

PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRE ON EXTENDED SERVICES AT ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

RESULTS ANALYSIS

Sample

A total of 345 pupils (63% of the school) completed a questionnaire in November 2008, concerning extended services. The return rate was least in Year 11. Given the low response from this year group the analysis will concentrate on years 7, 8, 9 and 10 where the response rate was 72%.

The breakdown of the sample is as follows:

Year	Male	Female	Total responded	Total in school	% Return
7	49	45	94	108	87
8	30	40	70	106	66
9	33	49	82	114	72
10	34	38	72	113	64
11	16	11	27	105	26
	162	183	345	546	63
				Without Year 11	72%

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

Question 1 and 2: Do you go to a lunchtime or after school activity?

62% attend lunch time activities and 47% after school activities.
Two thirds of the sample (196 pupils) said that they attend an activity regularly.

Question 3: If so, what activities do you already do?

	Male	Female
Aerobics	0	4
Netball	0	76
Sports Leaders	4	7
Jiu Jitsu	12	0
Trampolining	2	6
Aida	2	0
Football	77	15
Gymnastics	2	2
Rugby	35	0
Climbing	10	7
Fencing	2	3
Rowing	16	5
Guitar	15	1
Drums	10	2
GCSE	4	3
Bandtec	15	2
Basketball	23	6
Squash	3	2
Italian	8	6
AS maths	0	4
Golf	7	0
Finess	2	3
Badminton	14	9
Dance	0	9
Hockey	3	13
Stepping Stones	2	2
Skipping	0	0
Art	0	10
TOTAL	268	197

Boys attended lunchtime/afterschool activities more than girls, a total of 268 activities attended by boys compared to just 197 activities attended by girls (a third less).

Question 4: If you would like to attend a current activity on offer but do not, what is the reason?

Year	Not enough space	Transport	Cost	Choice	Inconvenient time
7	4	11	8	8	22
8	2	12	2	9	16
9	3	3	3	4	12
10		10	1	6	22
Total	9	36	14	27	72
%	5	21	8	16	42

Transport and activities being run at inconvenient times where the two main reasons why students did not attend current activities on offer.

Question 5: Would you like to do something at the weekend or in the holidays if it interested you?

Year 7's had the greatest response, 64% said yes they would do something. About half from each of years 8, 9 and 10 said yes they would like to do something in the holidays or at weekends.

Question 7: Would you like to go to a club after school where you could get more/help with homework?

Year	Yes	No	%
7	17	76	18
8	10	57	14
9	6	72	7
10	9	61	13
Totals	42	266	
	14%	86%	

86% said they did not want an after school club after school. Those that did were mainly from Year 7, (18%) and this decreased until they reached year 10 and increased to 13%

Interestingly, of the 42 pupils who answered 'yes', 60% were from girls.

Question 8: Would you like to do an activity that would involve your family?

Year	No	Mums & Lasses'	Dads & Lads'	Mums or Dads
7	62	2	19	22%
8	50	12	7	27%
9	36	9	6	18%
10	60	6	5	15%

Interestingly a large number of respondents from year 7 would like a Dads and Lads activity (20%), and from year 8 (15%) would like a Mums and Lasses activity. The interest became less in years 9 and 10.

Question 9: Would you like your parent(s)/carer to be able to help you (more) with your school work?

Year	Yes	%
7	54	57%
8	23	33%
9	16	20%
10	26	36%

Over half of Year 7 (57%) wanted their parents/carers to help them more with their homework. This became less in years 8 and 9 but increased again in year 10 to 36%.

Of the total who answered 'yes', 63% were from female.

Question 10: Would you like to talk about your feelings/worries to someone in confidence at school?

Year	Yes	%
7	36	38%
8	22	31%
9	14	17%
10	16	22%

38% of respondents in year 7 wanted to talk in confidence to someone in school. This became less important in Year 9 (17%) but numbers were still high in years 8 and 10.

Of the total numbers who answered 'yes', 63% were from girls.

Question 11: As you are aware the school has a pastoral programme but would like additional support/information about 'growing up', teenage problems?

Year	Yes	%
7	13	14%
8	14	20%
9	4	5%
10	5	7%

14% of Year 7's and particularly year 8 with 18% wanted additional information. Of the total number who said yes, 78% were from females.

Question 12: Have you used the school mentoring system and was it useful?

Year	Yes	But not helpful
7	62	8
8	38	5
9	23	4
10	35	2
Total	158	19
	50%	12%

50% of the respondents said they had used the school mentoring system 12% of them did not find it helpful.

34 students (22%) gave suggestions on how it could be improved

- need fewer in group
- longer sessions needed
- Encourage talking about problems
- link forms together
- people mess about too much
- no control
- mentors could be a little less shy
- could be more organised
- they need to plan it out a bit more
- all we do is play games
- longer needed
- needs organising
- more activities
- longer sessions needed
- more time needed
- more fun needed
- more sessions
- less people in group
- more organised
- more fun needed
- not useful but fun
- needs more structure
- needs more fun
- more time
- needs more time
- needs to be organised and more time
- could be more organised
- More organised
- I found it useful but need a variety of games
- it was just games
- more games than mentoring, more talk needed
- make it more often

Question 13: Is there any out of school activity that is currently not offered that you may be interested in?

Year	7	8	9	10	11	Total	%
Walking	5	10	2	8	2	27	8
Skating	14	8	6	12	4	44	14
Boxercise	9	6	12	12	2	41	13
Cheerleading	16	21	26	18	3	84	26
Self-Defence	15	13	16	12	4	60	19
Around the world	5	1	3	8	1	18	6
Media	8	4	5	15	5	37	12
Language club	7	2	2	7	0	18	6
Debating club	1	8	3	5	2	19	6
Astronomy	3	2	4	6	2	17	5
Chess	3	5	6	2	2	18	6
Business	2	4	5	9	3	23	7
Genealogy	3	2	1	4	1	11	3
Philosophy	3	1	1	4	4	13	4
Engineering	14	8	9	10	2	43	14
Gardening	6	3	5	6	1	21	7
Conservation and nature study	6	5	1	6	1	19	6
Orienteering	11	4	2	5	2	24	8
DIY	11	3	10	10	0	37	12
Sewing/textiles	7	13	17	18	0	59	19
Cookery	34	17	14	18	1	84	26
Creative writing	7	5	2	7	3	24	8
Digital Photography	21	9	18	19	6	73	23

The most popular activities wanted was cheerleading and cookery (26%), Followed by digital photography (23%) sewing/textiles (19%) and self defence (19%)

- 69% of those wanted boxercise were male
- 98% of those wanting cheerleading were female
- 63% of those wanted self-defence were male
- 84% of those wanting engineering are male
- 88% of those wanting sewing were female
- 66% of those wanting digital photography were female

Summary

In summary, these results provide useful evidence concerning the relative interest for the future development of out of school activities and pastoral support, and should serve to inform further consultation and planning.