

Pupil Voice: Our Outcomes

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School Council

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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.

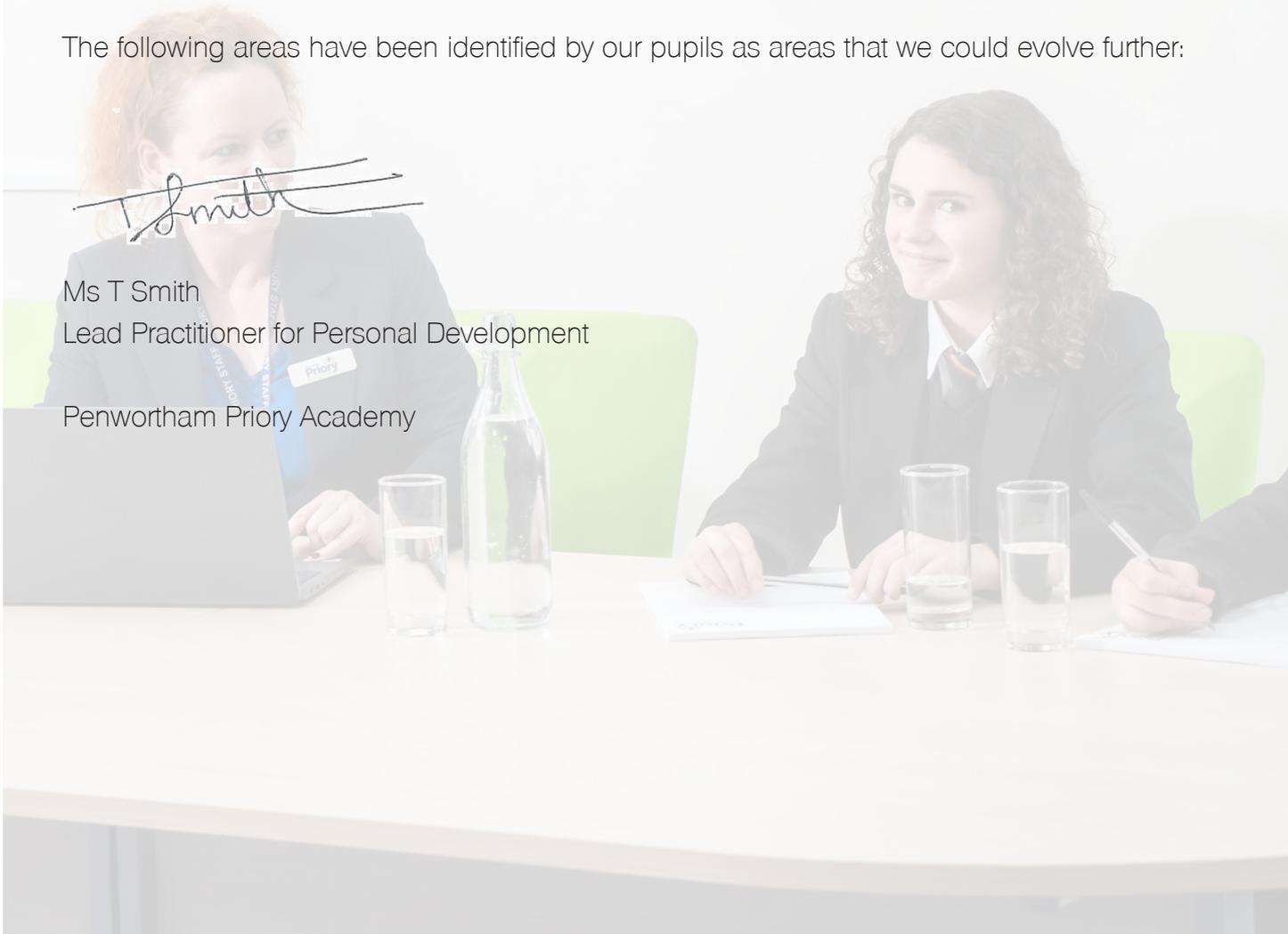
We take pride in our diverse pupil body, an inclusive community across all year groups, cultures, backgrounds