



Year 7 Student Voice SLT 2024/25

1. What is your favourite thing about Wildern?

- Students enjoy the freedom to move between classes and having different teachers for each subject.
- They appreciate the wide range of subjects, particularly PE, Drama, Dance and Food Tech.
- Making new friends and seeing old friends from primary school is a highlight.
- The variety of food available in the canteen, especially chips and waffles was frequently mentioned.
- Access to different facilities like sports fields, science labs, and art rooms was noted as a real positive.

2. What have you enjoyed the most about moving from Primary to Secondary school?

- Students enjoyed the increased freedom and independence, such as moving between classes.
- They appreciated having more subjects, more teachers, and a broader curriculum.
- Meeting new friends and making new social groups was highlighted.
- Access to extracurricular clubs like sports, drama, dance and art was popular with students.
- They liked the sense of maturity and responsibility that comes with secondary school.

3. Have you found anything challenging/difficult about moving from Primary to Secondary school?

- Initially, some students found it hard to navigate the large school site and get to classes on time.
- Managing homework and Sparx Maths was mentioned as difficult at first.
- Remembering teacher names and classroom locations was challenging to start.
- Some students felt overwhelmed by the number of people and busy corridors to begin with.

4. Is there anything you don't like about Wildern?

- The corridors are much more crowded than at primary school.
- Break time is much busier than primary school.
- Older students sometimes push into the queue for food. Teachers make them move to the back.
- The rules are stricter for things like doing your homework and wearing your uniform properly.

5. Who would you go to if you had any problems in school?

- Most students mentioned they would go to their tutor or Student Services.
- Friends, siblings in higher years, and some trusted teachers were also preferred.
- A few mentioned their DOPA/ADoPA.
- Some students said they would talk to their parents about issues.





6. Do you feel safe in school?

- Students reported feeling safe in school.
- Some students raised that Year 11s are much bigger and this can seem scary.

7. Do you feel like you have started to settle in now?

- Overwhelmingly, students reported that they have started to settle into secondary school.
- Some students feel they are still adjusting to homework and time management.
- A few students still struggle with finding their way around but are much better than when they first started.

8. What has helped you settle in the most?

- Supportive teachers and clear lesson guidance.
- Summer school and transition days before starting secondary school.
- Making new friends and spending break/lunch with them.
- Prefects and older students who helped them navigate the school in the early days.
- Getting familiar with their timetable and school routine.

9. How else can we make the transition from Primary to Secondary school easier?

- Extending the transition period with more familiarisation days.
- Having a lunch queue just for Year 7s not a Year 7 and Year 8 queue.
- Offering maps for classroom locations.

10. In one word sum up what Wildern means to you

- Common words included:
 - **Community, friendship, fun, safe, welcoming, encouraging, positive, learning, supportive, teamwork.**

