Student Survey Summary 2026

Students are overwhelmingly positive about school life

Students describe Painsley as welcoming, supportive, and inclusive, with many praising the quality of teaching, strong friendships, and the wide range of opportunities available.

Key Strengths

Where students think we excel

High Quality Teaching and Learning

Students consistently praised the quality of teaching and the support they receive from staff. Many feel confident that they are receiving an excellent education that prepares them well for the future, and consistent support across core subjects.

A Welcoming and Inclusive Community

Students described the school as friendly, welcoming, and inclusive. Many highlighted how easy it is to make friends and spoke positively about the strong sense of belonging across the school community.

Strong Pastoral Support

Students value the care and support provided by staff, teaching assistants, and pastoral teams. Many shared that they feel safe, listened to, and supported both academically and personally.

Exceptional Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

Students appreciate the wide range of clubs, trips, sports, music, and enrichment opportunities available. These experiences are seen as helping students develop confidence, skills, and new interests.

Clarification

Addressing your feedback

Calm and Safe Movement Around School

Students raised concerns about busy corridors and lesson changeovers. The school will continue to reinforce corridor expectations, staff supervision, and one-way systems to help ensure a calm and safe environment.

Rules and Expectations

Students asked for greater clarity around school rules, including uniform expectations, toilet access,. and communication procedures. The school will continue to explain the reasons behind policies and expectations through assemblies and the Emmaus programme

Homework and Revision Guidance

Students requested clearer guidance around homework and revision.. Staff will continue to explain the purpose of homework tasks and identify when work is specifically designed as revision for assessments

Anti-Bullying and Student Wellbeing

Students asked for greater awareness of anti-bullying systems and wellbeing support. The school will continue to promote reporting systems, safe spaces, wellbeing ambassadors, and the support available to students.

Action Points

Moving forward

Improved Corridor Supervision

Staff will continue to supervise corridors between lessons and reinforce. one-way systems to improve movement around the school site

Wider Enrichment Opportunities

The school will review clubs and enrichment opportunities to ensure there is a broad range of activities available, including quieter spaces and opportunities requested by students.

Fair Access to Trips and Activities

The school will continue to ensure a fair and transparent process for oversubscribed. trips and activities, including the use of public ballots where appropriate

Celebrating Culture and Inclusion

The school will explore opportunities to introduce culture days and activities that celebrate diversity, inclusion, and cultural understanding within the school community.

Listening to Student Voice

Staff will continue to meet with individual students and student. groups to discuss feedback, listen to concerns, and help shape future improvements across the school

"one amazing thing about my school is that it helps me learn new things"
"the amount of extra-curricular activities there are can help boost your learning and so you can build new skills and confidence"
"we feel like a family"
"Painsley acknowledges and celebrates its students' achievements"
"I struggled with my attendance due to health but with the support of Painsley staff I get in everyday and I feel like school is a safe place"