

Career Colleges

February 2019

Carried out between: 09 / 02 / 2019

To 30 / 02 / 2019

Sample: 1,040 13-16 year olds



Question One

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (Tick all that apply)

Counts	
Base %	
Respondents	
	Base 1040 100.0%
Q1	
I feel the next few years at school will be important to my future career	471 45.3%
I feel the next few years of school are important to set me on the right path	468 45.0%
I feel I am heading in the right direction when it comes to my education	318 30.6%
My school only offers GCSEs and A-Levels	282 27.1%
I feel some subjects/study areas are becoming irrelevant as the curriculum is outdated	256 24.6%
I'm fearful that I might spend the next few years of my education in the wilderness i.e. I'm unsure about the direction my education and future career aspirations are heading	219 21.1%
I worry that my next few years at school will be pointless or a waste of time	184 17.7%
I have no idea about any options aside from A-Levels and GCSEs	178 17.1%
I am getting good careers advice at school	177 17.0%
I feel I am getting strong careers support	165 15.9%
I don't know if the traditional academic route is right for me	163 15.7%
I feel teaching styles are out dated	146 14.0%
None of the above	56 5.4%

Question One Cross Tabulation with Gender

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q1			
I feel the next few years at school will be important to my future career	471 45.3%	237 43.0%	234 47.9%
I feel the next few years of school are important to set me on the right path	468 45.0%	229 41.6%	239 48.9%
I feel I am heading in the right direction when it comes to my education	318 30.6%	167 30.3%	151 30.9%
My school only offers GCSEs and A-Levels	282 27.1%	152 27.6%	130 26.6%
I feel some subjects/study areas are becoming irrelevant as the curriculum is outdated	256 24.6%	132 24.0%	124 25.4%
I'm fearful that I might spend the next few years of my education in the wilderness i.e. I'm unsure about the direction my education and future career aspirations are heading	219 21.1%	111 20.1%	108 22.1%
I worry that my next few years at school will be pointless or a waste of time	184 17.7%	90 16.3%	94 19.2%
I have no idea about any options aside from A-Levels and GCSEs	178 17.1%	90 16.3%	88 18.0%
I am getting good careers advice at school	177 17.0%	96 17.4%	81 16.6%
I feel I am getting strong careers support	165 15.9%	93 16.9%	72 14.7%
I don't know if the traditional academic route is right for me	163 15.7%	96 17.4%	67 13.7%
I feel teaching styles are out dated	146 14.0%	78 14.2%	68 13.9%
None of the above	56 5.4%	31 5.6%	25 5.1%

Question One Cross Tabulation with Age

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q1					
I feel the next few years at school will be important to my future career	471 45.3%	103 46.4%	125 44.5%	149 47.5%	94 42.2%
I feel the next few years of school are important to set me on the right path	468 45.0%	109 49.1%	124 44.1%	145 46.2%	90 40.4%
I feel I am heading in the right direction when it comes to my education	318 30.6%	64 28.8%	65 23.1%	97 30.9%	92 41.3%
My school only offers GCSEs and A-Levels	282 27.1%	62 27.9%	69 24.6%	97 30.9%	54 24.2%
I feel some subjects/study areas are becoming irrelevant as the curriculum is outdated	256 24.6%	55 24.8%	70 24.9%	76 24.2%	55 24.7%
I'm fearful that I might spend the next few years of my education in the wilderness i.e. I'm unsure about the direction my education and future career aspirations are heading	219 21.1%	50 22.5%	55 19.6%	72 22.9%	42 18.8%
I worry that my next few years at school will be pointless or a waste of time	184 17.7%	40 18.0%	61 21.7%	55 17.5%	28 12.6%
I have no idea about any options aside from A-Levels and GCSEs	178 17.1%	54 24.3%	52 18.5%	49 15.6%	23 10.3%
I am getting good careers advice at school	177 17.0%	34 15.3%	44 15.7%	64 20.4%	35 15.7%
I feel I am getting strong careers support	165 15.9%	29 13.1%	39 13.9%	58 18.5%	39 17.5%
I don't know if the traditional academic route is right for me	163 15.7%	33 14.9%	45 16.0%	49 15.6%	36 16.1%
I feel teaching styles are out dated	146 14.0%	32 14.4%	43 15.3%	49 15.6%	22 9.9%
None of the above	56 5.4%	13 5.9%	12 4.3%	18 5.7%	13 5.8%

Question One Cross Tabulation with Region

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West M- idlands	North East	North West	Norther- n Irela...	Scotlan- d	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshi- re and...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q1													
I feel the next few years at school will be important to my future career	471 45.3%	35 39.3%	29 61.7%	27 39.1%	37 41.1%	25 51.0%	74 46.8%	16 48.5%	37 42.5%	69 52.3%	44 40.4%	25 44.6%	53 43.8%
I feel the next few years of school are important to set me on the right path	468 45.0%	37 41.6%	24 51.1%	27 39.1%	42 46.7%	19 38.8%	70 44.3%	20 60.6%	39 44.8%	69 52.3%	44 40.4%	24 42.9%	53 43.8%
I feel I am heading in the right direction when it comes to my education	318 30.6%	17 19.1%	17 36.2%	16 23.2%	28 31.1%	14 28.6%	68 43.0%	11 33.3%	33 37.9%	45 34.1%	22 20.2%	13 23.2%	34 28.1%
My school only offers GCSEs and A-Levels	282 27.1%	34 38.2%	18 38.3%	16 23.2%	27 30.0%	11 22.4%	35 22.2%	11 33.3%	15 17.2%	41 31.1%	22 20.2%	14 25.0%	38 31.4%
I feel some subjects/study areas are becoming irrelevant as the curriculum is outdated	256 24.6%	21 23.6%	12 25.5%	19 27.5%	25 27.8%	11 22.4%	36 22.8%	8 24.2%	28 32.2%	25 18.9%	27 24.8%	13 23.2%	31 25.6%
I'm fearful that I might spend the next few years of my education in the wilderness i.e. I'm unsure about the direction my education and future career aspirations are heading	219 21.1%	19 21.3%	8 17.0%	11 15.9%	19 21.1%	11 22.4%	33 20.9%	7 21.2%	23 26.4%	27 20.5%	23 21.1%	11 19.6%	27 22.3%
I worry that my next few years at school will be pointless or a waste of time	184 17.7%	24 27.0%	9 19.1%	15 21.7%	12 13.3%	5 10.2%	22 13.9%	7 21.2%	23 26.4%	12 9.1%	18 16.5%	14 25.0%	23 19.0%
I have no idea about any options aside from A-Levels and GCSEs	178 17.1%	18 20.2%	8 17.0%	9 13.0%	13 14.4%	9 18.4%	21 13.3%	10 30.3%	19 21.8%	22 16.7%	16 14.7%	12 21.4%	21 17.4%
I am getting good careers advice at school	177 17.0%	15 16.9%	11 23.4%	10 14.5%	19 21.1%	7 14.3%	34 21.5%	6 18.2%	15 17.2%	22 16.7%	7 6.4%	12 21.4%	19 15.7%
I feel I am getting strong careers support	165 15.9%	14 15.7%	15 31.9%	8 11.6%	13 14.4%	6 12.2%	28 17.7%	6 18.2%	18 20.7%	14 10.6%	7 6.4%	13 23.2%	23 19.0%
I don't know if the traditional academic route is right for me	163 15.7%	20 22.5%	7 14.9%	16 23.2%	13 14.4%	4 8.2%	17 10.8%	7 21.2%	20 23.0%	17 12.9%	9 8.3%	11 19.6%	22 18.2%
I feel teaching styles are out dated	146 14.0%	7 7.9%	12 25.5%	8 11.6%	13 14.4%	5 10.2%	16 10.1%	5 15.2%	19 21.8%	18 13.6%	14 12.8%	7 12.5%	22 18.2%
None of the above	56 5.4%	8 9.0%	1 2.1%	1 1.4%	5 5.6%	3 6.1%	9 5.7%	2 6.1%	4 4.6%	6 4.5%	8 7.3%	1 1.8%	8 6.6%

Question One Cross Tabulation with City

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																
		Belfast	Birmin...	Brighton	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinb...	Glasgow	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manc...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffie...	South...
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47
Q1																		
I feel the next few years at school will be important to my future career	471 45.3%	16 48.5%	41 42.3%	21 53.8%	20 40.0%	21 41.2%	18 38.3%	19 47.5%	35 46.7%	28 57.1%	70 50.7%	51 44.0%	25 46.3%	17 35.4%	22 40.7%	22 44.0%	21 40.4%	24 51.1%
I feel the next few years of school are important to set me on the right path	468 45.0%	20 60.6%	43 44.3%	20 51.3%	23 46.0%	22 43.1%	24 51.1%	15 37.5%	33 44.0%	23 46.9%	69 50.0%	49 42.2%	22 40.7%	19 39.6%	22 40.7%	18 36.0%	22 42.3%	24 51.1%
I feel I am heading in the right direction when it comes to my education	318 30.6%	11 33.3%	28 28.9%	17 43.6%	13 26.0%	12 23.5%	18 38.3%	15 37.5%	22 29.3%	21 42.9%	39 28.3%	49 42.2%	16 29.6%	8 16.7%	10 18.5%	7 14.0%	15 28.8%	17 36.2%
My school only offers GCSEs and A-Levels	282 27.1%	11 33.3%	30 30.9%	9 23.1%	12 24.0%	10 19.6%	6 12.8%	9 22.5%	23 30.7%	18 36.7%	49 35.5%	22 19.0%	11 20.4%	17 35.4%	12 22.2%	7 14.0%	17 32.7%	19 40.4%
I feel some subjects/study areas are becoming irrelevant as the curriculum is outdated	256 24.6%	8 24.2%	31 32.0%	7 17.9%	9 18.0%	12 23.5%	14 29.8%	14 35.0%	20 26.7%	12 24.5%	29 21.0%	24 20.7%	13 24.1%	14 29.2%	11 20.4%	12 24.0%	12 23.1%	14 29.8%
I'm fearful that I might spend the next few years of my education in the wilderness i.e. I'm unsure about the direction my education and future career aspirations are heading	219 21.1%	7 21.2%	22 22.7%	6 15.4%	11 22.0%	9 17.6%	14 29.8%	9 22.5%	19 25.3%	12 24.5%	26 18.8%	22 19.0%	12 22.2%	11 22.9%	8 14.8%	12 24.0%	9 17.3%	10 21.3%
I worry that my next few years at school will be pointless or a waste of time	184 17.7%	7 21.2%	16 16.5%	5 12.8%	6 12.0%	14 27.5%	13 27.7%	10 25.0%	13 17.3%	7 14.3%	23 16.7%	17 14.7%	5 9.3%	13 27.1%	10 18.5%	9 18.0%	10 19.2%	6 12.8%
I have no idea about any options aside from A-Levels and GCSEs	178 17.1%	10 30.3%	16 16.5%	4 10.3%	6 12.0%	10 19.6%	10 21.3%	9 22.5%	16 21.3%	7 14.3%	26 18.8%	15 12.9%	11 20.4%	12 25.0%	5 9.3%	6 12.0%	5 9.6%	10 21.3%
I am getting good careers advice at school	177 17.0%	6 18.2%	20 20.6%	2 5.1%	4 8.0%	9 17.6%	4 8.5%	11 27.5%	8 10.7%	12 24.5%	26 18.8%	27 23.3%	10 18.5%	7 14.6%	9 16.7%	1 2.0%	8 15.4%	13 27.7%
I feel I am getting strong careers support	165 15.9%	6 18.2%	12 12.4%	1 2.6%	2 4.0%	10 19.6%	8 17.0%	10 25.0%	14 18.7%	11 22.4%	31 22.5%	23 19.8%	6 11.1%	2 4.2%	10 18.5%	4 8.0%	7 13.5%	8 17.0%
I don't know if the traditional academic route is right for me	163 15.7%	7 21.2%	15 15.5%	7 17.9%	4 8.0%	9 17.6%	8 17.0%	12 30.0%	13 17.3%	7 14.3%	19 13.8%	13 11.2%	5 9.3%	13 27.1%	13 24.1%	5 10.0%	10 19.2%	3 6.4%
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None of the above	56 5.4%	2 6.1%	4 4.1%	2 5.1%	1 2.0%	1 2.0%	2 4.3%	2 5.0%	3 4.0%	- -	8 5.8%	9 7.8%	3 5.6%	5 10.4%	1 1.9%	7 14.0%	6 11.5%	- -

