**Some parental views about the school**

In March 2017 we had a whole school survey of boys’ views and we also asked the parents to give their views. The positive quotes below come from parents of boys of all ages. We are always looking to improve and there were plenty of individual comments about things we can do better or things we do that don’t work for all boys and the staff think about those comments and look to make improvements.

“My son joined the school six years ago and it has been the making of him. The teachers have gone above and beyond in helping him to find his passion and have given him the opportunities to excel. He is a confident, intelligent and likeable young man and for this I cannot thank the school enough. You have given him the tools he needs to further his academic journey and hopefully pursue a career of his dreams. He, like almost all of the boys, has achieved fantastic exam results while not feeling too overwhelmed or stressed. He has made some friends for life amongst kindred spirits. Thank you so much SGS.” Year 13 parent

“Thank you so very much for the chance that the school has given my son to develop and grow into a young man. The whole person approach that you take at SGS shines through, and allows the young men there to achieve as much as they can.” Year 13 parent

“SGS is a great school and I have seen my son develop into a sensible, intelligent and rounded young man. He has a great relationship with his teachers, especially now in the L6. It is particularly pleasing that the community spirit is encouraged and that qualifications are just part of education. Self development and awareness are also learnt.” Y12 parent  
  
“It is unusual to have a school where teachers are so approachable and available to pupils outside lesson time. This enables excellent relationships and a real love of learning in the students. Thank you. The staff and leadership team show great commitment to all aspects of school life with all events e.g. concerts, sports, PTA events very well supported.” Year 10 parent

“Our son has had some wobbles but you've helped him through them. The pressure question was a hard one to answer: at times our son has brought too much pressure on himself - through joining too many clubs and taking too long over open-ended assignments - but he seems to be levelling out. Year 8 parent

I felt the year 7 introduction evening after October half term was perfect. It showed me that the school was interested in the child and helping their self-esteem. It was not about academic achievement. If boys are happy and safe they will learn, well done. Year 7 parent