

Student and Parent / Carer Surveys Autumn 2024



Survey Overview – Autumn 2024

Response numbers to the parent / carer survey were up significantly compared to both last summer and autumn. Responses from students were also higher than both previous survey points.

Overall positive responses were significantly higher across the majority of questions in all surveys. All cohorts of respondents showed big increases in positive comments for questions relating to student behaviour, safety, and feeling proud of being a member of the school (for parents and carers, the question on recommending the school). In many cases, positive responses were not only up compared to Summer 2024, a trend which has been evident in previous surveys, but also compared to this time last year (something that has not often been the case previously). This indicates a real positive upward trend, rather than what we have seen in the past which was more a case of positive responses dipping in the summer and then returning to similar levels when comparing the current and previous autumn surveys.

Responses relating to bullying and discrimination remain fairly constant compared to previous surveys and, although these numbers are fairly low (and data relating to the school dealing with them suggests that when reported around half of instances are dealt with effectively), this is an area to continue focusing on moving forwards.

A significant number of parents/carers indicated that they would like their child to have access to a locker, so publicising the availability of discretionary lockers in specific cases would appear to be necessary.

Overall, the three surveys suggest there is much to celebrate in terms of progress and satisfaction across the board .

STUDENT SURVEY – 1,350 Responses (986 responses in Summer 2024, 1,210 responses in Autumn 2023)

- Positive scores were up in 18 out of 23 categories compared to the Summer 2024 survey. In a further three categories positive results were also higher than this time last year
- Significant positive increases were seen in response to questions on student behaviour (up 21% on last summer and 14% on this time last year), being proud to be a HBK student (up 16%), teaching helping students to do their best (up 15%), enjoying school (up 14%), recommending the school (up 11%) and students feeling safe (up 10%)
- Figures on experiencing bullying or prejudice have remained broadly similar
- Student comments singled out staff, curriculum and food as the top three best things about the school. The school's ethos, site & facilities and extra-curricular activities were also frequently mentioned in a positive light, whereas the most common explanations for making a negative response to recommending the school were unable to give a specific reason
- 71% of students would recommend the school, 76 % are proud of it and 87% feel safe at HBK

Student comments: "The support the school offers is amazing; they're very considerate towards multiple backgrounds and sensitive situations, the classes are well structured and compared to many other schools Hinchingsbrooke is like a godsend, especially the 6th form"

"I would recommend Hinchingsbrooke because I think I have thrived here at the sixth form, having come from another school. HBK provides support for academic achievement and celebrates success in a way my other school didn't. I have learnt a lot, made friends, and become part of a supportive and friendly environment where my teachers are friendly and push me to do my best, appreciate me when I work hard, and celebrate my successes."

"It's a school that cares about their students and wants success for them"

"This school is amazing! The best in the area! The teachers are friendly, the students are polite, lessons are well planned and I know if I need extra help my teachers would be happy to set aside time to talk and help me through anything I am not confident on."

"Hinchingsbrooke is a school that has done a lot for me. I feel it is a school that provides a good environment for learning, and the teachers are passionate about their subjects and always willing to help."

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Student Responses Autumn 2024 – 1350 respondents						
22 (298)	18 (245)	17 (232)	12 (159)	10 (136)	12 (160)	9 (120)
Student Responses Summer 2025 - xxx respondents						

Cromwell	Montagu	Pepys	Vesey	Wylton
Student Responses Autumn 2024 – 1350 respondents				
22 (293)	20 (264)	19 (259)	20 (266)	20 (268)
Student Responses Summer 2025 - xxx respondents				