Question One Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Comprehensive school	Career College	Independent school	Sixth Form	Other, please specify	Further Education College	Grammar School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q1										
I feel the next few years at school will be important to my future career	471 45.3%	158 49.5%	5 33.3%	201 43.2%	15 36.6%	43 52.4%	23 41.1%	18 39.1%	6 54.5%	2 40.0%
I feel the next few years of school are important to set me on the right path	468 45.0%	153 48.0%	7 46.7%	207 44.5%	13 31.7%	40 48.8%	22 39.3%	19 41.3%	4 36.4%	3 60.0%
I feel I am heading in the right direction when it comes to my education	318 30.6%	88 27.6%	4 26.7%	128 27.5%	17 41.5%	39 47.6%	19 33.9%	16 34.8%	6 54.5%	1 20.0%
My school only offers GCSEs and A-Levels	282 27.1%	82 25.7%	5 33.3%	131 28.2%	3 7.3%	34 41.5%	12 21.4%	14 30.4%	1 9.1%	- -
I feel some subjects/study areas are becoming irrelevant as the curriculum is outdated	256 24.6%	76 23.8%	- -	123 26.5%	6 14.6%	23 28.0%	15 26.8%	11 23.9%	1 9.1%	1 20.0%
I'm fearful that I might spend the next few years of my education in the wilderness i.e. I'm unsure about the direction my education and future career aspirations are heading	219 21.1%	71 22.3%	2 13.3%	94 20.2%	10 24.4%	17 20.7%	13 23.2%	11 23.9%	1 9.1%	- -
I worry that my next few years at school will be pointless or a waste of time	184 17.7%	64 20.1%	3 20.0%	86 18.5%	4 9.8%	8 9.8%	10 17.9%	6 13.0%	2 18.2%	1 20.0%
I have no idea about any options aside from A-Levels and GCSEs	178 17.1%	53 16.6%	2 13.3%	84 18.1%	5 12.2%	15 18.3%	10 17.9%	8 17.4%	- -	1 20.0%
I am getting good careers advice at school	177 17.0%	47 14.7%	2 13.3%	83 17.8%	5 12.2%	19 23.2%	14 25.0%	4 8.7%	3 27.3%	- -
I feel I am getting strong careers support	165 15.9%	34 10.7%	5 33.3%	76 16.3%	9 22.0%	21 25.6%	11 19.6%	2 4.3%	6 54.5%	1 20.0%
I don't know if the traditional academic route is right for me	163 15.7%	51 16.0%	4 26.7%	73 15.7%	6 14.6%	14 17.1%	8 14.3%	7 15.2%	- -	- -
I feel teaching styles are out dated	146 14.0%	48 15.0%	2 13.3%	63 13.5%	7 17.1%	9 11.0%	8 14.3%	6 13.0%	2 18.2%	1 20.0%
None of the above	56 5.4%	16 5.0%	1 6.7%	24 5.2%	5 12.2%	4 4.9%	1 1.8%	4 8.7%	- -	1 20.0%

Question Two

Thinking about the education system and how it works, which of the following do you think is the biggest focus?

Counts	
Base %	
Respondents	
	Base 1040 100.0%
Q2	
Academic grades	498 47.9%
School league tables	183 17.6%
Student's future career	135 13.0%
Work experience	95 9.1%
Student's well being	93 8.9%
None of the above	36 3.5%

Question Two Cross Tabulation with Gender

Thinking about the education system and how it works, which of the following do you think is the biggest focus?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q2			
Academic grades	498 47.9%	265 48.1%	233 47.6%
School league tables	183 17.6%	94 17.1%	89 18.2%
Student's future career	135 13.0%	73 13.2%	62 12.7%
Work experience	95 9.1%	62 11.3%	33 6.7%
Student's well being	93 8.9%	40 7.3%	53 10.8%
None of the above	36 3.5%	17 3.1%	19 3.9%

Question Two Cross Tabulation with Age

Thinking about the education system and how it works, which of the following do you think is the biggest focus?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q2					
Academic grades	498 47.9%	112 50.5%	144 51.2%	156 49.7%	86 38.6%
School league tables	183 17.6%	24 10.8%	43 15.3%	62 19.7%	54 24.2%
Student's future career	135 13.0%	27 12.2%	43 15.3%	36 11.5%	29 13.0%
Work experience	95 9.1%	25 11.3%	23 8.2%	28 8.9%	19 8.5%
Student's well being	93 8.9%	25 11.3%	22 7.8%	22 7.0%	24 10.8%
None of the above	36 3.5%	9 4.1%	6 2.1%	10 3.2%	11 4.9%

Question Two Cross Tabulation with Region

Thinking about the education system and how it works, which of the following do you think is the biggest focus?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West Mi- dlands	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	Scotland	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshir- e and t...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q2													
Academic grades	498 47.9%	48 53.9%	26 55.3%	40 58.0%	42 46.7%	25 51.0%	76 48.1%	20 60.6%	32 36.8%	61 46.2%	50 45.9%	23 41.1%	55 45.5%
School league tables	183 17.6%	16 18.0%	6 12.8%	13 18.8%	13 14.4%	8 16.3%	27 17.1%	3 9.1%	12 13.8%	21 15.9%	25 22.9%	13 23.2%	26 21.5%
Student's future career	135 13.0%	9 10.1%	3 6.4%	7 10.1%	11 12.2%	5 10.2%	22 13.9%	3 9.1%	20 23.0%	20 15.2%	14 12.8%	6 10.7%	15 12.4%
Work experience	95 9.1%	6 6.7%	7 14.9%	3 4.3%	11 12.2%	5 10.2%	14 8.9%	2 6.1%	7 8.0%	12 9.1%	9 8.3%	5 8.9%	14 11.6%
Student's well being	93 8.9%	9 10.1%	3 6.4%	4 5.8%	7 7.8%	2 4.1%	13 8.2%	4 12.1%	12 13.8%	16 12.1%	7 6.4%	7 12.5%	9 7.4%
None of the above	36 3.5%	1 1.1%	2 4.3%	2 2.9%	6 6.7%	4 8.2%	6 3.8%	1 3.0%	4 4.6%	2 1.5%	4 3.7%	2 3.6%	2 1.7%

Question Two Cross Tabulation with City

Thinking about the education system and how it works, which of the following do you think is the biggest focus?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																
		Belfast	Birmi...	Bright...	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinb...	Glasg...	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manc...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffi...	South...
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47
Q2																		
Academic grades	498 47.9%	20 60.6%	47 48.5%	22 56.4%	24 48.0%	20 39.2%	18 38.3%	14 35.0%	32 42.7%	26 53.1%	71 51.4%	55 47.4%	28 51.9%	23 47.9%	30 55.6%	23 46.0%	25 48.1%	20 42.6%
School league tables	183 17.6%	3 9.1%	16 16.5%	4 10.3%	9 18.0%	13 25.5%	7 14.9%	5 12.5%	19 25.3%	7 14.3%	23 16.7%	20 17.2%	9 16.7%	8 16.7%	10 18.5%	11 22.0%	8 15.4%	11 23.4%
Student's future career	135 13.0%	3 9.1%	12 12.4%	8 20.5%	8 16.0%	6 11.8%	12 25.5%	8 20.0%	9 12.0%	5 10.2%	12 8.7%	15 12.9%	5 9.3%	7 14.6%	6 11.1%	5 10.0%	9 17.3%	5 10.6%
Work experience	95 9.1%	2 6.1%	12 12.4%	2 5.1%	6 12.0%	3 5.9%	3 6.4%	4 10.0%	7 9.3%	6 12.2%	13 9.4%	12 10.3%	4 7.4%	3 6.3%	1 1.9%	2 4.0%	7 13.5%	8 17.0%
Student's well being	93 8.9%	4 12.1%	6 6.2%	3 7.7%	2 4.0%	6 11.8%	5 10.6%	7 17.5%	6 8.0%	4 8.2%	15 10.9%	10 8.6%	3 5.6%	6 12.5%	5 9.3%	6 12.0%	2 3.8%	3 6.4%
None of the above	36 3.5%	1 3.0%	4 4.1%	- -	1 2.0%	3 5.9%	2 4.3%	2 5.0%	2 2.7%	1 2.0%	4 2.9%	4 3.4%	5 9.3%	1 2.1%	2 3.7%	3 6.0%	1 1.9%	- -

Question Two Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

Thinking about the education system and how it works, which of the following do you think is the biggest focus?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Compre- hensive...	Career College	Indepen- dent sc...	Sixth Form	Other, pl- ease sp...	Further Educati...	Grammar School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q2										
Academic grades	498 47.9%	160 50.2%	9 60.0%	232 49.9%	11 26.8%	41 50.0%	22 39.3%	17 37.0%	2 18.2%	4 80.0%
School league tables	183 17.6%	56 17.6%	1 6.7%	84 18.1%	6 14.6%	11 13.4%	9 16.1%	14 30.4%	2 18.2%	- -
Student's future career	135 13.0%	45 14.1%	1 6.7%	52 11.2%	11 26.8%	9 11.0%	12 21.4%	4 8.7%	1 9.1%	- -
Work experience	95 9.1%	24 7.5%	2 13.3%	43 9.2%	6 14.6%	8 9.8%	6 10.7%	3 6.5%	3 27.3%	- -
Student's well being	93 8.9%	23 7.2%	2 13.3%	42 9.0%	5 12.2%	9 11.0%	4 7.1%	5 10.9%	3 27.3%	- -
None of the above	36 3.5%	11 3.4%	- -	12 2.6%	2 4.9%	4 4.9%	3 5.4%	3 6.5%	- -	1 20.0%

Question Three

In your experience, do you think the education system is fit for purpose?

