

UPPER SIXTH LEAVERS' SURVEY (June 2011) - SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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Questions	2011 results									Comparisons						
	Total responses	Strongly agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly disagree		Average 2006	Average 2007	Average 2008	Average 2009	Average 2010	Average 2011	Change: 2010 to 2011
You have been satisfied overall with:																
your lessons and learning activities	684	248	36%	418	61%	18	3%	0	0%	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0
help provided by the study skills centre	222	51	23%	130	59%	33	15%	8	4%	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0
tutorial support and guidance	508	135	27%	284	56%	74	15%	15	3%	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.9	-0.2
higher education and careers guidance	675	148	22%	403	60%	102	15%	22	3%	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	-0.2
arrangements for Educational Maintenance Allowances and learner support funds	185	85	46%	75	41%	21	11%	4	2%	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.2
enrichment and extra-curricular activities	674	203	30%	335	50%	112	17%	24	4%	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	-0.1
the College's facilities, including accommodation	665	187	28%	421	63%	48	7%	9	1%	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.0
the academic research course (in Year 12) [until 2008, this was aimed at Key Skills courses]	680	34	5%	154	23%	239	35%	253	37%	-1.1	-1.0	-0.8	n/a	-1.1	-0.8	0.3
the cleanliness of the College site	683	199	29%	441	65%	40	6%	3	0%	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	-0.1
the student planner	677	98	14%	400	59%	140	21%	39	6%	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	-0.2
College electronic communications (daily bulletin, TV information screens and e-mail)	677	247	36%	387	57%	35	5%	8	1%	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0
arrangements for public examinations	679	298	44%	361	53%	18	3%	2	0%	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.1
the College's commitment to equality and diversity	674	217	32%	402	60%	43	6%	12	2%	n/a	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	-0.1
You would recommend the College to a prospective student	677	401	59%	252	37%	18	3%	6	1%	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.1
<b>College overall 2011</b>	<b>8360</b>	<b>2551</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>4463</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
College overall 2010	7879	2422	31%	4262	54%	762	10%	433	5%	Notes: 1. The absence in 2009 of the ARC course or its Key Skills predecessor accounts for the higher than usual overall College average in that year. 2. An additional question since 2009 about the College's response to students' complaints or concerns, being of a different nature, is analysed separately in the full report on this survey. 3. A summary of conclusions &/or actions arising from this survey follow.						
College overall 2009	7433	2585	35%	4132	56%	611	8%	105	1%							
College overall 2008	7378	2473	34%	3892	53%	673	9%	340	5%							
College overall 2007	8572	2659	31%	4527	53%	898	10%	488	6%							
College overall 2006	7857	1977	25%	4226	54%	1156	15%	498	6%							

## **APPENDIX: Summary of action points arising from the upper sixth leavers' survey – June 2011**

We are grateful to the participants of this and earlier surveys and focus groups for their contributions, in response to which the College has agreed the following action:

- the ARC programme is being replaced from 2011-12 by a course for all students spanning Year 12 and 13 and leading to the Extended Project qualification, the educational value of which is highly regarded by universities
- improvements have been implemented for the 2011 edition of the student planner in response to comments that the document had proved insufficiently durable and difficult to write on because of its slightly shiny finish
- the refurbished 'Hub' student social area in the Basement opened in September 2010, inclusive of much improved catering facilities and a cyber café
- on-site cycle storage with CCTV security coverage also became available
- a new sports pavilion is planned to be built in 2012 at the Luard Road playing fields
- an extension to The Colin Greenhalgh Building in 2012 will provide additional toilets for students and staff
- in part influenced by feedback from student focus groups, for next year's edition of this survey we intend to subdivide the question about tutorial support and guidance, with one question about individual tutorial support and another about the programme of tutorial activities.