Question % (raw figures)	Strongly Agree Autumn 2024	Strongly Agree Summer 2025	Agree Autumn 2024	Agree Summer 2025	Neither Agree nor Disagree Autumn 2024	Neither Agree nor Disagree Summer 2025	Disagree Autumn 2024	Disagree Summer 2025	Strongly Disagree Autumn 2024	Strongly Disagree Summer 2025
3. I take part in school activities outside of lessons, like clubs, sports, music and art	26 (345)		32 (430)		13 (178)		17 (233)		12 (164)	
4. I feel proud to be a Hinchingsbrooke student	27 (360)		49 (662)		20 (276)		2 (31)		2 (21)	
6. I enjoy school	11 (148)		44 (593)		32 (427)		9 (125)		4 (57)	
7. Teachers help me to do my best	20 (265)		51 (689)		24 (330)		4 (58)		1 (8)	
8. My teachers give me work that challenges me (i.e. the work is not usually too easy for me)	16 (218)		56 (755)		24 (324)		3 (44)		1 (9)	
9. Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons (e.g. I am asked to answer questions / give my opinion / comment on other students' answers)	23 (310)		50 (672)		22 (298)		4 (49)		2 (21)	
10. Behaviour is good at HBK	10 (129)		43 (587)		35 (470)		9 (127)		3 (37)	
11. When my behaviour is corrected by a member of staff I know how to respond appropriately (HBK Responses)	38 (519)		49 (657)		11 (146)		1 (18)		1 (10)	
11. There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me	36 (482)		51 (684)		8 (113)		3 (40)		2 (31)	
13. I feel safe when I am at school	42 (561)		45 (608)		11 (149)		1 (17)		1 (15)	
14. Have you ever been bullied in your time at Hinchingsbrooke?	Yes Aut 2024 18 (240)		Yes Sum 2025				No Aut 2024 82 (1110)		No Sum 2025	
15. Did you report this? (Out of those who said yes to being bullied)	Yes Aut 2024 75 (179)		Yes Sum 2025				No Aut 2024 25 (61)		No Sum 2025	

Question	Strongly Agree Autumn 2024	Strongly Agree Summer 2025	Agree Autumn 2024	Agree Summer 2025	Neither Agree nor Disagree Autumn 2024	Neither Agree nor Disagree Summer 2025	Disagree Autumn 2024	Disagree Summer 2025	Strongly Disagree Autumn 2024	Strongly Disagree Summer 2025
17. Did the school help you deal with the issue? <i>(Out of those who reported it)</i>	17 (31)		32 (58)		29 (52)		13 (23)		8 (15)	
18. I look after my physical health using what I have learned in PE lessons, Food and Nutrition and PSHCE	27 (369)		50 (678)		18 (248)		3 (41)		1 (14)	
19. I look after my emotional and mental health using what I have learned in PSHCE, assemblies and Form Time	19 (256)		44 (600)		27 (371)		7 (91)		2 (32)	
20. I have opportunities to be independent and take on responsibilities (e.g. being a REP, a Prefect, a House Captain or Senior Student)	27 (359)		47 (629)		19 (262)		5 (72)		2 (28)	
21. I take up opportunities to progress my personal development (e.g. through engaging in PSHCE lessons, participating in extra-curricular opportunities, going on trips, competing in interhouse events and undertaking leadership opportunities)	18 (247)		50 (670)		25 (344)		5 (62)		2 (27)	
22. I take up opportunities to have my say (eg through attending student forum, being or speaking to a REP / Prefect / Senior Student and/or giving opinions in form time and lessons)	12 (167)		32 (426)		36 (487)		16 (210)		4 (60)	
23. Hinchingsbrooke encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone well	43 (580)		48 (617)		10 (130)		1 (15)		1 (8)	
24. Have you ever been the victim of prejudice in your time at Hinchingsbrooke?	Yes Autumn 2024 12 (161)		Yes Summer 2025				No Autumn 2024 88 (1189)		No Summer 2025	
25. Did you report this? <i>(Out of those who said yes)</i>	Yes Autumn 2024 46 (74)		Yes Summer 2025				No Autumn 2023 54 (87)		No Summer 2024	
27. Did the school help you deal with the issue? <i>(Out of those who reported it)</i>	19 (14)		30 (22)		28 (21)		11 (8)		12 (9)	
28. Hinchingsbrooke provides me with information about my next steps (GCSE options / Sixth Form / College / Apprenticeships /University / Careers)	26 (353)		51 (694)		17 (226)		5 (62)		1 (15)	
29. Have you had the opportunity to consider careers and get some careers advice in your time at Hinchingsbrooke?	Yes Autumn 2024 39 (531)		Yes Summer 2025		Not yet Aut 2024 49 (663)	Not yet Sum 2025	No Autumn 2024 12 (156)		No Summer 2025	
30. I would recommend this school to a friend moving to the area	Yes Autumn 2024 71 (962)		Yes Summer 2025		Maybe Aut 2024 25 (333)	Maybe Sum 2025	No Autumn 2024 4 (55)		No Summer 2025	