Counts	
Base %	
Respondents	
Base	1040 100.0%
Q3	
Yes	389 37.4%
Not sure	382 36.7%
No	269 25.9%

Question Three Cross Tabulation with Gender

In your experience, do you think the education system is fit for purpose?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q3			
Yes	389 37.4%	219 39.7%	170 34.8%
Not sure	382 36.7%	198 35.9%	184 37.6%
No	269 25.9%	134 24.3%	135 27.6%

Question Three Cross Tabulation with Age

In your experience, do you think the education system is fit for purpose?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q3					
Yes	389 37.4%	89 40.1%	110 39.1%	112 35.7%	78 35.0%
Not sure	382 36.7%	89 40.1%	102 36.3%	119 37.9%	72 32.3%
No	269 25.9%	44 19.8%	69 24.6%	83 26.4%	73 32.7%

Question Three Cross Tabulation with Region

In your experience, do you think the education system is fit for purpose?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West Mi- dlands	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	Scotland	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshir- e and t...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q3													
Yes	389 37.4%	34 38.2%	18 38.3%	21 30.4%	34 37.8%	17 34.7%	63 39.9%	15 45.5%	34 39.1%	51 38.6%	35 32.1%	20 35.7%	47 38.8%
Not sure	382 36.7%	33 37.1%	16 34.0%	28 40.6%	37 41.1%	20 40.8%	57 36.1%	15 45.5%	27 31.0%	49 37.1%	38 34.9%	25 44.6%	37 30.6%
No	269 25.9%	22 24.7%	13 27.7%	20 29.0%	19 21.1%	12 24.5%	38 24.1%	3 9.1%	26 29.9%	32 24.2%	36 33.0%	11 19.6%	37 30.6%

Question Three Cross Tabulation with City

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																
		Belfast	Birmi...	Bright...	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinb...	Glasg...	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manc...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffi...	South...
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47
Q3																		
Yes	389 37.4%	15 45.5%	35 36.1%	17 43.6%	20 40.0%	19 37.3%	17 36.2%	17 42.5%	28 37.3%	15 30.6%	48 34.8%	52 44.8%	19 35.2%	20 41.7%	19 35.2%	13 26.0%	17 32.7%	18 38.3%
Not sure	382 36.7%	15 45.5%	42 43.3%	11 28.2%	17 34.0%	21 41.2%	15 31.9%	12 30.0%	25 33.3%	20 40.8%	56 40.6%	39 33.6%	22 40.7%	16 33.3%	17 31.5%	17 34.0%	18 34.6%	19 40.4%
No	269 25.9%	3 9.1%	20 20.6%	11 28.2%	13 26.0%	11 21.6%	15 31.9%	11 27.5%	22 29.3%	14 28.6%	34 24.6%	25 21.6%	13 24.1%	12 25.0%	18 33.3%	20 40.0%	17 32.7%	10 21.3%

Question Three Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Compreh- ensive ...	Career College	Indepen- dent sc...	Sixth Form	Other, pl- ease sp...	Further E- ducatio...	Grammar School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q3										
Yes	389 37.4%	110 34.5%	9 60.0%	165 35.5%	18 43.9%	44 53.7%	23 41.1%	10 21.7%	7 63.6%	3 60.0%
Not sure	382 36.7%	114 35.7%	3 20.0%	192 41.3%	11 26.8%	21 25.6%	20 35.7%	17 37.0%	2 18.2%	2 40.0%
No	269 25.9%	95 29.8%	3 20.0%	108 23.2%	12 29.3%	17 20.7%	13 23.2%	19 41.3%	2 18.2%	- -

Question Four

Why do you think the education system is not fit for purpose?

Counts	
Base %	
Respondents	
	Base 269 100.0%
Q4	
There is a one size fits all approach	85 31.6%
It doesn't cater to different learning needs e.g. Practical vs classroom	67 24.9%
There isn't enough practical experience	36 13.4%
The courses are old fashioned and not moving with the modern day	35 13.0%
It doesn't offer enough career advice or experience	27 10.0%
The isn't enough investment in learning tools	11 4.1%
Other, please specify	8 3.0%

**Respondents who think that the education system is not fit for purpose*

Question Four Cross Tabulation with Gender

Why do you think the education system is not fit for purpose?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	269	134	135
Q4			
There is a one size fits all approach	85 31.6%	34 25.4%	51 37.8%
It doesn't cater to different learning needs e.g. Practical vs classroom	67 24.9%	35 26.1%	32 23.7%
There isn't enough practical experience	36 13.4%	19 14.2%	17 12.6%
The courses are old fashioned and not moving with the modern day	35 13.0%	19 14.2%	16 11.9%
It doesn't offer enough career advice or experience	27 10.0%	15 11.2%	12 8.9%
The isn't enough investment in learning tools	11 4.1%	6 4.5%	5 3.7%
Other, please specify	8 3.0%	6 4.5%	2 1.5%

**Respondents who think that the education system is not fit for purpose*

Question Four Cross Tabulation with Age

Why do you think the education system is not fit for purpose?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	269	44	69	83	73
Q4					
There is a one size fits all approach	85 31.6%	16 36.4%	16 23.2%	30 36.1%	23 31.5%
It doesn't cater to different learning needs e.g. Practical vs classroom	67 24.9%	8 18.2%	18 26.1%	23 27.7%	18 24.7%
There isn't enough practical experience	36 13.4%	4 9.1%	15 21.7%	7 8.4%	10 13.7%
The courses are old fashioned and not moving with the modern day	35 13.0%	8 18.2%	7 10.1%	11 13.3%	9 12.3%
It doesn't offer enough career advice or experience	27 10.0%	5 11.4%	7 10.1%	9 10.8%	6 8.2%
The isn't enough investment in learning tools	11 4.1%	3 6.8%	5 7.2%	- -	3 4.1%
Other, please specify	8 3.0%	- -	1 1.4%	3 3.6%	4 5.5%

**Respondents who think that the education system is not fit for purpose*

Question Four Cross Tabulation with Region

Why do you think the education system is not fit for purpose?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West Midla...	North East	North West	Northe- rn Irel...	Scotlan- d	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshi- re and...
Base	269	22	13	20	19	12	38	3	26	32	36	11	37
Q4													
There is a one size fits all approach	85 31.6%	8 36.4%	3 23.1%	5 25.0%	5 26.3%	4 33.3%	16 42.1%	2 66.7%	7 26.9%	8 25.0%	11 30.6%	5 45.5%	11 29.7%
It doesn't cater to different learning needs e.g. Practical vs classroom	67 24.9%	9 40.9%	3 23.1%	5 25.0%	7 36.8%	2 16.7%	10 26.3%	1 33.3%	8 30.8%	8 25.0%	6 16.7%	- -	8 21.6%
There isn't enough practical experience	36 13.4%	1 4.5%	- -	1 5.0%	2 10.5%	4 33.3%	3 7.9%	- -	2 7.7%	9 28.1%	6 16.7%	1 9.1%	7 18.9%
The courses are old fashioned and not moving with the modern day	35 13.0%	1 4.5%	2 15.4%	5 25.0%	2 10.5%	1 8.3%	4 10.5%	- -	5 19.2%	2 6.3%	7 19.4%	3 27.3%	3 8.1%
It doesn't offer enough career advice or experience	27 10.0%	1 4.5%	3 23.1%	2 10.0%	- -	1 8.3%	2 5.3%	- -	3 11.5%	2 6.3%	4 11.1%	2 18.2%	7 18.9%
The isn't enough investment in learning tools	11 4.1%	- -	1 7.7%	1 5.0%	2 10.5%	- -	1 2.6%	- -	1 3.8%	3 9.4%	2 5.6%	- -	- -
Other, please specify	8 3.0%	2 9.1%	1 7.7%	1 5.0%	1 5.3%	- -	2 5.3%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 2.7%

*Respondents who think that the education system is not fit for purpose

Question Four Cross Tabulation with City

Why do you think the education system is not fit for purpose?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																
		Belfast	Birmi...	Brigh...	Bristol	Cardiff	Edin...	Glas...	Leeds	Liver...	London	Man...	Newc...	Norw...	Notti...	Plym...	Sheff...	Sout...
Base	269	3	20	11	13	11	15	11	22	14	34	25	13	12	18	20	17	10
Q4																		
There is a one size fits all approach	85 31.6%	2 66.7%	5 25.0%	4 36.4%	5 38.5%	6 54.5%	4 26.7%	3 27.3%	7 31.8%	6 42.9%	8 23.5%	10 40.0%	5 38.5%	4 33.3%	5 27.8%	4 20.0%	4 23.5%	3 30.0%
It doesn't cater to different learning needs e.g. Practical vs classroom	67 24.9%	1 33.3%	8 40.0%	2 18.2%	2 15.4%	- -	4 26.7%	4 36.4%	5 22.7%	4 28.6%	9 26.5%	5 20.0%	3 23.1%	6 50.0%	5 27.8%	4 20.0%	3 17.6%	2 20.0%
There isn't enough practical experience	36 13.4%	- -	2 10.0%	2 18.2%	2 15.4%	- -	1 6.7%	1 9.1%	3 13.6%	2 14.3%	4 11.8%	2 8.0%	4 30.8%	1 8.3%	1 5.6%	4 20.0%	4 23.5%	3 30.0%
The courses are old fashioned and not moving with the modern day	35 13.0%	- -	2 10.0%	1 9.1%	2 15.4%	3 27.3%	3 20.0%	2 18.2%	1 4.5%	- -	4 11.8%	4 16.0%	1 7.7%	- -	5 27.8%	4 20.0%	2 11.8%	1 10.0%
It doesn't offer enough career advice or experience	27 10.0%	- -	1 5.0%	1 9.1%	1 7.7%	2 18.2%	2 13.3%	1 9.1%	6 27.3%	1 7.1%	5 14.7%	1 4.0%	- -	- -	1 5.6%	3 15.0%	2 11.8%	- -
The isn't enough investment in learning tools	11 4.1%	- -	2 10.0%	1 9.1%	1 7.7%	- -	1 6.7%	- -	- -	- -	2 5.9%	1 4.0%	- -	- -	1 5.6%	1 5.0%	- -	1 10.0%
Other, please specify	8 3.0%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 7.1%	2 5.9%	2 8.0%	- -	1 8.3%	- -	- -	2 11.8%	- -

