

End of Year Review

2006/07

At the end of the academic year 2006/07 a questionnaire called the 'End of Year Review' was circulated to Sixth Form College students. The principal objective of this Review was to assess opinions of students with regard to their Tutor Group and student satisfaction with the College overall. It also sought student attitudes to learning and requested opinions on the College timetable and facilities.

The purpose of this leaflet is to give students and staff a brief summary of the results of the survey. It is based on the 540 forms that were completed.

The contribution of students completing these surveys is greatly valued and our thanks go to all those who participated in this particular Review.

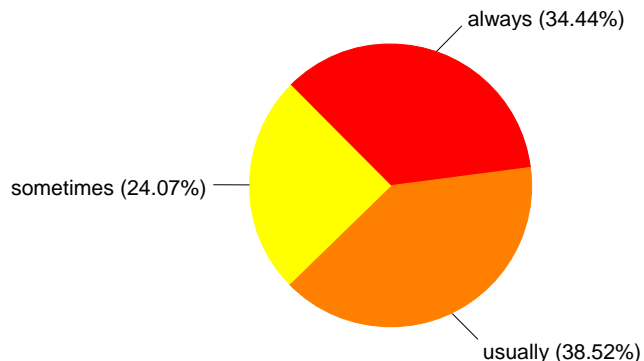
What are we doing?

Following this survey, the College will be taking the following actions:

1. The College is working towards a complete smoking ban on site.
2. There will be a review of the timetable, including consultation with students, for 2008-09.
3. Improvements will be made to the service/provision in the Acorn Café.

College Management recognises that some students feel they are asked to complete too many questionnaires during the summer term. These surveys are, however, a very important factor in the College's analysis of its services to the students and are a requirement of College Inspection procedures. Student participation in completing these surveys is greatly appreciated.

I recognise the value of the Tutorial programme



84% of students said they always or usually felt involved in tutorial activities and 73% recognised the value of the tutorial programme. Most said they found that Tutor notes kept them well informed of internal and external events. 31% thought that the Rosebowl competition contributed to the extra-curricular life of the College; 44% held no opinion. 88% said they found their personal tutor always or usually helpful.

There was an increase in the number of students who felt both that the length of the College day was about right (71%) and that the number of breaks was about right (72%). However, there was a 5% drop in those that thought the duration of breaks was about right (64%).

30% of students said they had encountered difficulties while on their course. Of these 87% sought help or advice and 93% of these had found the help or advice given to them was useful.

13% of students said they had made an unwritten, informal complaint this academic year. Of those made 71% said it had been dealt with satisfactorily, a 16% increase on satisfaction levels last year.

The percentage of students who found the Acorn Café good or adequate increased 6% to 81% this year and student social areas increased 3% to

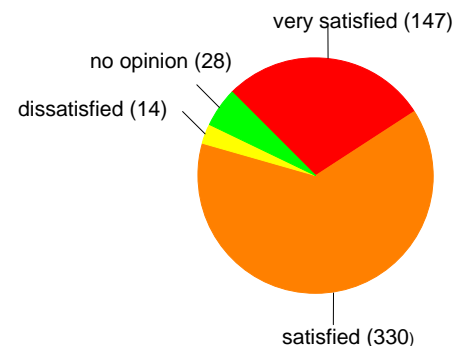
69%. The Learning Centre remained high at 90% while regard for the sports facilities, private study areas and directions/signs on site decreased slightly to 59%, 74% and 79% respectively.

16% of students admitted to currently being smokers. The number in favour of a smoking ban on the College site increased from 35% last year to 51% this year.

Satisfaction with the arrangements and organisation of examinations increased, with 7% expressing dissatisfaction.

86% of students said they enjoyed learning and their life at College. Out of the 21% who said they had left school with a negative attitude to learning, 70% said this had now changed. 64% of students agreed that Stanmore College helped them to achieve personal and academic success within a small, friendly environment. 2% disagreed, with the remainder being unsure.

Overall, how satisfied are you with the



Satisfaction with the College overall, increased from 85% last year to 88% this year.

Some students requested that more activities and group discussions be included in the tutorial programme. Several students commented that they had enjoyed their time at Stanmore College.