and talents. Our School Council is made up of ten pupils; two representatives from each Year Council. They come together once each term to share their thinking, ideas and opinions, and to put 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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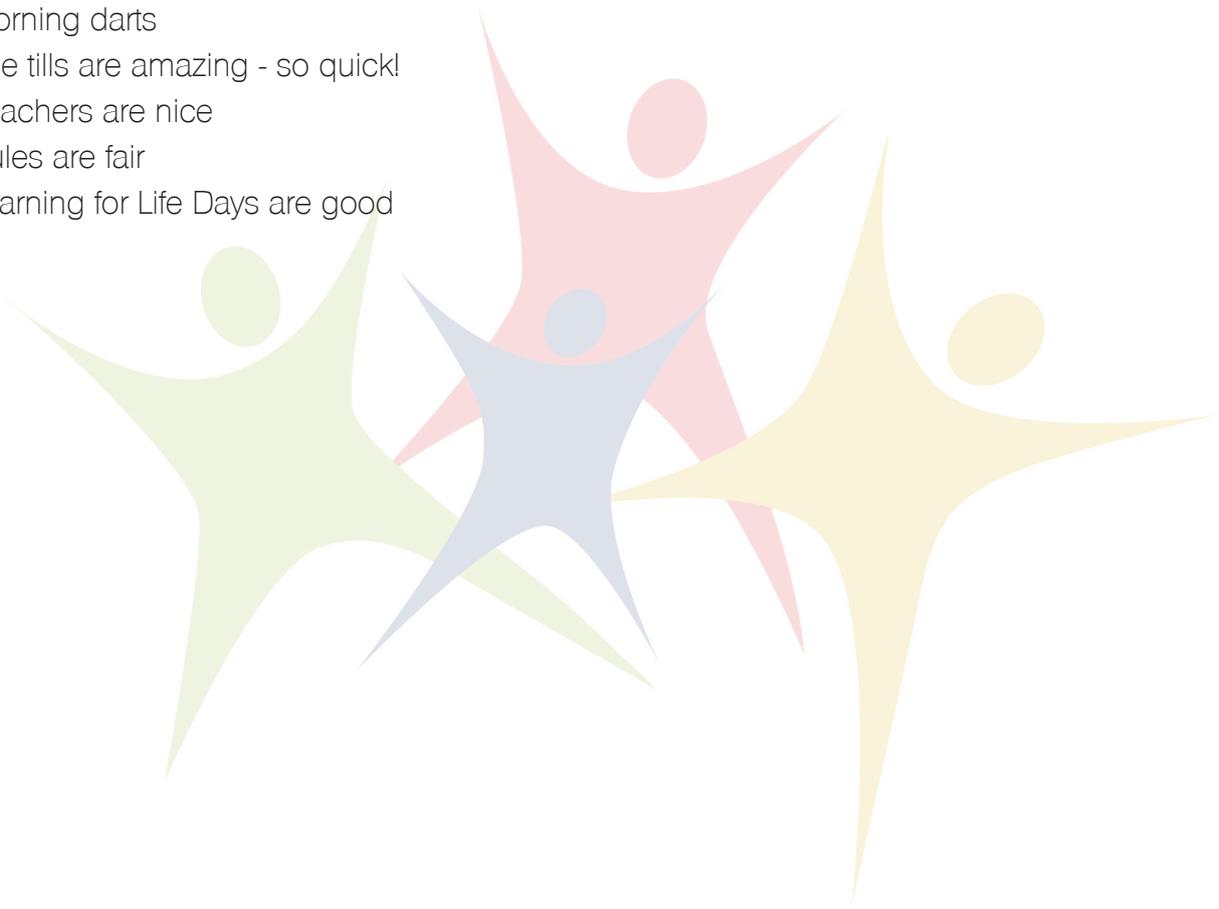