*Respondents who think that the education system is not fit for purpose

Question Four Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

Why do you think the education system is not fit for purpose?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution							
		Academy	Boarding school	Comprehensive school	Career College	Independent school	Sixth Form	Other, please specify	Further Education College
Base	269	95	3	108	12	17	13	19	2
Q4									
There is a one size fits all approach	85 31.6%	26 27.4%	2 66.7%	40 37.0%	2 16.7%	6 35.3%	4 30.8%	4 21.1%	1 50.0%
It doesn't cater to different learning needs e.g. Practical vs classroom	67 24.9%	24 25.3%	1 33.3%	22 20.4%	5 41.7%	4 23.5%	2 15.4%	9 47.4%	- -
There isn't enough practical experience	36 13.4%	17 17.9%	- -	11 10.2%	2 16.7%	1 5.9%	4 30.8%	1 5.3%	- -
The courses are old fashioned and not moving with the modern day	35 13.0%	10 10.5%	- -	16 14.8%	2 16.7%	4 23.5%	1 7.7%	2 10.5%	- -
It doesn't offer enough career advice or experience	27 10.0%	11 11.6%	- -	12 11.1%	1 8.3%	- -	- -	2 10.5%	1 50.0%
The isn't enough investment in learning tools	11 4.1%	4 4.2%	- -	5 4.6%	- -	1 5.9%	1 7.7%	- -	- -
Other, please specify	8 3.0%	3 3.2%	- -	2 1.9%	- -	1 5.9%	1 7.7%	1 5.3%	- -

*Respondents who think that the education system is not fit for purpose

Question Five

Thinking about GCSEs, which of the following statements do you agree with?
(Tick all that apply)

Counts Base % Respondents	
	Base 1040 100.0%
Q5	
I'm confident that my GCSE subject choices are the right choices for me	376 36.2%
I wish there was more practical learning instead	274 26.3%
My school has provided me supportive career advice throughout my time to date	209 20.1%
I'm confused by the current GCSE grading system	164 15.8%
None of the above	142 13.7%
I don't think my GCSEs will be valuable to my future career aspirations	130 12.5%
I have dropped a subject at GCSEs because I'm more likely to get a better grade with another choice	128 12.3%
I'm not confidence that my GCSE subject choices are right for me	126 12.1%
My school has moved my GCSE group to try and get a better grade	97 9.3%

Question Five Cross Tabulation with Gender

Thinking about GCSEs, which of the following statements do you agree with?
(Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q5			
I'm confident that my GCSE subject choices are the right choices for me	376 36.2%	210 38.1%	166 33.9%
I wish there was more practical learning instead	274 26.3%	141 25.6%	133 27.2%
My school has provided me supportive career advice throughout my time to date	209 20.1%	105 19.1%	104 21.3%
I'm confused by the current GCSE grading system	164 15.8%	85 15.4%	79 16.2%
None of the above	142 13.7%	72 13.1%	70 14.3%
I don't think my GCSEs will be valuable to my future career aspirations	130 12.5%	68 12.3%	62 12.7%
I have dropped a subject at GCSEs because I'm more likely to get a better grade with another choice	128 12.3%	70 12.7%	58 11.9%
I'm not confidence that my GCSE subject choices are right for me	126 12.1%	57 10.3%	69 14.1%
My school has moved my GCSE group to try and get a better grade	97 9.3%	58 10.5%	39 8.0%

Question Five Cross Tabulation with Age

Thinking about GCSEs, which of the following statements do you agree with?

(Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q5					
I'm confident that my GCSE subject choices are the right choices for me	376 36.2%	77 34.7%	107 38.1%	125 39.8%	67 30.0%
I wish there was more practical learning instead	274 26.3%	56 25.2%	72 25.6%	82 26.1%	64 28.7%
My school has provided me supportive career advice throughout my time to date	209 20.1%	35 15.8%	57 20.3%	62 19.7%	55 24.7%
I'm confused by the current GCSE grading system	164 15.8%	46 20.7%	49 17.4%	41 13.1%	28 12.6%
None of the above	142 13.7%	41 18.5%	30 10.7%	35 11.1%	36 16.1%
I don't think my GCSEs will be valuable to my future career aspirations	130 12.5%	21 9.5%	34 12.1%	54 17.2%	21 9.4%
I have dropped a subject at GCSEs because I'm more likely to get a better grade with another choice	128 12.3%	20 9.0%	37 13.2%	46 14.6%	25 11.2%
I'm not confidence that my GCSE subject choices are right for me	126 12.1%	19 8.6%	46 16.4%	39 12.4%	22 9.9%
My school has moved my GCSE group to try and get a better grade	97 9.3%	19 8.6%	28 10.0%	24 7.6%	26 11.7%

Question Five Cross Tabulation with Region

Thinking about GCSEs, which of the following statements do you agree with?
(Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West M- idlands	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	Scotland	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshi- re and ...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q5													
I'm confident that my GCSE subject choices are the right choices for me	376 36.2%	27 30.3%	19 40.4%	23 33.3%	26 28.9%	16 32.7%	64 40.5%	10 30.3%	34 39.1%	58 43.9%	28 25.7%	23 41.1%	48 39.7%
I wish there was more practical learning instead	274 26.3%	22 24.7%	12 25.5%	22 31.9%	22 24.4%	15 30.6%	34 21.5%	11 33.3%	20 23.0%	33 25.0%	28 25.7%	15 26.8%	40 33.1%
My school has provided me supportive career advice throughout my time to date	209 20.1%	14 15.7%	13 27.7%	11 15.9%	26 28.9%	8 16.3%	34 21.5%	7 21.2%	21 24.1%	26 19.7%	13 11.9%	8 14.3%	28 23.1%
I'm confused by the current GCSE grading system	164 15.8%	12 13.5%	8 17.0%	12 17.4%	14 15.6%	9 18.4%	28 17.7%	8 24.2%	8 9.2%	22 16.7%	23 21.1%	9 16.1%	11 9.1%
None of the above	142 13.7%	13 14.6%	2 4.3%	8 11.6%	8 8.9%	9 18.4%	21 13.3%	6 18.2%	14 16.1%	19 14.4%	18 16.5%	12 21.4%	12 9.9%
I don't think my GCSEs will be valuable to my future career aspirations	130 12.5%	13 14.6%	10 21.3%	9 13.0%	10 11.1%	5 10.2%	17 10.8%	6 18.2%	9 10.3%	13 9.8%	16 14.7%	6 10.7%	16 13.2%
I have dropped a subject at GCSEs because I'm more likely to get a better grade with another choice	128 12.3%	15 16.9%	8 17.0%	10 14.5%	11 12.2%	6 12.2%	14 8.9%	3 9.1%	13 14.9%	13 9.8%	12 11.0%	7 12.5%	16 13.2%
I'm not confidence that my GCSE subject choices are right for me	126 12.1%	15 16.9%	2 4.3%	6 8.7%	12 13.3%	9 18.4%	16 10.1%	5 15.2%	9 10.3%	14 10.6%	16 14.7%	9 16.1%	13 10.7%
My school has moved my GCSE group to try and get a better grade	97 9.3%	5 5.6%	9 19.1%	7 10.1%	11 12.2%	3 6.1%	12 7.6%	1 3.0%	7 8.0%	10 7.6%	10 9.2%	6 10.7%	16 13.2%

Question Five Cross Tabulation with City

Thinking about GCSEs, which of the following statements do you agree with?
(Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																	
		Belfast	Birmin...	Brighton	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinbu...	Glasgow	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manch...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffield	Southa...	
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47	
Q5																			
I'm confident that my GCSE subject choices are the right choices for me	376 36.2%	10 30.3%	31 32.0%	22 56.4%	13 26.0%	22 43.1%	19 40.4%	15 37.5%	28 37.3%	22 44.9%	52 37.7%	44 37.9%	17 31.5%	15 31.3%	15 27.8%	13 26.0%	23 44.2%	15 31.9%	
I wish there was more practical learning instead	274 26.3%	11 33.3%	24 24.7%	9 23.1%	13 26.0%	11 21.6%	8 17.0%	12 30.0%	27 36.0%	14 28.6%	32 23.2%	26 22.4%	17 31.5%	13 27.1%	19 35.2%	12 24.0%	11 21.2%	15 31.9%	
My school has provided me supportive career advice throughout my time to date	209 20.1%	7 21.2%	25 25.8%	6 15.4%	8 16.0%	8 15.7%	9 19.1%	12 30.0%	20 26.7%	11 22.4%	25 18.1%	25 21.6%	9 16.7%	11 22.9%	10 18.5%	3 6.0%	7 13.5%	13 27.7%	
I'm confused by the current GCSE grading system	164 15.8%	8 24.2%	16 16.5%	6 15.4%	9 18.0%	8 15.7%	5 10.6%	3 7.5%	9 12.0%	8 16.3%	26 18.8%	20 17.2%	9 16.7%	6 12.5%	9 16.7%	13 26.0%	3 5.8%	6 12.8%	
None of the above	142 13.7%	6 18.2%	7 7.2%	2 5.1%	9 18.0%	12 23.5%	10 21.3%	4 10.0%	3 4.0%	4 8.2%	12 8.7%	14 12.1%	13 24.1%	7 14.6%	8 14.8%	8 16.0%	11 21.2%	12 25.5%	
I don't think my GCSEs will be valuable to my future career aspirations	130 12.5%	6 18.2%	11 11.3%	6 15.4%	3 6.0%	5 9.8%	5 10.6%	4 10.0%	11 14.7%	5 10.2%	17 12.3%	15 12.9%	5 9.3%	8 16.7%	7 13.0%	10 20.0%	5 9.6%	7 14.9%	
I have dropped a subject at GCSEs because I'm more likely to get a better grade with another choice	128 12.3%	3 9.1%	13 13.4%	6 15.4%	5 10.0%	5 9.8%	6 12.8%	7 17.5%	9 12.0%	6 12.2%	20 14.5%	11 9.5%	7 13.0%	9 18.8%	7 13.0%	5 10.0%	7 13.5%	2 4.3%	
I'm not confident that my GCSE subject choices are right for me	126 12.1%	5 15.2%	13 13.4%	5 12.8%	4 8.0%	8 15.7%	3 6.4%	6 15.0%	11 14.7%	6 12.2%	16 11.6%	11 9.5%	8 14.8%	8 16.7%	4 7.4%	9 18.0%	4 7.7%	5 10.6%	
My school has moved my GCSE group to try and get a better grade	97 9.3%	1 3.0%	12 12.4%	4 10.3%	6 12.0%	4 7.8%	2 4.3%	5 12.5%	10 13.3%	6 12.2%	12 8.7%	9 7.8%	3 5.6%	4 8.3%	4 7.4%	4 8.0%	7 13.5%	4 8.5%	