5. The best thing about HBK is... (departments named if they got more than 10 mentions)	12. Please explain, if you can, why you feel there is not an adult at school that you can talk to at this time
<p>Staff 254 Curriculum 144 Food 144 PE/Sport 140 Friends 129 Extra-curricular activities 119 Site/facilities 105 Ethos 83 Support 76 Sixth Form 56 Generally positive comments 42 Other departments (fewer than 10 mentions each) 34 Art 26 Music 23 History 15 Dance 13 Food/catering 12 The history/reputation 11 Drama 11 House system 9 Rewards 7 SEND 2 Uniform 2</p>	<p>Don't feel comfortable talking about problems 37 Don't want to 27 Don't trust anyone 21 Don't feel it would be useful 21 I don't know 17 Have someone else to talk to 14 Noone would understand 11 Everyone's too busy 5 Person I trusted has left 4 Haven't been here long enough 4</p> <p>16. Why did you not report this? (bullying)</p> <p>It would have made it worse 16 Didn't think it was serious enough 15 Didn't want to 12 Not sure 6 Didn't think anything would happen as a result 4 Handled it myself 3 Didn't know how to deal with it 2 Didn't happen in school 1 It has only just happened 1 Didn't realise it was bullying at the time 1</p>
26. Why did you not report this? (discrimination / prejudice)	31. Please explain your answer (I would recommend this school to a friend moving to the area)
<p>Didn't feel it was serious enough 36 It would have made it worse 10 I don't know 9 Didn't want to 9 Didn't think anything would happen as a result 8 Didn't know who the perpetrator was 4 The issue had already been dealt with 3 Sorted it myself 2 Spoke to family about it instead 1</p>	<p>Positive Responses: Generally positive comment 435 Teachers/staff 187 Ethos 109 Support 80 It's the best school in the area 80 Curriculum 75 Facilities/site 71 Extra-curricular activities 62 Food 32 Friends go there 31 Sports 30 It's a safe school 29 Sixth Form 26 Specific subjects/departments 12 The history of the school 9</p>

13. What makes a good assembly?

When they're relevant and informative 245
When they're engaging 168
When rewards are given out 139
When they're not too long 91
When the audience listens/behaves 87
When notices are given out 79
When they're interactive 79
I don't know 69
When they're fun 53
When there's a guest speaker 50
When they don't just repeat the same stuff over and over 37
When there's videos/presentations 29
When the Head of Year leads the assembly 27
When they're positive 23
When there's music 16
When there are prizes 15
When there's reviews of past events 14
When there's a clear objective 14
Assemblies are already good as they are 14
House Assemblies are the best 7
When there's competitions 6
When students lead the assembly 5

Negative comments 31

House system 8
SEND department 3
Uniform 3
Transition 2
Rewards 1

Negative responses:

I don't know 67
Teachers/staff 24
Rules/sanctions 19
Bullying 17
General negative comments 17
Behaviour 15
Homework 9
Size of school 9
Racism/lack of tolerance 7
Curriculum 6
Uniform 4
Food 4
No lockers 1
Lack of support 1

