

St Thomas of Aquin's 2024 S1-S6 pupil survey analysis & ind. comments summary

465 out of 792 pupils (59% of pupils) completed the survey – 41 pupils more than 2023 - thank you very much.

In 2023, 424 out 779 pupils (54% of pupils) completed the survey.

3. I feel safe when I am at school (0 point)

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Strongly agree	51
Agree	324
Don't know	69
Strongly disagree	4
Disagree	16



81% of pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they feel safe at the school.

In 2023, **89%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they feel safe at St Thomas of Aquin's.

4. My school helps me to feel safe (0 point)

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Strongly agree	44
Agree	296
Disagree	48
Strongly disagree	9
Don't know	67



73% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's helps them feel safe.

In 2023, **79%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's helps them feel safe.

5. I have someone in my school I can speak to if I am upset (0 point) or worried about something.

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Strongly agree	58
Agree	272
Disagree	43
Strongly disagree	16
Don't know	75



72% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they have someone in school they can speak to if they are upset or worried about something.

In 2023, **72%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they have someone in school they can speak to if they are upset or worried about something.

6. Staff treat me fairly and with respect (0 point)

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Strongly agree	64
Agree	306
Disagree	36
Strongly disagree	9
Don't know	49



80% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they are treated fairly and with respect at St Thomas of Aquin's.

In 2023, **83%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they are treated fairly and with respect at St Thomas of Aquin's.

7. Other young people treat me fairly and with respect (0 point)

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Strongly agree	46
Agree	308
Disagree	72
Strongly disagree	21
Don't know	61



70% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that other young people treat them fairly and with respect at St Thomas of Aquin's.

In 2023, **71%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that other young people treat them fairly and with respect at St Thomas of Aquin's.

9. My school is helping me to become confident. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	51
Agree	239
Disagree	71
Strongly disagree	14
Don't know	89



63% of pupils agreed or strongly agreed that the school is helping them to become more confident.

This question was not asked in the HMIE pupil questions in 2023.

An area for discussion and planning for St Thomas of Aquin's for session 2024-5 and onwards

10. My school teaches me how to lead a healthy lifestyle. (0 point)

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● Strongly agree	45
● Agree	272
● Disagree	59
● Strongly disagree	14
● Don't know	74



69% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin’s helps them to lead a healthy lifestyle.

In 2023, 70% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin’s helps them to lead a healthy lifestyle.

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11. There are lots of chances at my school for me to get (0 point)
regular exercise.

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● Strongly Agree	56
● Agree	281
● Disagree	57
● Strongly disagree	23
● Don't know	47



73% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that there are lots of chances at St Thomas of Aquin’s for them to get regular exercise.

In 2023, 76% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that there are lots of chances at St Thomas of Aquin’s for them to get regular exercise.

12. My school offers me the opportunity to take part in (0 point)
activities in school beyond the classroom and timetabled day.

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● Strongly agree	75
● Agree	290
● Disagree	43
● Strongly disagree	13
● Don't know	43



79% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin’s offers them opportunities to take part in activities in school beyond the classroom and timetabled days.

In 2023, 86% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin’s offers them opportunities to take part in activities in school beyond the classroom and timetabled days.

13. I have the opportunity to discuss my achievements out with school with an adult in school who knows me well. (0 point)

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● Strongly agree	45
● Agree	253
● Disagree	60
● Strongly disagree	12
● Don't know	94



65% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's offers them opportunities to discuss my achievements out with the school with an adult in the school who know s me well. Mrs Hastings, St Thomas of Aquin's Senior Development Officer, has achievements on her remit. Mrs Hastings is strategically on the Key Adult Class programme and how this will support engagement with achievements.

In 2023, 65% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's offers them opportunities to discuss my achievements out with the school with an adult in the school who know s me well.

14. My school listens to my views. (0 point)

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● Strongly agree	31
● Agree	238
● Disagree	54
● Strongly disagree	19
● Don't know	121



58% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's listens to their views.

In 2023, 59% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's listens to their views.

15. My school takes my views into account. (0 point)

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● Strongly agree	35
● Agree	197
● Disagree	67
● Strongly disagree	21
● Don't know	143



51% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's takes their views into account.

In 2023, 49% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's takes their views into account.

St Thomas will continue to ask for and listen to the voice of St Thomas of Aquin's and implement improvements based on pupils' views: In 2023-24 St Thomas of Aquin's pupils' views asked and implemented school changes on Key Adult Classes, Homestudy, S6 Leadership Team activities, and Culture Day.

17. I was given good advice to make choices about taking (0 point) the subjects that are right for me.

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Strongly agree	56
Agree	270
Disagree	33
Strongly disagree	24
Don't know	80



70% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they were given good advice to make choices about taking the subjects that are right for me.

In 2023, 64% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they were given good advice to make choices about taking the subjects that are right for me.

18. Staff help young people to be responsible for their (0 point) own behaviour.

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Strongly agree	38
Agree	285
Disagree	57
Strongly disagree	23
Don't know	60



70% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that staff help young people to be responsible for their own behaviour.

