



9th July 2025

**Dear Families** 

Thank you to those parents who completed the parental survey, I really do appreciate the time you invested in completing it.

It is so important to us that this is a community school and we take account of everyone's ideas including parents and the feedback has been extremely valuable to us.

We have had an incredible year of implementing changes, with new curriculum and assessment models, new classroom learning structures, a target reading programme and a fully re-structured behaviour system which has raised expectations of what all our students can achieve. Most of all it has been wonderful to see our students meet that challenge and set high standards and ambitions for themselves.

The results of the parental survey were very encouraging and I would like to just share some key highlights with you as well as some further areas for development we are still working towards.

Keeping your children safe is my top priority so I was so encouraged to hear the feeling that parents agree that their child feels safe and happy at school which to me is a fundamental indicator of a positive school environment.

A high proportion of you indicated that you would recommend Ansford to other parents and this speaks to the Community School we are trying to create. It also provides us with a really positive reinforcement of the work we do to strive for our students to enjoy school, provide them with a high quality education and ultimately leave school with a set of GCSE grades that will provide many opportunities in the future.

It was also really pleasing that so many of you feel we have high expectations of your child and this supports the work we are doing to ensure your child receives a high quality education that raises aspiration and challenge.

But I also gathered from the survey that there were some areas where we still need to do further development work.

One area some parents wanted to raise was around SEND support for their child's learning needs. This was a small number but we recognise these concerns are significant for each child. We have fully restructured our SEND provision this year and will continue to do so going into 25/26 will focus more on targeted support for adapting learning. We are also aware and share parents' frustration over funding agreements and assure you that we work very hard to bid for funds and additional provision.

Another area raised was some parents felt unclear about what their child learns at school and the progress they are making with their learning. We have held additional parent information evenings this year (along with the normal parents evenings) to provide parents with information about curriculum and assessment. Also on our website there are links to our new curriculum booklets which outline what students will learn and how they will be assessed at each point in the year. We are refining our assessment and reporting processes next year and we will issue a letter to parents of these changes in September along with links to our curriculum booklets for parents to use to help support their child at home. We will also host the same information evenings to parents, we will send details about these in September.

Thank you again for your invaluable feedback from the surveys. It is so important to me that we work in partnership to provide a high quality education for all children at Ansford.

Kind Regards

Karl Musson

**Head of School**