Question	November 2022 1360 responses			June 2023 1047 responses			November 2023 1210 responses			June 2024 986 responses			November 2024 1350 responses		
	Positive response	Some of the time/ Neutral	Negative Response	Positive response	Some of the time/ Neutral	Negative Response	Positive response	Some of the time/ Neutral	Negative Response	Positive Response	Some of the time/ Neutral	Negative Response	Positive Response	Some of the time/ Neutral	Negative Response
I enjoy school	44	36	20	38	39	23	39	39	22	41	37	22	55	32	13
Teachers help me to do my best	62	29	9	56	34	10	55	35	9	56	34	10	71	25	5
My teachers give me work that challenges me	70	26	4	63	32	5	63	31	6	67	29	4	72	24	4
I feel proud to be a Hinchingsbrooke student	62	32	6	54	36	10	59	33	8	59	35	6	76	20	4
Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons	61	30	9	58	32	10	61	29	9	62	27	11	73	22	6
There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me	78	13	9	76	14	10	82	9	8	80	9	11	87	8	5
Behaviour is good at HBK	37	42	21	28	46	26	39	39	22	32	46	22	53	35	12
Have you ever been bullied?	21		79	21		79	19		81	24		76	18		82
Did you report this? *	67		33	76		24	69		31	77		23	75		25
Did reporting it resolve the issue? *	34	33	33	48	29	23	42	25	33	50	30	20	49	29	21
I feel safe when I am at school	76	20	4	73	21	6	77	19	4	77	19	5	87	11	2
I look after my physical health using what I have learned in PE lessons, Food and Nutrition and PSHCE	74	21	5	70	24	6	68	25	7	68	24	8	77	18	4
I look after my emotional and mental health using what I have learned in PSHCE, assemblies and Form Time	61	27	12	61	28	11	56	32	12	57	29	14	63	27	9
I take part in school activities outside of lessons, like clubs, sports, music and art	52	16	32	51	17	32	54	15	31	55	13	32	58	13	29
I have opportunities to be independent and take on responsibilities	66	28	6	63	30	7	66	27	9	67	23	9	74	19	7

I take up opportunities to progress my personal development				62	31	7	57	33	10	59	31	11	68	25	7
My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone well	87	11	2	84	13	3	84	13	3	84	13	3	91	10	2
Have you ever been the victim of prejudice in your time at Hinchingsbrooke?	15		85	16		84	14		86	15		85	12		88
Did you report this? *	33		67	48		52	42		58	46		54	46		54
Did reporting it resolve the issue? *	18	40	42	37	28	35	36	41	23	49	23	19	49	28	23
My school provides me with information about my next steps	75	19	6	71	22	7	74	18	8	75	17	7	77	17	6
Have you had the opportunity to consider careers and get some careers advice in your time at Hinchingsbrooke?	40	47	13	45	40	15	41	45	13	48	39	13	39	49	12
I would recommend this school to a friend moving to the area	59	32	9	54	35	11	60	33	7	58	35	8	71	25	4

* Only answered by those who said they had previously been bullied / the victim of prejudice

PARENTS/CARERS SURVEY 585 responses – (216 responses in Summer 2024, 335 responses in Autumn 2023)

- Positive responses were up in eleven out of thirteen categories compared to the Summer 2024 survey (with the others remaining the same, namely the question on bullying and being informed, which remained at 98%)
- Particularly significant is the fact that, historically, responses to the second survey of the year have been less positive and then risen again for the first survey of the next academic year. However, positive responses remained broadly similar across the two surveys last year and have now risen further, indicating a more significant upward trend, whereas national data suggests parental satisfaction is declining
- Questions on student happiness, safety, progress, the curriculum and extra-curricular activities all saw positive responses of around 90%
- The most frequent comment made for the final question centred around the provision of lockers (or lack thereof)
- 87% of parents would recommend the school – by some distance the highest figure in the last three years

Parent and Carer comments: "Hinchingsbrooke is a great school in all aspects. I came here as a child & am proud that my child also now attends."

"I know it's a great school, I went there, my dad went there, and we moved back here so all the boys can go to Hinchingsbrooke. My husband wants to age backwards so he can go there too and enjoy the sports facilities."

