year 9 pupils are leaving food in places they shouldn't

Outcome and actions

Mrs Farley has informed Mrs Ham and she will look into this and speak to individuals.

Pupil Voice 3

Some Year 7 girl's toilet locks aren't working

Outcome and actions

This should now be resolved. The Estates Team has added the checking of toilet locks and toilet seats on to their daily check list.

Pupil Voice 4

Some older pupils are still not conforming to school culture in the Restaurant queue at times

Outcome and actions

Catering staff haven't witnessed anything and would intervene if they saw this. Staff on the external queue do watch for this and intervene when required. If pupils see issues they must report it to an adult straight away

Pupil Voice 5

Arbor is hard to use for some and some find they cannot stay logged in.

Outcome and actions

Settling into using any platform can be unsettling and challenging. You should find it easier to use, once you use it more. The system regularly logs out to ensure the system is secure to prevent anyone entering the platform and accessing your information.

Pupil Voice 6

Can points be reduced to 15 on Bedrock? It can take pupils varying times from 15 mins to 2 hours. Can this be personalised?

Outcome and actions

Ms Beswick says: "No, it's set as a quota by Bedrock and if it taking longer we advise you split it over the week. The quota is the amount the programme knows will make an improvement on your learning. We also are awarding the top 10 from each year for completion each half term."

Pupil Voice 7

Please can we have Tag-Rugby as an extra-curricular activity?

Outcome and actions

Mrs Bullock says: "Unfortunately, due to staffing, we are currently struggling to accommodate this but we are looking at getting a rugby coach in school from September."

Pupil Voice 8

Reading Plus – The blue line is frustrating.

Outcome and actions

The moving line is set to ensure you read at an appropriate speed to ensure you absorb what you have read. If this speed causes issues, you need to speak to your teacher.

Pupil Voice 9

Chilli Challenge – Can you mix up the rewards a bit?

Outcome and actions

Mrs Cowell says, "We will be sticking with the food reward as it becomes too complicated to start offering options. School Councils previously told us that rewards related to food were impactful."

Year 8

Pupil Voice 1	Some feel that SPARX homework can be too long and doesn't always match what we are doing in class. Can either of these be resolved?
Outcome and actions	Mrs Bailey spoke to the Maths Department who has confirmed that homework is focused on the topic that is being covered in class. This, and the quantity, will be monitored in the next couple of academic weeks.
Pupil Voice 2	Could we please have hash browns back on the menu every day
Outcome and actions	Unfortunately not. Schools are only allowed two fried food options per week as they are seen as unhealthy.
Pupil Voice 3	Toilets can still be a problem at times with other students using them instead of their own
Outcome and actions	Duty staff have already been reminded to only allow the correct year group in the toilets. We will reissue the reminder.

Year 9

Pupil Voice 1	The toilets are sometimes closed
Outcome and actions	It is not always possible to 'staff' these toilets due to staff being on duty. You do have access to the new toilets, so please use these.
Pupil Voice 2	During Ramadan – Reminder about prayer rooms
Outcome and actions	Mrs Ham has highlighted this during RE lessons
Pupil Voice 3	The Vending machine near the Sports Hall is not working
Outcome and actions	Issues need to be raised immediately to Mr Bolton or the Business & Finance Team. This has been added to the 'Every' task management platform by Mrs Ham so should be fixed imminently.
Pupil Voice 4	Are we sure the red cards points are being given fairly?
Outcome and actions	All staff have been advised regarding how to use these fairly. Should you see anything which appears unfair, please let Miss Burbridge know
Pupil Voice 5	Please can we have a fruit bar in the canteen and Soreen bars?
Outcome and actions	The Catering Team say that an 'open bar' is a hygiene risk at present. It would require staffing. As soon as the team are able to recruit more staff this then becomes viable. In the interim, it is suggested you use the online ordering and if there is something specific you want, please do ask the Catering Team. Soreen bars will need investigating against the Healthy Eating guidelines so the team will do this.

Year 10

Pupil Voice 1 Please can we have mac and cheese served more often.

Outcome and actions This is now on the two week menu cycle for the future.

Pupil Voice 2 We loved the American pancakes. Can they have them more often please?

Outcome and actions In the future we are bringing back themed weeks. The American pancakes will be back as part of the appropriate themed week.

Year 11

Pupil Voice 1 Please can all meat served in school be Halal

Outcome and actions All meats are Halal including the Friday jumbo sausages. However, the normal sausages, being pork, are not.

Pupil Voice 2 Please can we have the curry on the menu more often?

Outcome and actions Catering said, "It will be on once a week from after Easter".

Pupil Voice 3 Please can the menu be posted on social media, Teams and mentioned in Form briefing

Outcome and actions Every Sunday evening, the Communications Team will send out the menu for the following week on the Arbor Pupil App.

Pupil Voice 4 There seems to be not enough hot food for everyone

Outcome and actions The Catering Team say that there is always hot food coming back from the Bistro, so whilst this is not the case, they will continue to monitor it.

Pupil voice which was raised for Senior Leadership...

Please can we have an update on the nets on the MUGA?

Mr Eastham's response:

"We are considering this, however it is a long process. Planning permission is needed and there is wildlife to consider (birds). We are hoping to get the Astro upgraded and it will be part of this work."

Please can we have an update on the nets on the yard for Year 8 football?

Mr Eastham's response:

"We are reluctant to do this as there is potential for the ball hitting the buildings, windows etc. There are also the same considerations as the MUGA. I will speak with Mr Bolton and Mr Gee in the first instance regarding whether this can be considered in the plans."

Please can we have an update on the queue rail outside the POD?

Mr Eastham's response:

"We have decided that we are not going to install one. Issues with queuing are the exception rather than the norm as Mr Gee or I are there most days. The vast majority of pupils are sensible and queue with expected respect. The Pod is heavily used at the weekends and evenings and we feel that this will detract from how this looks and works for our lettings."

Please can we have an update on meal deals?

Mr Eastham's response:

"In the second half term we are moving to a new catering system. There will be a number of aspects that will be changing in relation to this and there is the intention of having meal deals. The new Catering Managers are keen to bring the meal deal back and conversations are happening about this. It will be important for the student council to feedback to us."

Mr Eastham asked, "How do we make the school even better?"

Year 10 response - "I don't think we can!"

