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Personal Development Newsletter

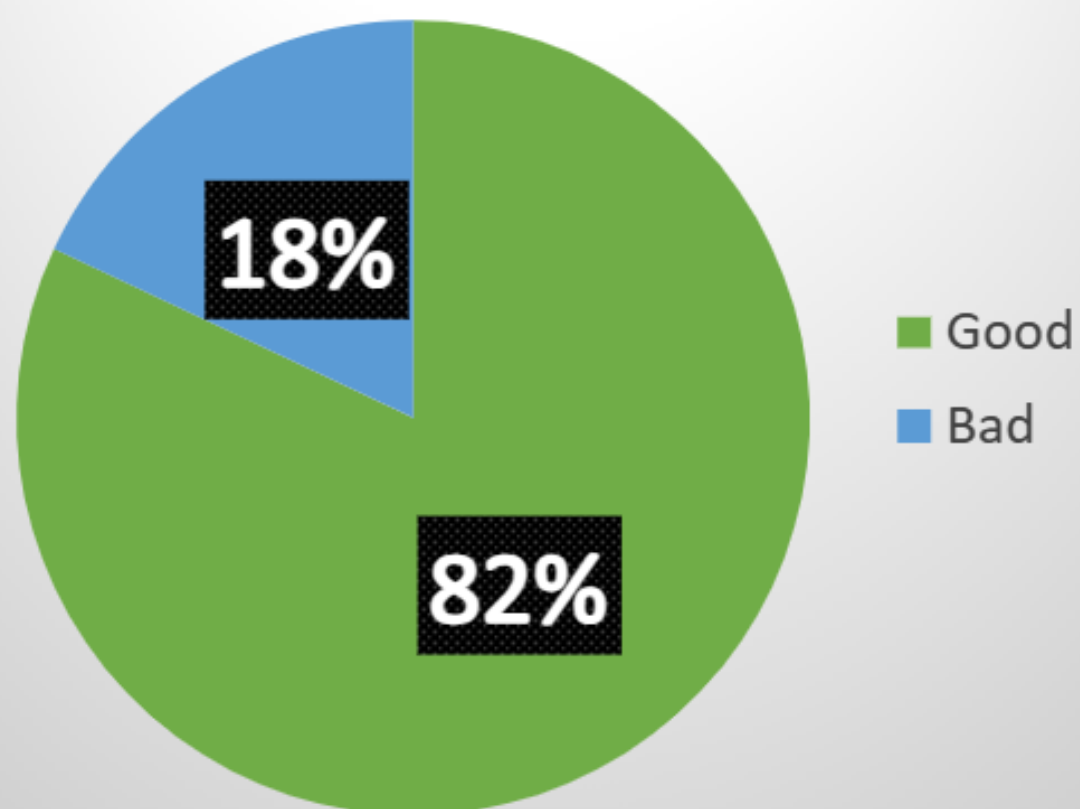
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WKGS Debates - Autumn 2 Results