what we think is going well...

A sample of positive comments:

All Year Groups

- The Pod, as a facility, is still great.
- The Pastoral toilets
- Morning darts
- The tills are amazing - so quick!
- Teachers are nice
- Rules are fair
- Learning for Life Days are good



Comments and requests...

Priory Standard and Culture

A number of issues were raised and these have been addressed by Heads of Year in assemblies:

Pupil Voice 1	Year 8 need somewhere to play football at breaks and lunch
Outcome and actions	Year 7 and Year 8 can now have shared use of the MUGA so Year 8 have somewhere to play going forward. This is a trial to be reviewed later in the year. This also means there is no need for extra markings on the yard as requested, which would cost a lot of money and would cause confusion when the area is being used as a carpark at night.
Pupil Voice 2	Can Year 8 and Year 9 stay in their own indoor recreation areas
Outcome and actions	All years were reminded in assembly that you should all be in your own areas. Year 8s in the Auditorio and Year 9s should be in Humanities. We are aware some Year 8 lockers in the Year 9 area and we will review this. However, Year 8 should access lockers and return to their own recreation spaces. The Head of Year 9 has been asked to request classroom space from Humanities teachers when all the space in their communal area is full.
Pupil Voice 3	Can we have more staffing on the yard as there seems to be more of an issue when it rains
Outcome and actions	We have noticed too that when the 3G closes due to rain, pupils move to the yard, but the staffing doesn't move with them. Ms Smith has raised this with the relevant duty teams. Pupils are reminded that if there is a problem on there, Mrs Crank and/or Mr Shipton are on hand near the toilets to assist. Years 9-11 have been reminded in assembly that they should not be relocating to the yard or interfering with anyone else's game or ball.
Pupil Voice 4	Litter and food is increasingly being left around school by some pupils. Can we remind all pupils that this is unacceptable.
Outcome and actions	We have reminded pupils in assembly to put litter/unwanted food in bins and pick up things dropped by accident. If anyone can help by picking up litter as staff do, it would be appreciated. We have a beautiful school and would like it to remain this way.
Pupil Voice 5	Can we speak to older pupils about their behaviour outside of lessons as some are not conducting themselves in an acceptable manner.
Outcome and actions	We have raised this in assemblies and pupils have been reminded that certain behaviours are unacceptable and will be sanctioned accordingly.

Comments and requests...

Catering

A number of issues were raised and these have been addressed by Heads of Year in assemblies:

Pupil Voice 1 Please could we possibly have pancakes more often?

Outcome and actions We can add this to the next menu cycle

Pupil Voice 2 Please can we have more main hot meals available as they run out sometimes

Outcome and actions Numbers are looked at daily and adaptations made when needed

Pupil Voice 3 Please can you review why sometimes food has run out even though the system allows us to buy it.

Outcome and actions Human error sometimes happens however we do offer a refund or an alternative option.

Pupil Voice 4 We have noticed the chicken in the chicken wrap isn't as good quality as it once was. Can this be changed?

Outcome and actions Unfortunately we have had to switch to a different supplier, so for now this is the chicken we have to use.

Pupil Voice 5 Please can we have options for spread on toast such as jam, Nutella etc?

Outcome and actions Jam and chocolate spread have now been added. We cannot have Nutella as we are nut-free where possible due to pupil allergies.

Pupil Voice 6 Some food runs out quite quickly. Can we introduce a system where we can tell you if we wanted something but it had run out? Otherwise you would have no way of knowing to make more.

Outcome and actions Numbers are reviewed daily and changed when needed, so the situation continually improves.

Pupil Voice 7 Potentially it is too expensive if you want a meal and a drink in some combinations. Can this be reviewed?

Outcome and actions We are priced very fairly compared to other local schools and cannot lower prices further.

Pupil Voice 8 Is it possible to put pictures of the food on offer on the screen? This would be helpful when you don't know what certain foods you want to try, look like.

Outcome and actions Pictures that are missing are for new products and get added as soon as the meal has been made (we use pictures of the food we have actually produced).

Pupil Voice 9

Could we have plain sweet popcorn?

Outcome and actions

You already have two options. Do we need to change these?

Pupil Voice 10

Could we have more soup days? We are enjoying them

Outcome and actions

Soup is on the menu once a week in the POD and doesn't sell enough to warrant having it more often as it would be wasted.

Pupil Voice 11

Please could we have crisps, even healthy ones?

Outcome and actions

'Healthy' crisps are very expensive so we do not supply them. Crisps are on the current menu cycle with a meal in week three.

Comments and requests...