Question Five Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

Thinking about GCSEs, which of the following statements do you agree with?
(Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Compre-nsive sc...	Career College	Independ-ent school	Sixth Form	Other, ple-ase spec...	Further Ed-ucation ...	Grammar School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q5										
I'm confident that my GCSE subject choices are the right choices for me	376 36.2%	108 33.9%	6 40.0%	179 38.5%	14 34.1%	33 40.2%	19 33.9%	10 21.7%	5 45.5%	2 40.0%
I wish there was more practical learning instead	274 26.3%	92 28.8%	2 13.3%	125 26.9%	8 19.5%	18 22.0%	13 23.2%	14 30.4%	- -	2 40.0%
My school has provided me supportive career advice throughout my time to date	209 20.1%	53 16.6%	7 46.7%	95 20.4%	14 34.1%	23 28.0%	9 16.1%	3 6.5%	4 36.4%	1 20.0%
I'm confused by the current GCSE grading system	164 15.8%	57 17.9%	3 20.0%	68 14.6%	8 19.5%	13 15.9%	8 14.3%	6 13.0%	1 9.1%	- -
None of the above	142 13.7%	42 13.2%	3 20.0%	58 12.5%	5 12.2%	12 14.6%	7 12.5%	13 28.3%	1 9.1%	1 20.0%
I don't think my GCSEs will be valuable to my future career aspirations	130 12.5%	29 9.1%	3 20.0%	71 15.3%	4 9.8%	7 8.5%	8 14.3%	7 15.2%	1 9.1%	- -
I have dropped a subject at GCSEs because I'm more likely to get a better grade with another choice	128 12.3%	42 13.2%	1 6.7%	57 12.3%	5 12.2%	8 9.8%	9 16.1%	3 6.5%	2 18.2%	1 20.0%
I'm not confidence that my GCSE subject choices are right for me	126 12.1%	42 13.2%	2 13.3%	62 13.3%	1 2.4%	8 9.8%	6 10.7%	5 10.9%	- -	- -
My school has moved my GCSE group to try and get a better grade	97 9.3%	29 9.1%	1 6.7%	37 8.0%	6 14.6%	11 13.4%	8 14.3%	1 2.2%	3 27.3%	1 20.0%

Question Six

When choosing your GCSE subjects, do/did you feel your school was more focused on your grade achievement or your future career ambition?

Counts	
Base %	
Respondents	
Base	1040 100.0%
Q6	
My school was more focused on my grade achievement than my future career ambition	564 54.2%
My school was equally focused on my future career ambitions and grade achievements	341 32.8%
My school was more focused on my future career ambitions than my grade achievements	135 13.0%

Question Six Cross Tabulation with Gender

When choosing your GCSE subjects, do/did you feel your school was more focused on your grade achievement or your future career ambition?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q6			
My school was more focused on my grade achievement than my future career ambition	564 54.2%	287 52.1%	277 56.6%
My school was equally focused on my future career ambitions and grade achievements	341 32.8%	186 33.8%	155 31.7%
My school was more focused on my future career ambitions than my grade achievements	135 13.0%	78 14.2%	57 11.7%

Question Six Cross Tabulation with Age

When choosing your GCSE subjects, do/did you feel your school was more focused on your grade achievement or your future career ambition?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q6					
My school was more focused on my grade achievement than my future career ambition	564 54.2%	100 45.0%	146 52.0%	181 57.6%	137 61.4%
My school was equally focused on my future career ambitions and grade achievements	341 32.8%	85 38.3%	100 35.6%	96 30.6%	60 26.9%
My school was more focused on my future career ambitions than my grade achievements	135 13.0%	37 16.7%	35 12.5%	37 11.8%	26 11.7%

Question Six Cross Tabulation with Region

When choosing your GCSE subjects, do/did you feel your school was more focused on your grade achievement or your future career ambition?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West M- idlands	North East	North West	Norther- n Irela...	Scotland	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshi- re and ...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q6													
My school was more focused on my grade achievement than my future career ambition	564 54.2%	51 57.3%	28 59.6%	41 59.4%	49 54.4%	26 53.1%	83 52.5%	15 45.5%	37 42.5%	57 43.2%	70 64.2%	31 55.4%	76 62.8%
My school was equally focused on my future career ambitions and grade achievements	341 32.8%	29 32.6%	11 23.4%	20 29.0%	26 28.9%	14 28.6%	56 35.4%	14 42.4%	37 42.5%	57 43.2%	29 26.6%	16 28.6%	32 26.4%
My school was more focused on my future career ambitions than my grade achievements	135 13.0%	9 10.1%	8 17.0%	8 11.6%	15 16.7%	9 18.4%	19 12.0%	4 12.1%	13 14.9%	18 13.6%	10 9.2%	9 16.1%	13 10.7%

Question Six Cross Tabulation with City

When choosing your GCSE subjects, do/did you feel your school was more focused on your grade achievement or your future career ambition?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																
		Belfast	Birmin...	Brighton	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinbu...	Glasgow	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manch...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffield	Southa...
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47
Q6																		
My school was more focused on my grade achievement than my future career ambition	564 54.2%	15 45.5%	58 59.8%	23 59.0%	32 64.0%	28 54.9%	20 42.6%	17 42.5%	44 58.7%	26 53.1%	64 46.4%	57 49.1%	29 53.7%	30 62.5%	31 57.4%	33 66.0%	36 69.2%	21 44.7%
My school was equally focused on my future career ambitions and grade achievements	341 32.8%	14 42.4%	22 22.7%	11 28.2%	15 30.0%	15 29.4%	21 44.7%	16 40.0%	21 28.0%	18 36.7%	56 40.6%	42 36.2%	17 31.5%	11 22.9%	20 37.0%	12 24.0%	11 21.2%	19 40.4%
My school was more focused on my future career ambitions than my grade achievements	135 13.0%	4 12.1%	17 17.5%	5 12.8%	3 6.0%	8 15.7%	6 12.8%	7 17.5%	10 13.3%	5 10.2%	18 13.0%	17 14.7%	8 14.8%	7 14.6%	3 5.6%	5 10.0%	5 9.6%	7 14.9%

Question Six Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

When choosing your GCSE subjects, do/did you feel your school was more focused on your grade achievement or your future career ambition?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Comprehensive sch...	Career College	Independent school	Sixth Form	Other, please specify	Further Education ...	Grammar School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q6										
My school was more focused on my grade achievement than my future career ambition	564 54.2%	193 60.5%	6 40.0%	245 52.7%	21 51.2%	38 46.3%	29 51.8%	23 50.0%	7 63.6%	2 40.0%
My school was equally focused on my future career ambitions and grade achievements	341 32.8%	98 30.7%	5 33.3%	153 32.9%	8 19.5%	32 39.0%	21 37.5%	19 41.3%	3 27.3%	2 40.0%
My school was more focused on my future career ambitions than my grade achievements	135 13.0%	28 8.8%	4 26.7%	67 14.4%	12 29.3%	12 14.6%	6 10.7%	4 8.7%	1 9.1%	1 20.0%

Question Seven

How far do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
'My GCSE subjects are / will be chosen based on the subjects I'm most likely to get the best grades in but don't enjoy'

Counts	
Base %	
Respondents	
Base	1040 100.0%
Q7	
Strongly agree	136 13.1%
Slightly agree	486 46.7%
Slightly disagree	289 27.8%
Strongly disagree	129 12.4%

Question Seven Cross Tabulation with Gender

How far do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

‘My GCSE subjects are / will be chosen based on the subjects I’m most likely to get the best grades in but don’t enjoy’

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q7			
Strongly agree	136 13.1%	73 13.2%	63 12.9%
Slightly agree	486 46.7%	263 47.7%	223 45.6%
Slightly disagree	289 27.8%	144 26.1%	145 29.7%
Strongly disagree	129 12.4%	71 12.9%	58 11.9%

Question Seven Cross Tabulation with Age

How far do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

‘My GCSE subjects are / will be chosen based on the subjects I’m most likely to get the best grades in but don’t enjoy’

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q7					
Strongly agree	136 13.1%	28 12.6%	42 14.9%	36 11.5%	30 13.5%
Slightly agree	486 46.7%	115 51.8%	124 44.1%	148 47.1%	99 44.4%
Slightly disagree	289 27.8%	53 23.9%	76 27.0%	91 29.0%	69 30.9%
Strongly disagree	129 12.4%	26 11.7%	39 13.9%	39 12.4%	25 11.2%

Question Seven Cross Tabulation with Region

How far do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
 'My GCSE subjects are / will be chosen based on the subjects I'm most likely to get the best grades in but don't enjoy'

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Midlands	West Midlands	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	Scotland	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshire and th...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q7													
Strongly agree	136 13.1%	11 12.4%	12 25.5%	7 10.1%	15 16.7%	5 10.2%	14 8.9%	6 18.2%	10 11.5%	14 10.6%	17 15.6%	6 10.7%	19 15.7%
Slightly agree	486 46.7%	42 47.2%	23 48.9%	30 43.5%	45 50.0%	27 55.1%	66 41.8%	20 60.6%	43 49.4%	54 40.9%	51 46.8%	22 39.3%	63 52.1%
Slightly disagree	289 27.8%	28 31.5%	7 14.9%	23 33.3%	22 24.4%	13 26.5%	50 31.6%	3 9.1%	22 25.3%	42 31.8%	29 26.6%	20 35.7%	30 24.8%
Strongly disagree	129 12.4%	8 9.0%	5 10.6%	9 13.0%	8 8.9%	4 8.2%	28 17.7%	4 12.1%	12 13.8%	22 16.7%	12 11.0%	8 14.3%	9 7.4%

Question Seven Cross Tabulation with City

How far do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
 'My GCSE subjects are / will be chosen based on the subjects I'm most likely to get the best grades in but don't enjoy'

