

South Derbyshire Music Centre

Summer 2015

Results of the Pupil Questionnaire – 2015

We recently invited children and young people from our Music Centre to complete a questionnaire to obtain their views about the centre. Approximately 98% of members took part in this survey, and the results are summarised below. They have provided us with some useful information which will help our future planning.

Q1 : *I enjoy being a member of the music centre*

99% of all responses agreed with this statement; (67% strongly agreed).

Q2 : *I am taught well in my ensemble*

100% of children and young people agreed with this statement; (58% strongly agreed)

Q3 : *My conductors expect me to work hard and to do my best*

99% of all responses agreed with this statement; (80% strongly agreed).

Q4 : *I usually enjoy the music which we practise and perform*

97% of all responses agreed with this statement; (39% strongly agreed).

Q5 : *Members of the centre behave well*

97% of all responses agreed with this statement; (46% strongly agreed).

Q6 : *There is an adult in the centre I can talk to if I have a problem*

94% of all responses agreed with this statement; (57% strongly agreed).

Q7 : *Staff treat us fairly and with respect*

97% of all responses agreed with this statement; (77% strongly agreed).

Q8 : *The music centre is interested in the views of the players and singers*

96% of all responses agreed with this statement; (48% strongly agreed).

Q9 : *There is no bullying or racial abuse in the centre*

99% of all responses agreed with this statement.

Q10 : *The music centre is well-run*

99% of all responses agreed with this statement.

Q11 : *I read the emails from music centre and take note of what they say*

67% of all responses agreed with this statement; (20% disagreed; 13% strongly disagreed)

Q12 *I follow music centre information on the SDMC facebook page*

24% of all responses agreed with this statement; (35% disagreed; 41% strongly disagreed)

Q13 What do you like most about coming to music centre?

A range of very positive and interesting comments were received, and **every single comment** has been made available to the Ensemble Directors, Parent-Helpers and Trustees.

Typical of the comments were variations on the following:

- *I like making new friends and playing together.*
- *There is always something to do and you meet new friends.*
- *I always look forward to the concerts.*
- *I feel safe and I enjoy concerts and the tuck shop.*
- *I feel I am treated better at music centre than at school or any other club.*
- *The conductors and children are kind.*
- *I like the fact that we get to play songs that people know and are from films.*
- *I get to play additional pieces as well as my grades/lessons.*
- *Some people have the same problems with a piece of music like me.*
- *I enjoy coming to music centre because it is something different from school and homework all the time.*
- *I like how it's really relaxed and not pressured.*
- *Being in a proper band and making friends.*
- *Tuck shop (stated many times!)*

Q13 Do you have any suggestions for improvement in the music centre?

Numerous surveys were either left blank or just stated 'No'. Again, **every single comment** has been made available to the Ensemble Directors, Parent-Helpers and Trustees.

Of the suggestions received, the following are typical; our responses are printed below.

- *Have a say in some of the music we play (stated a number of times).*
- *More opportunities for solos.*
- *More sectional practices (stated a number of times).*
- *Have an Intermediate Band.*
- *(And finally): – More chocolate types in the tuck shop!*

Responses to the above:

Players and singers are always welcome to suggest pieces to their conductors. When music is chosen, a range of points have to be taken into consideration including the level of difficulty in each part, and also the need to create a balanced programme. We can certainly try to create more opportunities for soloists.

We agree that sectional practices are vitally important. A new Intermediate Band will be established in the autumn term, and this should mean we can spend more time with smaller groups to give the support they need.

As for the Tuck Shop – please give any specific suggestions to those who serve there.