

## YEAR 8 PARENT/CARER COMMENTS

My son has recently started Year 8 at Saintfield High School. As a parent I had a mixture of emotions about this as did my son. We were both excited, nervous, and anxious about starting a new school. I didn't need to worry as Saintfield High School made the transition as smooth as possible not only for my son but for me as a parent.

My son has dyslexia, and he has grown from strength to strength since he started here, and I can't thank Saintfield High School enough.  
A brilliant family orientated school.

**Gillian Fenton**  
**Year 8 Parent**

Saintfield High School is an absolutely fantastic school for children of all abilities. Their approach to teaching the children is of such a high standard, getting down to the child's own academic level. All aspects of teaching, including the pastoral care side, cannot be spoken of more highly. The staff are a credit to the school. We wouldn't send our children to any other school.

**Mark & Joanne Stephens**  
**Year 8 & 10 Parents**

We have two children attending Saintfield High School. Both our girls are very happy and have a positive outlook on school life.

They enjoy both the curriculum and the extracurricular activities. Especially being in the school band. There is a homely nurturing environment which fosters the desire to learn.

Our girls are happy, and I have no doubt your child would be too.

**Rosemary Hillier**  
**Year 8 Parent**

The transition from Primary School to Saintfield High School was a very anxious time for us as parents. Our daughter was the only girl from her primary school going to Saintfield High School, and as none of her friends were going with her, we felt that this would make the transition so much harder. However, we shouldn't have worried as she has settled in really well due to the fantastic care and support that she has received from the staff at this school. We are so grateful to them for creating such a welcoming atmosphere around the school for the new pupils coming in. We have definitely made the right decision in choosing Saintfield High School!

**Sarah Cleland**  
**Year 8 Parent**

We can't commend the school enough for how they prepared and supported our daughter transitioning from primary 7 to year 8 in Saintfield High School. Our daughter was given the opportunity to visit the school as often as was needed, meet her teachers, and familiarise herself with the layout of the school. This was especially important as our daughter has some learning needs. The staff have made us, and Evie feel welcome and from the beginning of this process and they supported us and our daughter exceptionally throughout the transition. We can't thank them enough.

**Nadine Kirk**  
**Year 8 Parent**

My twin girls are in Year 8 and both absolutely loving it. Saintfield High School has been really understanding of both their needs and went above and beyond what I expected to ensure they are both happy. I was anxious how they would cope as they chose to be in separate Form Classes, but they are both settled and don't want to miss a day of it. As a parent I am delighted with how the transition from primary has been made so easy.

**Kirsten Carlisle**  
**Year 8 Parent**

# SENIOR SCHOOL PARENT/CARER COMMENTS

With being a past pupil of Saintfield High School myself, I know how much I enjoyed my time there and I am now delighted to have two of my children attend the school. From Year 8 through to Year 12, the support the teachers and teaching assistants give to each child and their individual needs is second to none. I love how they make each child feel important by not only praising their successes but by always being there to help them through difficult times, and as a parent this gives me great peace of mind that my children are being looked after educationally and emotionally whilst at school

**Mrs Megarry Year 12 Parent**

As the parent of a son in Year 11, I am very impressed with the excellent academic and pastoral support he receives. It is evident that the teaching staff continually strive to encourage all pupils to reach their full potential in a caring and supportive environment. I would have no hesitation in recommending Saintfield High School to other parents.

**Mrs Douglas Year 11 parent**

I feel incredibly grateful that my son had the privilege of attending Saintfield High School. There is no doubt that transitioning from primary to secondary school is a very anxious time for all parents. However, I would love to reassure you that the staff in Saintfield High work exceptionally hard to make this transition a smooth one. I strongly believe, as a mum, that children only learn when they are happy and feel safe.

From the moment my son walked through the doors of Saintfield High this has been the priority. The pastoral care in this school is outstanding! Academic success will then follow. Every child is valued and treated as an individual to enable them to achieve their full potential. It has been a joy, these last 5 years, to watch my son grow in confidence. Saintfield High School will always have a special place in our hearts. You will not regret choosing this school for your child's next adventure!

**Mrs Campbell Parent of Head Boy**