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																
		Belfast	Birmi...	Bright...	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinb...	Glasg...	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manc...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffi...	South...
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47
Q7																		
Strongly agree	136 13.1%	6 18.2%	16 16.5%	8 20.5%	9 18.0%	4 7.8%	3 6.4%	7 17.5%	12 16.0%	7 14.3%	17 12.3%	11 9.5%	4 7.4%	10 20.8%	6 11.1%	6 12.0%	6 11.5%	4 8.5%
Slightly agree	486 46.7%	20 60.6%	48 49.5%	15 38.5%	24 48.0%	21 41.2%	24 51.1%	19 47.5%	49 65.3%	20 40.8%	59 42.8%	47 40.5%	28 51.9%	24 50.0%	24 44.4%	26 52.0%	19 36.5%	19 40.4%
Slightly disagree	289 27.8%	3 9.1%	24 24.7%	11 28.2%	11 22.0%	19 37.3%	12 25.5%	10 25.0%	10 13.3%	12 24.5%	43 31.2%	40 34.5%	17 31.5%	11 22.9%	17 31.5%	13 26.0%	20 38.5%	16 34.0%
Strongly disagree	129 12.4%	4 12.1%	9 9.3%	5 12.8%	6 12.0%	7 13.7%	8 17.0%	4 10.0%	4 5.3%	10 20.4%	19 13.8%	18 15.5%	5 9.3%	3 6.3%	7 13.0%	5 10.0%	7 13.5%	8 17.0%

Question Seven Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

How far do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

‘My GCSE subjects are / will be chosen based on the subjects I’m most likely to get the best grades in but don’t enjoy’

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Comprehensive s...	Career College	Independ-ent school	Sixth Form	Other, pl-ease spe...	Further E-ducatio...	Grammar School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q7										
Strongly agree	136 13.1%	49 15.4%	5 33.3%	47 10.1%	9 22.0%	10 12.2%	9 16.1%	5 10.9%	2 18.2%	- -
Slightly agree	486 46.7%	138 43.3%	5 33.3%	235 50.5%	20 48.8%	41 50.0%	19 33.9%	19 41.3%	4 36.4%	5 100.0%
Slightly disagree	289 27.8%	93 29.2%	4 26.7%	127 27.3%	8 19.5%	20 24.4%	21 37.5%	14 30.4%	2 18.2%	- -
Strongly disagree	129 12.4%	39 12.2%	1 6.7%	56 12.0%	4 9.8%	11 13.4%	7 12.5%	8 17.4%	3 27.3%	- -

Question Eight

Would you say you have a clear idea of the career path you would like to follow?

Counts Base % Respondents	
Base	1040 100.0%
Q8	
Yes, I know for certain	166 16.0%
Yes, I have an idea	536 51.5%
No, I have no idea	338 32.5%

Question Eight Cross Tabulation with Gender

Would you say you have a clear idea of the career path you would like to follow?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q8			
Yes, I know for certain	166 16.0%	79 14.3%	87 17.8%
Yes, I have an idea	536 51.5%	294 53.4%	242 49.5%
No, I have no idea	338 32.5%	178 32.3%	160 32.7%

Question Eight Cross Tabulation with Age

Would you say you have a clear idea of the career path you would like to follow?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q8					
Yes, I know for certain	166 16.0%	26 11.7%	33 11.7%	58 18.5%	49 22.0%
Yes, I have an idea	536 51.5%	100 45.0%	150 53.4%	170 54.1%	116 52.0%
No, I have no idea	338 32.5%	96 43.2%	98 34.9%	86 27.4%	58 26.0%

Question Eight Cross Tabulation with Region

Would you say you have a clear idea of the career path you would like to follow?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West M- idlands	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	Scotland	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshi- re and ...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q8													
Yes, I know for certain	166 16.0%	12 13.5%	12 25.5%	13 18.8%	13 14.4%	6 12.2%	36 22.8%	3 9.1%	19 21.8%	20 15.2%	15 13.8%	4 7.1%	13 10.7%
Yes, I have an idea	536 51.5%	45 50.6%	24 51.1%	33 47.8%	48 53.3%	27 55.1%	82 51.9%	15 45.5%	44 50.6%	66 50.0%	50 45.9%	36 64.3%	66 54.5%
No, I have no idea	338 32.5%	32 36.0%	11 23.4%	23 33.3%	29 32.2%	16 32.7%	40 25.3%	15 45.5%	24 27.6%	46 34.8%	44 40.4%	16 28.6%	42 34.7%

Question Eight Cross Tabulation with City

Would you say you have a clear idea of the career path you would like to follow?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																
		Belfast	Birmin...	Brighton	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinb...	Glasgow	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manc...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffie...	South...
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47
Q8																		
Yes, I know for certain	166 16.0%	3 9.1%	14 14.4%	6 15.4%	7 14.0%	3 5.9%	10 21.3%	9 22.5%	6 8.0%	9 18.4%	18 13.0%	29 25.0%	7 13.0%	11 22.9%	10 18.5%	7 14.0%	7 13.5%	10 21.3%
Yes, I have an idea	536 51.5%	15 45.5%	50 51.5%	21 53.8%	21 42.0%	33 64.7%	25 53.2%	19 47.5%	43 57.3%	23 46.9%	68 49.3%	64 55.2%	31 57.4%	25 52.1%	27 50.0%	22 44.0%	24 46.2%	25 53.2%
No, I have no idea	338 32.5%	15 45.5%	33 34.0%	12 30.8%	22 44.0%	15 29.4%	12 25.5%	12 30.0%	26 34.7%	17 34.7%	52 37.7%	23 19.8%	16 29.6%	12 25.0%	17 31.5%	21 42.0%	21 40.4%	12 25.5%

Question Eight Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

Would you say you have a clear idea of the career path you would like to follow?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Comprehensive school	Career College	Independent school	Sixth Form	Other, please specify	Further Education Col...	Grammar School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q8										
Yes, I know for certain	166 16.0%	53 16.6%	5 33.3%	55 11.8%	13 31.7%	16 19.5%	6 10.7%	9 19.6%	8 72.7%	1 20.0%
Yes, I have an idea	536 51.5%	146 45.8%	6 40.0%	265 57.0%	20 48.8%	43 52.4%	33 58.9%	19 41.3%	3 27.3%	1 20.0%
No, I have no idea	338 32.5%	120 37.6%	4 26.7%	145 31.2%	8 19.5%	23 28.0%	17 30.4%	18 39.1%	- -	3 60.0%

Question Nine

How would you expect following a vocational path (e.g. BTECs, apprenticeships), rather than traditional academic path (e.g. A Levels, university) would affect your career prospects? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Base % Respondents	
Base	1040 100.0%
Q9	
I would be more prepared for the world of work	411 39.5%
I would gain more useful contacts in the industry	254 24.4%
I wouldn't expect following a vocational path rather than traditional academic path to affect my career prospects	242 23.3%
I would be spending my time and money more wisely	204 19.6%
I would be seen in a positive light by future employers	190 18.3%
I would be limiting my chances at success	164 15.8%
I would miss out on the social aspects of academic life	137 13.2%
I would be looked down on by future employers	106 10.2%
Other, please specify	12 1.2%

Question Nine Cross Tabulation with Gender

How would you expect following a vocational path (e.g. BTECs, apprenticeships), rather than traditional academic path (e.g. A Levels, university) would affect your career prospects? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q9			
I would be more prepared for the world of work	411 39.5%	226 41.0%	185 37.8%
I would gain more useful contacts in the industry	254 24.4%	145 26.3%	109 22.3%
I wouldn't expect following a vocational path rather than traditional academic path to affect my career prospects	242 23.3%	118 21.4%	124 25.4%
I would be spending my time and money more wisely	204 19.6%	116 21.1%	88 18.0%
I would be seen in a positive light by future employers	190 18.3%	111 20.1%	79 16.2%
I would be limiting my chances at success	164 15.8%	82 14.9%	82 16.8%
I would miss out on the social aspects of academic life	137 13.2%	77 14.0%	60 12.3%
I would be looked down on by future employers	106 10.2%	55 10.0%	51 10.4%
Other, please specify	12 1.2%	6 1.1%	6 1.2%

Question Nine Cross Tabulation with Age

How would you expect following a vocational path (e.g. BTECs, apprenticeships), rather than traditional academic path (e.g. A Levels, university) would affect your career prospects? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q9					
I would be more prepared for the world of work	411 39.5%	83 37.4%	113 40.2%	123 39.2%	92 41.3%
I would gain more useful contacts in the industry	254 24.4%	48 21.6%	75 26.7%	73 23.2%	58 26.0%
I wouldn't expect following a vocational path rather than traditional academic path to affect my career prospects	242 23.3%	58 26.1%	64 22.8%	65 20.7%	55 24.7%
I would be spending my time and money more wisely	204 19.6%	42 18.9%	54 19.2%	68 21.7%	40 17.9%
I would be seen in a positive light by future employers	190 18.3%	38 17.1%	46 16.4%	62 19.7%	44 19.7%
I would be limiting my chances at success	164 15.8%	40 18.0%	40 14.2%	43 13.7%	41 18.4%
I would miss out on the social aspects of academic life	137 13.2%	31 14.0%	32 11.4%	51 16.2%	23 10.3%
I would be looked down on by future employers	106 10.2%	23 10.4%	30 10.7%	31 9.9%	22 9.9%
Other, please specify	12 1.2%	2 0.9%	2 0.7%	5 1.6%	3 1.3%

Question Nine Cross Tabulation with Region

How would you expect following a vocational path (e.g. BTECs, apprenticeships), rather than traditional academic path (e.g. A Levels, university) would affect your career prospects? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West M- idlands	North East	North West	Norther- n Irela...	Scotlan- d	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshi- re and...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q9													
I would be more prepared for the world of work	411 39.5%	32 36.0%	20 42.6%	30 43.5%	29 32.2%	18 36.7%	58 36.7%	13 39.4%	42 48.3%	53 40.2%	39 35.8%	19 33.9%	58 47.9%
I would gain more useful contacts in the industry	254 24.4%	21 23.6%	9 19.1%	15 21.7%	22 24.4%	16 32.7%	36 22.8%	8 24.2%	17 19.5%	39 29.5%	22 20.2%	12 21.4%	37 30.6%
I wouldn't expect following a vocational path rather than traditional academic path to affect my career prospects	242 23.3%	23 25.8%	8 17.0%	15 21.7%	20 22.2%	9 18.4%	43 27.2%	11 33.3%	14 16.1%	33 25.0%	28 25.7%	16 28.6%	22 18.2%
I would be spending my time and money more wisely	204 19.6%	14 15.7%	12 25.5%	13 18.8%	17 18.9%	5 10.2%	31 19.6%	7 21.2%	22 25.3%	26 19.7%	16 14.7%	12 21.4%	29 24.0%
I would be seen in a positive light by future employers	190 18.3%	10 11.2%	3 6.4%	10 14.5%	19 21.1%	8 16.3%	35 22.2%	3 9.1%	20 23.0%	22 16.7%	19 17.4%	9 16.1%	32 26.4%
I would be limiting my chances at success	164 15.8%	15 16.9%	15 31.9%	14 20.3%	17 18.9%	7 14.3%	20 12.7%	5 15.2%	18 20.7%	17 12.9%	15 13.8%	6 10.7%	15 12.4%
I would miss out on the social aspects of academic life	137 13.2%	7 7.9%	12 25.5%	5 7.2%	10 11.1%	7 14.3%	21 13.3%	6 18.2%	16 18.4%	8 6.1%	20 18.3%	5 8.9%	20 16.5%
I would be looked down on by future employers	106 10.2%	10 11.2%	13 27.7%	3 4.3%	11 12.2%	6 12.2%	11 7.0%	2 6.1%	11 12.6%	9 6.8%	6 5.5%	7 12.5%	17 14.0%
Other, please specify	12 1.2%	1 1.1%	1 2.1%	1 1.4%	- -	2 4.1%	1 0.6%	- -	- -	1 0.8%	1 0.9%	3 5.4%	1 0.8%