"My son has felt well supported and they have dealt with the few issues we have had very quickly and effectively. The SEND staff are patient and communicative. It's been a great transition from primary school"

"Since joining towards the end of year 8 we have noticed a remarkable change in our son's demeanour and he now enjoys going to school. He has made lots of new friends and appears to be excelling in his subjects. Communication is good and the arbor app and weekly emails around homework are very useful"

"My child started at a different secondary but came to HBK in year 8. It is no exaggeration that the transfer has been positively life changing for her. Immediately she was welcomed in and said she felt like she had been there all along. The school has a fantastic feel to it, standards are high, pupils and staff both appear to be enthusiastic, work is stimulating with high expectations and a good work ethic is immediately apparent. It also strikes us that the vast majority of pupils encountered so far are mature and kind. There are an impressive range of subjects available and fantastic extracurricular options and provisions."

1. Which year group is your child in? (Please tick all that apply)						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Parent / Carer Responses Autumn 2024						
182	112	128	90	76	69	35
Parent / Carer Responses Summer 2025						

Question % (raw figure)	Strongly Agree Autumn 2024	Strongly Agree Summer 2025	Agree Autumn 2024	Agree Summer 2025	Disagree Autumn 2024	Disagree Summer 2025	Strongly Disagree Autumn 2024	Strongly Disagree Summer 2025	Do not know Autumn 2024	Do not know Summer 2025
2. My child is happy at this school	34 (197)		56 (325)		6 (38)		3 (16)		2 (9)	
3. My child feels safe at this school	35 (204)		56 (328)		4 (21)		3 (18)		2 (14)	
4. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	24 (139)		58 (337)		9 (53)		3 (17)		7 (39)	
5. Has your child been bullied in their time at Hinchingsbrooke?	Yes 20 (119)	Yes			No 72 (419)	No			8 (47)	
6. Hinchingsbrooke dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively <i>Of the 119 respondents who indicated their child had been bullied</i>	15 (18)		34 (41)		24 (29)		12 (14)		14 (17)	
8. I keep myself informed about what is going on at Hinchingsbrooke (e.g. through reading the weekly message, reading emails, looking at the school website, looking at the school social media channels and/or through attending the Success Evening events)	39 (226)		58 (337)		3 (19)		0 (2)		0 (1)	
9. When I have raised concerns with the school, I have received a response within 48 hours	Yes 48 (282)	Yes			No 14 (80)	No	I have not raised a concern 35 (202)		Not sure 4 (21)	
10. When I have raised concerns with the school, the school has listened and responded well <i>Of the 383 respondents who indicated they had raised a concern</i>	27 (104)		48 (183)		17 (67)		4 (17)		3 (11)	
11. My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to help them succeed. <i>418 (71%) selected 'My child does not have SEN. % based on the remaining 167</i>	23 (38)		40 (67)		20 (33)		7 (11)		11 (18)	
12. The school has high expectations for my child	32 (189)		52 (312)		5 (27)		1 (7)		9 (50)	
13. My child is making generally good progress at this school	33 (192)		58 (338)		4 (21)		2 (10)		4 (24)	
14. I keep myself informed about how my child is doing at school	55 (320)		43 (251)		1 (8)		1 (3)		1 (3)	
15. There is a good range of subjects available at this school	39 (228)		52 (305)		7 (40)		1 (5)		2 (11)	

16. My child has the opportunity to take part in clubs and activities	40 (232)		51 (301)		3 (20)		1 (8)		4 (24)	
17. I am aware that the school supports my child's wider personal development	33 (193)		56 (328)		4 (21)		1 (6)		6 (37)	
18. I would recommend this school to another parent	45 (262)		42 (246)		4 (22)		3 (17)		6 (38)	
19. I think Hinchingsbrooke is a good school	44 (257)		45 (265)		5 (27)		2 (13)		4 (26)	

