

3 Way Conferences

What are they?

- A 3-Way Conference actively involves parents, students and teachers in reflecting on student achievement, discussing work samples and setting future targets.
- A 3-Way Conference acknowledges the most important participants in the learning process (student, teacher and parent).
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How are 3 Way conferences different from parent teacher interviews?

- 3 Way conferences involve the child in the discussion about student performance
- The student can provide information to clarify what they have learnt, how they learnt it and what challenges they faced.

Why 3 Way Conferences?

- They provide a student voice to discussions about performance and targets
- They place the student at the heart of the assessment and reporting process
- They strengthen the home-school partnership and allow children to see their parents and teacher interact with them.

How do 3 Way conferences work?

- The teacher will facilitate the conference and guide the student through the process.
- The student will begin by discussing their “Reflection sheet” which has been completed prior to the conference.
- The student will present work samples to highlight strengths and areas for future development
- Throughout the conference parents and the teacher are encouraged to ask questions, provide feedback and encouragement to the student and to share their thoughts and ideas on what is being presented and on what goals or targets they think are appropriate.

Questions

- ***Q1. Will I be able to have some time at the end of the conference to talk privately to the teacher?***
- A1. We realise that as this is a new process some parents may not have had the opportunity to discuss important matters with teachers prior to the conference so if parents wish to use part of the 15 minutes for this then we are happy to support this.

- ***Q2. Will I have the opportunity to provide feedback on the process?***
- A2. Yes, there will be a feedback sheet available for you to complete after the conference

- ***Q3. Will all parent consultations be 3 Way conferences in the future?***
- A3. A decision on the make up of parent consultations for the future will be made after all feedback is received from this round of 3 Way Conferences.

- ***Q4. Do 3 Way conferences align with the philosophy behind PYP?***
- A4. Yes, PYP encourages student led conferences which culminate in a student exhibition at the end of year 6.
- ***Q5. I will be away on the date set aside for my child's conference. Can I arrange another date?***
- A5. Yes, please contact the teacher to organise an alternative time.