Question Nine Cross Tabulation with City

How would you expect following a vocational path (e.g. BTECs, apprenticeships), rather than traditional academic path (e.g. A Levels, university) would affect your career prospects? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																
		Belfast	Birmi...	Bright...	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinb...	Glasg...	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manc...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffi...	South...
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47
Q9																		
I would be more prepared for the world of work	411 39.5%	13 39.4%	33 34.0%	17 43.6%	17 34.0%	16 31.4%	20 42.6%	22 55.0%	38 50.7%	19 38.8%	54 39.1%	44 37.9%	18 33.3%	17 35.4%	25 46.3%	18 36.0%	21 40.4%	19 40.4%
I would gain more useful contacts in the industry	254 24.4%	8 24.2%	26 26.8%	12 30.8%	9 18.0%	11 21.6%	9 19.1%	8 20.0%	19 25.3%	11 22.4%	36 26.1%	25 21.6%	18 33.3%	10 20.8%	11 20.4%	12 24.0%	17 32.7%	12 25.5%
I wouldn't expect following a vocational path rather than traditional academic path to affect my career prospects	242 23.3%	11 33.3%	19 19.6%	10 25.6%	10 20.0%	16 31.4%	8 17.0%	6 15.0%	11 14.7%	12 24.5%	29 21.0%	32 27.6%	11 20.4%	14 29.2%	13 24.1%	14 28.0%	14 26.9%	12 25.5%
I would be spending my time and money more wisely	204 19.6%	7 21.2%	22 22.7%	8 20.5%	7 14.0%	11 21.6%	13 27.7%	9 22.5%	21 28.0%	11 22.4%	27 19.6%	20 17.2%	6 11.1%	7 14.6%	7 13.0%	8 16.0%	9 17.3%	11 23.4%
I would be seen in a positive light by future employers	190 18.3%	3 9.1%	20 20.6%	8 20.5%	7 14.0%	6 11.8%	7 14.9%	13 32.5%	21 28.0%	14 28.6%	17 12.3%	23 19.8%	10 18.5%	2 4.2%	10 18.5%	11 22.0%	10 19.2%	8 17.0%
I would be limiting my chances at success	164 15.8%	5 15.2%	18 18.6%	5 12.8%	11 22.0%	5 9.8%	12 25.5%	6 15.0%	7 9.3%	10 20.4%	26 18.8%	13 11.2%	6 11.1%	9 18.8%	10 18.5%	4 8.0%	10 19.2%	7 14.9%
I would miss out on the social aspects of academic life	137 13.2%	6 18.2%	10 10.3%	2 5.1%	9 18.0%	4 7.8%	9 19.1%	7 17.5%	12 16.0%	8 16.3%	19 13.8%	16 13.8%	8 14.8%	5 10.4%	4 7.4%	9 18.0%	6 11.5%	3 6.4%
I would be looked down on by future employers	106 10.2%	2 6.1%	11 11.3%	1 2.6%	4 8.0%	7 13.7%	6 12.8%	5 12.5%	12 16.0%	2 4.1%	23 16.7%	8 6.9%	7 13.0%	5 10.4%	2 3.7%	2 4.0%	6 11.5%	3 6.4%
Other, please specify	12 1.2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 3.9%	- -	- -	1 1.3%	2 4.1%	2 1.4%	- -	2 3.7%	1 2.1%	1 1.9%	1 2.0%	- -	- -

Question Nine Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

How would you expect following a vocational path (e.g. BTECs, apprenticeships), rather than traditional academic path (e.g. A Levels, university) would affect your career prospects? (Tick all that apply)

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Comprehensive s...	Career College	Independ-ent sch...	Sixth Form	Other, please sp...	Further E-ducatio...	Grammar School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q9										
I would be more prepared for the world of work	411 39.5%	130 40.8%	7 46.7%	186 40.0%	23 56.1%	25 30.5%	16 28.6%	17 37.0%	5 45.5%	2 40.0%
I would gain more useful contacts in the industry	254 24.4%	79 24.8%	3 20.0%	117 25.2%	9 22.0%	18 22.0%	10 17.9%	13 28.3%	3 27.3%	2 40.0%
I wouldn't expect following a vocational path rather than traditional academic path to affect my career prospects	242 23.3%	81 25.4%	2 13.3%	110 23.7%	4 9.8%	15 18.3%	14 25.0%	11 23.9%	3 27.3%	2 40.0%
I would be spending my time and money more wisely	204 19.6%	51 16.0%	4 26.7%	101 21.7%	9 22.0%	19 23.2%	11 19.6%	6 13.0%	2 18.2%	1 20.0%
I would be seen in a positive light by future employers	190 18.3%	56 17.6%	3 20.0%	93 20.0%	5 12.2%	10 12.2%	10 17.9%	10 21.7%	2 18.2%	1 20.0%
I would be limiting my chances at success	164 15.8%	50 15.7%	4 26.7%	58 12.5%	7 17.1%	24 29.3%	11 19.6%	7 15.2%	3 27.3%	- -
I would miss out on the social aspects of academic life	137 13.2%	37 11.6%	5 33.3%	59 12.7%	8 19.5%	15 18.3%	8 14.3%	4 8.7%	1 9.1%	- -
I would be looked down on by future employers	106 10.2%	26 8.2%	5 33.3%	41 8.8%	7 17.1%	10 12.2%	8 14.3%	7 15.2%	2 18.2%	- -
Other, please specify	12 1.2%	5 1.6%	- -	5 1.1%	- -	- -	1 1.8%	1 2.2%	- -	- -

Question Ten

What do you think your school would most like you to do post GCSEs?

Counts	
Base %	
Respondents	
Base	1040 100.0%
Q10	
Follow the clearest route to higher education (A Levels, university etc.)	477 45.9%
Follow whichever route would make me happy and fulfilled	249 23.9%
Follow the clearest route to a career	239 23.0%
None of the above	75 7.2%

Question Ten Cross Tabulation with Gender

What do you think your school would most like you to do post GCSEs?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q10			
Follow the clearest route to higher education (A Levels, university etc.)	477 45.9%	239 43.4%	238 48.7%
Follow whichever route would make me happy and fulfilled	249 23.9%	138 25.0%	111 22.7%
Follow the clearest route to a career	239 23.0%	137 24.9%	102 20.9%
None of the above	75 7.2%	37 6.7%	38 7.8%

Question Ten Cross Tabulation with Age

What do you think your school would most like you to do post GCSEs?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q10					
Follow the clearest route to higher education (A Levels, university etc.)	477 45.9%	103 46.4%	123 43.8%	154 49.0%	97 43.5%
Follow whichever route would make me happy and fulfilled	249 23.9%	56 25.2%	74 26.3%	67 21.3%	52 23.3%
Follow the clearest route to a career	239 23.0%	49 22.1%	67 23.8%	74 23.6%	49 22.0%
None of the above	75 7.2%	14 6.3%	17 6.0%	19 6.1%	25 11.2%

Question Ten Cross Tabulation with Region

What do you think your school would most like you to do post GCSEs?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West M- idlands	North East	North West	Norther- n Irela...	Scotlan- d	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshi- re and...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q10													
Follow the clearest route to higher education (A Levels, university etc.)	477 45.9%	40 44.9%	27 57.4%	42 60.9%	35 38.9%	20 40.8%	71 44.9%	18 54.5%	32 36.8%	63 47.7%	51 46.8%	23 41.1%	55 45.5%
Follow whichever route would make me happy and fulfilled	249 23.9%	25 28.1%	5 10.6%	15 21.7%	24 26.7%	10 20.4%	33 20.9%	9 27.3%	25 28.7%	32 24.2%	26 23.9%	14 25.0%	31 25.6%
Follow the clearest route to a career	239 23.0%	19 21.3%	13 27.7%	7 10.1%	21 23.3%	11 22.4%	42 26.6%	4 12.1%	24 27.6%	28 21.2%	25 22.9%	16 28.6%	29 24.0%
None of the above	75 7.2%	5 5.6%	2 4.3%	5 7.2%	10 11.1%	8 16.3%	12 7.6%	2 6.1%	6 6.9%	9 6.8%	7 6.4%	3 5.4%	6 5.0%

Question Ten Cross Tabulation with City

What do you think your school would most like you to do post GCSEs?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																
		Belfast	Birmin...	Brighton	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinbu...	Glasgow	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manch...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffield	Southa...
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47
Q10																		
Follow the clearest route to higher education (A Levels, university etc.)	477 45.9%	18 54.5%	42 43.3%	20 51.3%	26 52.0%	21 41.2%	19 40.4%	13 32.5%	34 45.3%	24 49.0%	70 50.7%	49 42.2%	20 37.0%	23 47.9%	30 55.6%	24 48.0%	28 53.8%	16 34.0%
Follow whichever route would make me happy and fulfilled	249 23.9%	9 27.3%	23 23.7%	10 25.6%	14 28.0%	14 27.5%	12 25.5%	13 32.5%	20 26.7%	13 26.5%	29 21.0%	25 21.6%	11 20.4%	14 29.2%	11 20.4%	8 16.0%	10 19.2%	13 27.7%
Follow the clearest route to a career	239 23.0%	4 12.1%	24 24.7%	6 15.4%	9 18.0%	13 25.5%	12 25.5%	12 30.0%	17 22.7%	11 22.4%	31 22.5%	31 26.7%	12 22.2%	8 16.7%	7 13.0%	12 24.0%	13 25.0%	17 36.2%
None of the above	75 7.2%	2 6.1%	8 8.2%	3 7.7%	1 2.0%	3 5.9%	4 8.5%	2 5.0%	4 5.3%	1 2.0%	8 5.8%	11 9.5%	11 20.4%	3 6.3%	6 11.1%	6 12.0%	1 1.9%	1 2.1%

Question Ten Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

What do you think your school would most like you to do post GCSEs?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Compre-hensiv...	Career College	Indepen-dent sc...	Sixth Form	Other, p-lease s...	Further Educati...	Gramma-r School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q10										
Follow the clearest route to higher education (A Levels, university etc.)	477 45.9%	152 47.6%	10 66.7%	201 43.2%	11 26.8%	48 58.5%	25 44.6%	21 45.7%	7 63.6%	2 40.0%
Follow whichever route would make me happy and fulfilled	249 23.9%	76 23.8%	1 6.7%	121 26.0%	8 19.5%	14 17.1%	12 21.4%	14 30.4%	1 9.1%	2 40.0%
Follow the clearest route to a career	239 23.0%	64 20.1%	2 13.3%	116 24.9%	19 46.3%	15 18.3%	13 23.2%	6 13.0%	3 27.3%	1 20.0%
None of the above	75 7.2%	27 8.5%	2 13.3%	27 5.8%	3 7.3%	5 6.1%	6 10.7%	5 10.9%	- -	- -

Question Eleven

What do you think your options are at 16?