In 2023, 73% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that staff help young people to be responsible for their own behaviour.

19. I feel comfortable approaching staff with questions (0 point) or suggestions

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Strongly agree	56
Agree	298
Disagree	49
Strongly disagree	13
Don't know	47



76% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they feel comfortable approaching staff with questions.

In 2023, 75% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they feel comfortable approaching staff with questions.

20. I am given the opportunity to influence what and (0 point) how I learn.

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● Strongly agree	39
● Agree	297
● Disagree	55
● Strongly disagree	10
● Don't know	62



72% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they are given the opportunity to influence what and how they learn.

In 2023, 71% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they are given the opportunity to influence what and how they learn.

21. I enjoy learning at school. (0 point)

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● Strongly agree	51
● Agree	274
● Disagree	57
● Strongly disagree	21
● Don't know	60



70 % of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they enjoy learning at school.

In 2023, 69 % of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they enjoy learning at school.

22. I feel that my work in school is hard enough. (0 point)

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● Strongly agree	89
● Agree	309
● Disagree	25
● Strongly disagree	5
● Don't know	35



86 % of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they feel their work in school is hard enough.

In 2023, 85 % of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they feel their work in school is hard enough.

23. I know who to ask to get help if I find my work too hard.

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Strongly agree	55
Agree	327
Disagree	35
Strongly disagree	6
Don't know	40



83% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they know who to ask to get help if they find the work too hard.

In 2023, **84%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they know who to ask to get help if they find the work too hard.

24. Staff help me to understand how I am progressing in my school work.

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Strongly agree	50
Agree	332
Disagree	27
Strongly disagree	4
Don't know	50



81% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that staff help them understand how they are progressing in their school work.

In 2023, **84%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that staff help them understand how they are progressing in their school work.

25. The feedback I receive on my work helps me to improve my learning.

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Strongly agree	49
Agree	326
Strongly disagree	11
Don't know	50
Disagree	27



81% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that the feedback they receive on their work helps them to improve their learning.

In 2023, **82%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that the feedback they receive on their work helps them to improve their learning.

26. I am encouraged by staff to do the best I can. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	58
Agree	323
Disagree	22
Strongly disagree	9
Don't know	50



83% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they are encouraged by staff to do the best they can.

In 2023, **81%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they are encouraged by staff to do the best they can.

27. I am happy with the quality of teaching in my school.

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Strongly agree	56
Agree	307
Disagree	33
Strongly disagree	11
Don't know	55



78% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they are happy with the quality of teaching at St Thomas of Aquin's.

In 2023, **77%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that they are happy with the quality of teaching at St Thomas of Aquin's.

28. My school deals well with any bullying (0 point)

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Strongly agree	38
Agree	184
Disagree	84
Strongly disagree	36
Don't know	120



48% of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's deals with bullying.

In 2023, **47%** of Pupils strongly agreed or agreed that St Thomas of Aquin's deals with bullying.

An area the school will continue to work on with pupils and parents to support pupils coming to school and experiencing a safe, happy, and positive learning environment.

Pupils were also asked to share their personal views (anonymously) on:

1. **Positive feedback** - 271 responses (not all responses had comments) out of 465 pupils – I have collated the responses into themes:

- School clubs/DofE/Orchestra x 17
- Music Faculty x2
- Social Subjects Faculty x 1
- The Wellbeing Hub x 1
- The Computing Science Faculty x 1
- Pupil Support Leaders x 1
- Science Faculty x 3
- English Faculty x 1
- Modern Languages Faculty x 1
- Physical Education Faculty x 5
- Fun events x 2
- Exam prep/positive destination planning x 4
- Place2Be x 2
- Quality of Teaching/standard of work/experiences in classes/feedback on learning x 60
- Pupil parliament x 3
- Prelims later in January x 1
- Choosing subjects x 2
- General positive school comment/corridors x 30
- Use of MS Teams/iPads x 10
- Events/Culture Day x 6
- Tackling bullying x 7
- Safe environment x 6
- Curriculum x 3
- Pupils' views x 3
- Food x 1

2. **Improvement/next step feedback** – 258 responses out of 424 pupils – I have collated the responses into themes:

- Key Adult improvement x 4
- Teaching and Learning improvement: creativity; pace; engagement; questioning x 11
- Outdoor learning/more fieldtrips x 4
- Supporting bullying behaviour/disruption in classes x 17
- Healthy foods/more water fountains/more time for lunch x 3
- Safer school environment x 4
- Guidance with course choices/ore course choices x 2
- Soap in boys' toilets/fixing the toilets/vaping in the toilets/access to toilets x 15
- S5 and S6 pupils treated more maturely x 2
- Less homework x 4
- More sports facilities/sports teams /changing room locks/less basketball x 4
- Uniform – allowed to wear leggings x 1
- No One-way system x 2
- More fun events x1
- No uniform on Fridays x 1
- Open the gym after school x 3
- More frequent pupil parliament x 2
- Better smartboards in school x 2
- More PE/Better PE facilities x 6
- Support mental health x 2