

Thriftwood College KS4 and KS5 Parents Survey Results February 2025

52 responses received, which represents 43% of parents surveyed.

Do you receive an appropriate level of communication from the college; this may be in the form of email, text, letter etc?

94% said yes (increase of 5% from last year)



We have an open-door policy at college; have all your questions, queries or communication been answered in a timely and appropriate manner?



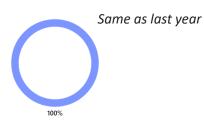
98% said yes (increase of 2% from last year)

Does your child feel happy and safe in college?

98% said yes (Increase of 18% from last year)



Do you understand your role in keeping your child safe online?

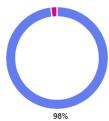


Have you attended any of the Next Steps careers events?

(decrease of 7% from last year)

Of those that attended, 79% found them useful





Did you work with your child's tutor to agree relevant targets in their annual review meeting?

98% said yes (increase of 5% from last year)

We have extended our range of accreditation on offer, are you aware of the accreditation)s) your child is working towards?



83% said yes (increase of 35% from last year)

If your child is planning to leave Thriftwood this year, do you feel they have received enough information and support to prepare them for this?

Green – Not applicable for my child this year



What is your aspiration for your child when they leave Thriftwood College - college course / employment etc

23 responses identified college / further education, and then employment

3 responses identified a supported internship or apprenticeship

7 responses identified employment / volunteering

3 were unsure

Several parents highlighted life skills as an aspiration:

Be successful in whichever path he chooses

To live independently be happy get a job

To come away with self belief and confidence

To be happy with what he can achieve and know that he can always be proud of how far he has come.

To be happy, safe and feel part of a community

To become independent

To be bit more confident and be ready for the next step in life

To be happy live independently To get a job

To become more independent, and to work towards his dreams and aspirations

To be safe

For her to love her life as best as she can and be supported when needed

Better understand of life and peers around them, coming to the school has helped her achieve this so far

We would welcome any other feedback you may have.

**** is so happy at Thriftwood College. He has such a range of social and interaction skills alongside education which he has found both fun and educational. Best thing that happened to us!

 I believe *** has really grown over the last 3 years. He has had amazing tutors and teachers at Thriftwood but I have really seen him grow over the last 3 years and I believe this is through the understanding that Thriftwood has for sen children.

Bring back sandwiches as a option for lunch and in light of recent events re think the class name Musk.

Couldn't wish for my daughter to be at a better school. Very grateful for all you do

Staff all friendly lovely college, kids love it if there happy I'm happy.



**** loves attending college, he is currently struggling with finding peers who will tolerate him and with making friends. His class team have been really supportive in trying to help him with this. Thank you

We are so pleased that *** seems to have settled at the college and are very impressed with the staff's dedication. Any concerns we have had have been dealt with quickly and with much sensitivity to help **** for which we are very grateful!

Very supportive staff

We like the fact that Thriftwood College focuses on preparing students for leaving college with Community Learning, along side a good academic timetable.

I think the staff are fantastic and my son is very happy and achieving well.

Thriftwood College continues to meet **** needs and he loves going to school. The skills you are teaching him, we hope will help prepare him for his future.

**** finds it difficult to make friends.

I have found the staff at Thriftwood extremely helpful from reception staff to class Tutors. They all go the extra mile in helping and encouraging ****. The work experience especially has been/is being beneficial for ****, showing that she can do things outside of her comfort zone!

• I have been extremely happy with Thriftwood and all the staff since my son joined. He has made so much progress. I feel incredibly lucky that he was accepted here. Both my son and I have had so much support. Thriftwood is a truly wonderful place.

I would just like forms that need filling in to be sent home by letter as don't have a printer I feel I calling the school to get one sent home

• **** teacher Miss K has been fabulous, caring and professional. She is very compassionate, knowledgeable and approachable.

Great place to learn with fantastic staff, thank you

• I'm finding the community learning baffling. Each week feels such a lost opportunity for additional learning out and about that could be better thought through

No comments are ever written in **** diary unless it's answering a question of mine. A weekly summary would be very helpful on what has been learnt in each subject at college to enable better discussion and support at home. I was informed at parents evening about how anxious the new English assessment is making ****. As parents we would like to request that **** is placed back in his old English set and the pressure is taken off him as the anxiety is feeding into other areas.

• **** is happy at college - it is a much better setting for him. The staff are lovely . Sometimes the communication could be better - **** doesn't always understand the answers he has been given about activities, it would be helpful If these could be shared somehow through his diary to help him express this at home .