Counts	
Base %	
Respondents	
Base	1040 100.0%
Q11	
A-levels	436 41.9%
Further Education College	177 17.0%
Apprenticeships	109 10.5%
Vocational qualifications at college	89 8.6%
Attending a Career College	79 7.6%
I don't know	70 6.7%
I can leave school and get a job	60 5.8%
Other, please specify	17 1.6%
Grammar School	3 0.3%

Question Eleven Cross Tabulation with Gender

What do you think your options are at 16?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Base	1040	551	489
Q11			
A-levels	436 41.9%	214 38.8%	222 45.4%
Further Education College	177 17.0%	81 14.7%	96 19.6%
Apprenticeships	109 10.5%	80 14.5%	29 5.9%
Vocational qualifications at college	89 8.6%	41 7.4%	48 9.8%
Attending a Career College	79 7.6%	44 8.0%	35 7.2%
I don't know	70 6.7%	45 8.2%	25 5.1%
I can leave school and get a job	60 5.8%	33 6.0%	27 5.5%
Other, please specify	17 1.6%	11 2.0%	6 1.2%
Grammar School	3 0.3%	2 0.4%	1 0.2%

Question Eleven Cross Tabulation with Age

What do you think your options are at 16?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Age			
		13	14	15	16
Base	1040	222	281	314	223
Q11					
A-levels	436 41.9%	96 43.2%	107 38.1%	142 45.2%	91 40.8%
Further Education College	177 17.0%	33 14.9%	57 20.3%	45 14.3%	42 18.8%
Apprenticeships	109 10.5%	25 11.3%	25 8.9%	42 13.4%	17 7.6%
Vocational qualifications at college	89 8.6%	13 5.9%	21 7.5%	27 8.6%	28 12.6%
Attending a Career College	79 7.6%	14 6.3%	25 8.9%	26 8.3%	14 6.3%
I don't know	70 6.7%	25 11.3%	21 7.5%	15 4.8%	9 4.0%
I can leave school and get a job	60 5.8%	14 6.3%	23 8.2%	10 3.2%	13 5.8%
Other, please specify	17 1.6%	1 0.5%	2 0.7%	6 1.9%	8 3.6%
Grammar School	3 0.3%	1 0.5%	- -	1 0.3%	1 0.4%

Question Eleven Cross Tabulation with Region

What do you think your options are at 16?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Region											
		East of England	Greater London	East Mi- dlands	West M- idlands	North East	North West	Norther- n Irela...	Scotland	South East	South West	Wales	Yorkshi- re and ...
Base	1040	89	47	69	90	49	158	33	87	132	109	56	121
Q11													
A-levels	436 41.9%	46 51.7%	29 61.7%	30 43.5%	25 27.8%	16 32.7%	62 39.2%	19 57.6%	29 33.3%	49 37.1%	46 42.2%	33 58.9%	52 43.0%
Further Education College	177 17.0%	11 12.4%	8 17.0%	9 13.0%	17 18.9%	8 16.3%	26 16.5%	2 6.1%	20 23.0%	31 23.5%	20 18.3%	8 14.3%	17 14.0%
Apprenticeships	109 10.5%	5 5.6%	3 6.4%	8 11.6%	14 15.6%	4 8.2%	23 14.6%	2 6.1%	9 10.3%	16 12.1%	9 8.3%	1 1.8%	15 12.4%
Vocational qualifications at college	89 8.6%	9 10.1%	3 6.4%	7 10.1%	11 12.2%	3 6.1%	16 10.1%	2 6.1%	3 3.4%	11 8.3%	7 6.4%	4 7.1%	13 10.7%
Attending a Career College	79 7.6%	10 11.2%	3 6.4%	5 7.2%	4 4.4%	7 14.3%	9 5.7%	- -	8 9.2%	9 6.8%	9 8.3%	4 7.1%	11 9.1%
I don't know	70 6.7%	1 1.1%	- -	6 8.7%	10 11.1%	6 12.2%	9 5.7%	3 9.1%	8 9.2%	8 6.1%	12 11.0%	2 3.6%	5 4.1%
I can leave school and get a job	60 5.8%	5 5.6%	1 2.1%	3 4.3%	7 7.8%	3 6.1%	7 4.4%	4 12.1%	8 9.2%	7 5.3%	5 4.6%	4 7.1%	6 5.0%
Other, please specify	17 1.6%	2 2.2%	- -	1 1.4%	2 2.2%	2 4.1%	5 3.2%	1 3.0%	2 2.3%	- -	1 0.9%	- -	1 0.8%
Grammar School	3 0.3%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 0.6%	- -	- -	1 0.8%	- -	- -	1 0.8%

Question Eleven Cross Tabulation with City

What do you think your options are at 16?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	City																	
		Belfast	Birmin...	Brighton	Bristol	Cardiff	Edinbu...	Glasgow	Leeds	Liverp...	London	Manch...	Newca...	Norwich	Nottin...	Plymo...	Sheffield	Southa...	
Base	1040	33	97	39	50	51	47	40	75	49	138	116	54	48	54	50	52	47	
Q11																			
A-levels	436 41.9%	19 57.6%	26 26.8%	18 46.2%	24 48.0%	30 58.8%	20 42.6%	9 22.5%	32 42.7%	30 61.2%	76 55.1%	34 29.3%	20 37.0%	17 35.4%	24 44.4%	18 36.0%	24 46.2%	15 31.9%	
Further Educati- on College	177 17.0%	2 6.1%	18 18.6%	9 23.1%	5 10.0%	7 13.7%	9 19.1%	11 27.5%	10 13.3%	7 14.3%	23 16.7%	19 16.4%	8 14.8%	8 16.7%	9 16.7%	13 26.0%	8 15.4%	11 23.4%	
Apprenticeships	109 10.5%	2 6.1%	15 15.5%	3 7.7%	3 6.0%	1 2.0%	4 8.5%	5 12.5%	8 10.7%	3 6.1%	12 8.7%	18 15.5%	7 13.0%	3 6.3%	6 11.1%	5 10.0%	7 13.5%	7 14.9%	
Vocational qualifications at college	89 8.6%	2 6.1%	13 13.4%	5 12.8%	4 8.0%	3 5.9%	- -	3 7.5%	8 10.7%	4 8.2%	8 5.8%	15 12.9%	3 5.6%	7 14.6%	5 9.3%	2 4.0%	4 7.7%	3 6.4%	
Attending a Career College	79 7.6%	- -	5 5.2%	- -	5 10.0%	5 9.8%	4 8.5%	4 10.0%	6 8.0%	3 6.1%	9 6.5%	8 6.9%	6 11.1%	7 14.6%	4 7.4%	4 8.0%	4 7.7%	5 10.6%	
I don't know	70 6.7%	3 9.1%	11 11.3%	2 5.1%	5 10.0%	2 3.9%	4 8.5%	4 10.0%	4 5.3%	- -	5 3.6%	9 7.8%	6 11.1%	- -	4 7.4%	6 12.0%	2 3.8%	3 6.4%	
I can leave scho- ol and get a job	60 5.8%	4 12.1%	8 8.2%	2 5.1%	3 6.0%	3 5.9%	5 10.6%	3 7.5%	6 8.0%	2 4.1%	4 2.9%	6 5.2%	2 3.7%	4 8.3%	2 3.7%	2 4.0%	1 1.9%	3 6.4%	
Other, please specify	17 1.6%	1 3.0%	1 1.0%	- -	1 2.0%	- -	1 2.1%	1 2.5%	1 1.3%	- -	- -	6 5.2%	2 3.7%	2 4.2%	- -	- -	1 1.9%	- -	
Grammar School	3 0.3%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 0.7%	1 0.9%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1.9%	- -	

Question Eleven Cross Tabulation with Educational Institution

What do you think your options are at 16?

Counts Break % Respondents	Total	Educational Institution								
		Academy	Boarding school	Comprehensive s...	Career College	Independ-ent school	Sixth Form	Other, pl- ease spe...	Further E- ducatio...	Grammar School
Base	1040	319	15	465	41	82	56	46	11	5
Q11										
A-levels	436 41.9%	116 36.4%	7 46.7%	216 46.5%	7 17.1%	45 54.9%	23 41.1%	18 39.1%	3 27.3%	1 20.0%
Further Education College	177 17.0%	53 16.6%	1 6.7%	81 17.4%	4 9.8%	12 14.6%	16 28.6%	8 17.4%	2 18.2%	- -
Apprenticeships	109 10.5%	40 12.5%	2 13.3%	44 9.5%	7 17.1%	8 9.8%	3 5.4%	4 8.7%	- -	1 20.0%
Vocational qualifications at college	89 8.6%	28 8.8%	4 26.7%	32 6.9%	7 17.1%	5 6.1%	4 7.1%	7 15.2%	2 18.2%	- -
Attending a Career College	79 7.6%	32 10.0%	1 6.7%	27 5.8%	11 26.8%	1 1.2%	3 5.4%	1 2.2%	3 27.3%	- -
I don't know	70 6.7%	25 7.8%	- -	28 6.0%	1 2.4%	8 9.8%	5 8.9%	2 4.3%	- -	1 20.0%
I can leave school and get a job	60 5.8%	17 5.3%	- -	28 6.0%	4 9.8%	2 2.4%	- -	6 13.0%	1 9.1%	2 40.0%
Other, please specify	17 1.6%	7 2.2%	- -	9 1.9%	- -	- -	1 1.8%	- -	- -	- -
Grammar School	3 0.3%	1 0.3%	- -	- -	- -	1 1.2%	1 1.8%	- -	- -	- -