Uniform

A number of issues were raised and these have been addressed by Heads of Year in assemblies:

Pupil Voice 1

Could we have more non-uniform days where House colours are not required?

Outcome and actions

Unfortunately not. We stopped having non-uniform days as it wasn't fair for pupils who are in low income households. We only reintroduced them for fundraising events. We have agreed that these will be on the last day of term. House colours are worn to ensure it links with other school activities and fosters a sense of team belonging.

Pupil Voice 2

Can you review PE sports leggings as they are a strange fit

Outcome and actions

We brought leggings in as an alternative to shorts. Shorts are still an option if you prefer them to leggings. We went with a standard school leggings, so probably won't be looking to change it.

Pupil Voice 3

Can boys' PE jackets be reviewed as they are not comfortable.

Outcome and actions

We went with a standard school jackets, so probably won't be looking to change it.

Pupil Voice 4

Can spare PE kit be washed?

Outcome and actions

It is washed. However, if you don't like how they smell this maybe an incentive to ensure you bring your own kit and not forget it.

Comments and requests...

Personal Development

A number of issues were raised and these have been addressed by Heads of Year in assemblies:

Pupil Voice 1	Please can we have more clubs like cooking, basketball, boys football?
Outcome and actions	Basketball club will start from Thursday, 5 February for Years 7 and 8. More cooking clubs will be scheduled for the summer term once Year 11 coursework has been completed. Keep an eye on your Teams year group page for Cooking Clubs coming up as once they are scheduled they book up quickly. Also, If any pupils want to suggest any ideas for Cooking Clubs please see Mrs Lockwood in the Technology department.
Pupil Voice 2	Could we suggest some ideas for trips: Stadium tours, bowling centre, darts venue, Manchester city centre.
Outcome and actions	We cannot allow Manchester city centre without escorting you everywhere, and we presume that isn't what you want. Mrs Massey says we are looking at a possible trip to a bowling centre for next year's Christmas rewards visit. This would have to be a shorter trip so not out of school for the entire day. Please can you make suggestions for which stadium you would like to tour to Mrs Massey. The Flower Bowl is also being looked at/costed for a trip. The PE department is looking to plan a trip to Red Rose Bowl for the Darts Academy pupils. They are also looking at tickets for future sporting events.
Pupil Voice 3	Year 7 would like to have a go at darts but older years seem to dominate. Is there a solution?
Outcome and actions	We have got more darts boards coming so hopefully have 20 boards before Easter, allowing greater capacity.
Pupil Voice 4	Could we have more student run clubs?
Outcome and actions	You can, and we have always encouraged this. Those wanting to start a club need to see Ms Smith so it can be set-up correctly.

Comments and requests...

Curriculum

A number of issues were raised and these have been addressed by Heads of Year in assemblies:

Pupil Voice 1	Could we have a greater number of practical food lessons than written lessons?
Outcome and actions	We all love the practical lessons and aim for at least half of all food lessons to be practical. However, we still have a curriculum of essential knowledge to deliver therefore theory lessons remain a vital feature of your learning in Food Technology.

Other Aspects of School Life

A number of issues were raised and these have been addressed by Heads of Year in assemblies:

Pupil Voice 1	Can the hand sanitiser units and soap dispensers around school be checked more regularly? They run out quite a lot. Could we have one in the PE changing rooms?
Outcome and actions	There is a possibility of some level of refurbishment work to take place in the changing rooms as part of our 3G replacement bid, as we also need better facilities for changing for clubs/teams that use the pitch in community hours. We are hoping for this to take place in the summer term if all goes to plan. We can review this afterwards. The Estates Team will check the soap in toilets more often.

Pupil Voice 2	Please can we have more 'count down to lesson' screens around school to assist with time management.
Outcome and actions	Yes, in theory this can happen but there is a larger plan for digital signage around the site as and when budget allows this to take place. Ms Smith has suggested eating venues and communal Year Group areas. This system is part of the larger projector screen replacement project and does rely on funds being available.

Pupil Voice 3	Can the Year 8 lockers be moved out of the Year 9 area?
Outcome and actions	We are moving you as we cannot move the lockers. From after half term Year 8 and 9 will switch communal areas