Question Comments

7. Please feel free to explain your answer (Q6. Hinchingsbrooke dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively)	<p>Issues were dealt with swiftly 15 KS3 team were outstanding 5 Issue still ongoing but is getting support 1 Didn't report the issue 8 Not sure 2 Sorted the issue themselves 1</p>	<p>Nothing happened as a result of reporting the bullying 17 Generally negative comment 10 Sanctions for bullies too lenient 5 Lack of communication regarding issues 3</p>
20. Please explain your answer (19. I think Hinchingsbrooke is a good school)	<p>My child is happy 51 Generally positive comments 40 My child is making good progress 30 My child is well supported 27 Positive comments about staff 26 Ethos of school 24 Extra-curricular activities 16 Quality of transition 16 Quality of communications 14 Quality of curriculum 14 It's the best school in the area 10 Rewards system 7 Good behaviour 6 My child feels safe 3 SEND provision 1</p>	<p>General negative comment 17 Behaviour policy/sanctions 10 School is too large 7 Issues with curriculum 4 SEND provision 4 Too many supply teachers 4 Issues with the Trust 4 Issues with parents' evenings 3 Bullying 3 Poor behaviour 3 Issues with communications 2 Lack of trips 1 Variable quality of teaching 1</p>
21. Is there any other feedback you would like to give?	<p>Generally positive comments 28 Positive comments on SEND 3 Positive comments about staff 2</p>	<p>Requests for lockers 52 Sanctions are too harsh 19 Issues with homework (too much, not effective, communication, etc.) 16 Communication needs improving 15 Concerns about SEND provision 14 Concerns about range of curriculum offer 12 Issues with availability/price of food 9 Would like more frequent/detailed reports 6 Concerns about allocation of places on trips 6 Comments relating to communication regarding PE kit/fixtures 6 Requests for changes to parents' evenings 5 Concerns regarding bullying 2 Concerns about behaviour 2 Issues with transport options after extra-curricular activities 2 Concerns about toilet facilities 2 Should be able to purchase ingredients for Food lesson from school 2</p>

Concerns about amount of supply teaching 2
 Concerns regarding the Trust 2
 Concerns about target grade setting 2
 Concerns about price of uniform 1
 Comments relating to racism 1

Question	November 2022 % 391 respondents		June 2023 % 242 respondents		Ofsted National Secondary School Data 2022-2023		Ofsted East of England Data 2022- 2023		November 2023 % 335 respondents		June 2024 % 216 respondents		Ofsted National Secondary School Data 2023-2024		Ofsted East of England Data 2023- 2024		November 2024 % 585 respondents		June 20245% xxx respondents		Ofsted National Secondary School Data 2024-2025		Ofsted East of England Data 2024- 2025	
	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative	Overall positive	Overall negative
My child is happy at this School	82	16	81	18	81	18	89	10	84	14	84	15	79	20	87	12	90	9						
My child feels safe at this School	85	12	86	10	84	15	90	9	86	10	86	9	82	16	88	10	91	7						
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	64	25	62	25	75	21	83	14	73	19	77	19	74	22	82	15	82	12						
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	11	14	11	12	18	15	17	11	10	10	9	10	18	15	17	12	10	7						
When I have raised concerns with the school, the school has listened and responded well	54	25	61	22	52	22	56	17	61	21	74	22	51	24	55	18	75	21						
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	51	29	45	37	57	38	66	30	58	25	55	30	56	40	66	31	63	27						
The school has high expectations for my child	78	13	72	16	81	13	81	12	82	11	82	8	80	14	82	12	84	6						
My child does well at this school	75	14	75	19	81	15	86	11	84	11	86	11	79	17	85	12	91	6						
The school lets me know how my child is doing	76	19	78	21	79	20	83	16	98	2	98	1	78	20	83	15	98	2						
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	93	5	87	11	89	9	90	7	90	7	89	9	88	10	89	8	91	8						
My child has the opportunity to take part in clubs and activities at this school	90	6	85	9	89	7	90	7	83	9	84	11	90	7	90	7	91	4						
The school supports my child's wider personal development	80	11	76	15	71	21	78	15	86	7	83	10	70	22	77	16	89	5						
I would recommend this school to another parent	72	13	74	15	78	22	84	16	79	12	80	13	76	24	83	17	87	7						