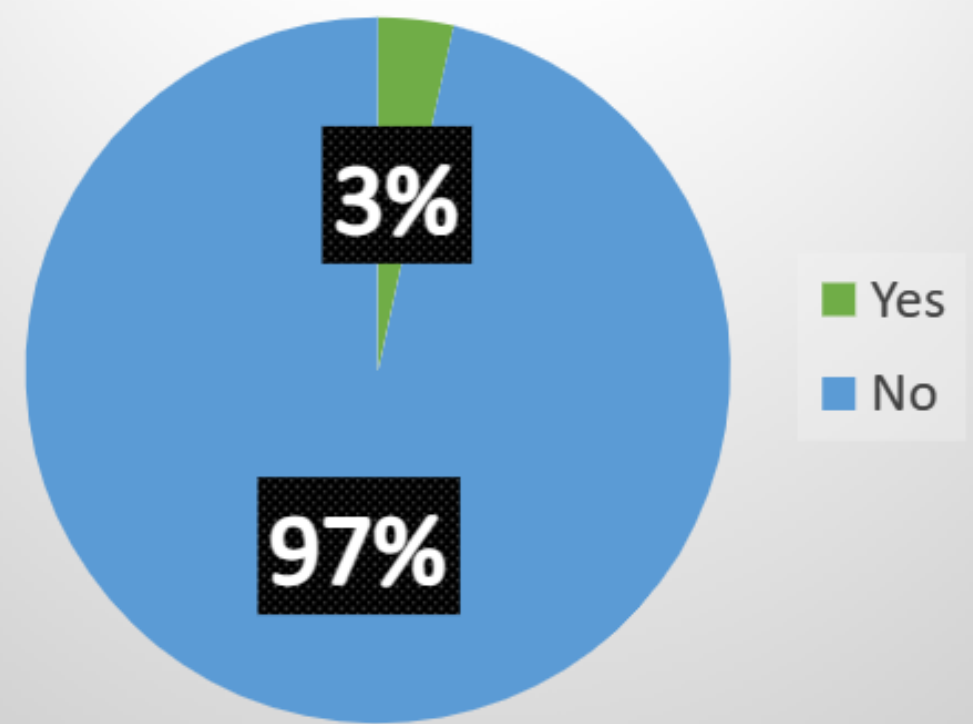
Students in years 7 - 11 actively engage in a series of fortnightly debates as part of our enriching form time programme. This activity encourages collaborative thinking as students work together to construct compelling arguments both in favour and against the assigned question. The culmination of their efforts is an individual voting process, allowing each student to express their informed opinions.

Below are the results of the debates which took place last half term.

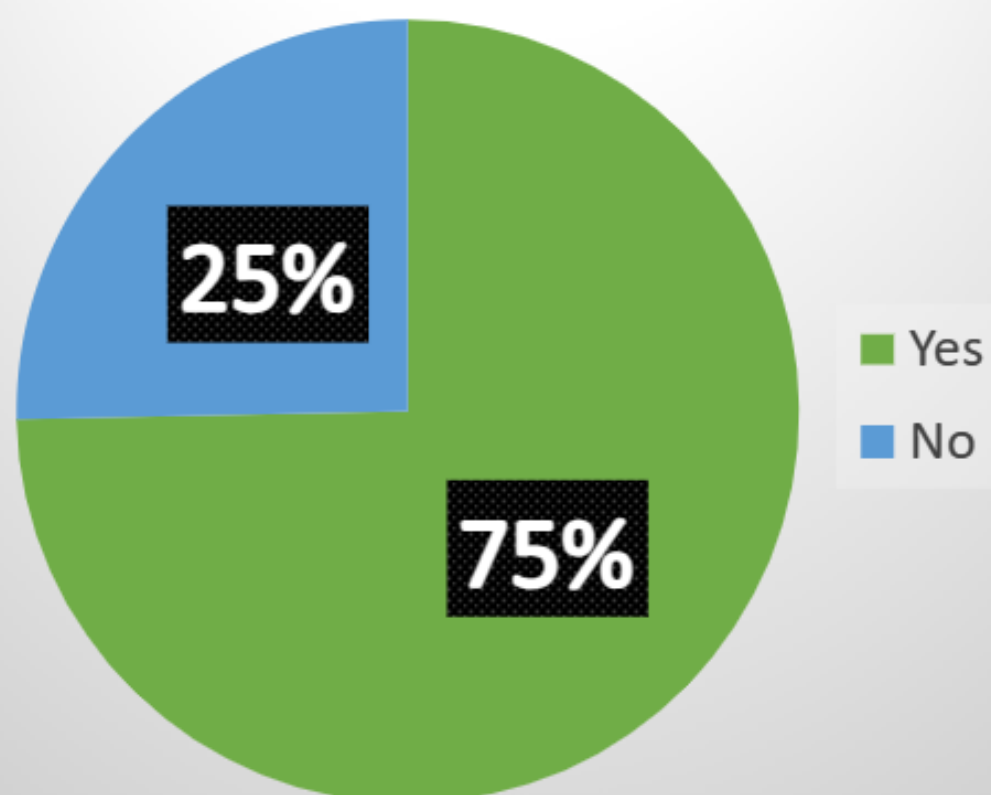
Is social media a good thing or a bad thing?



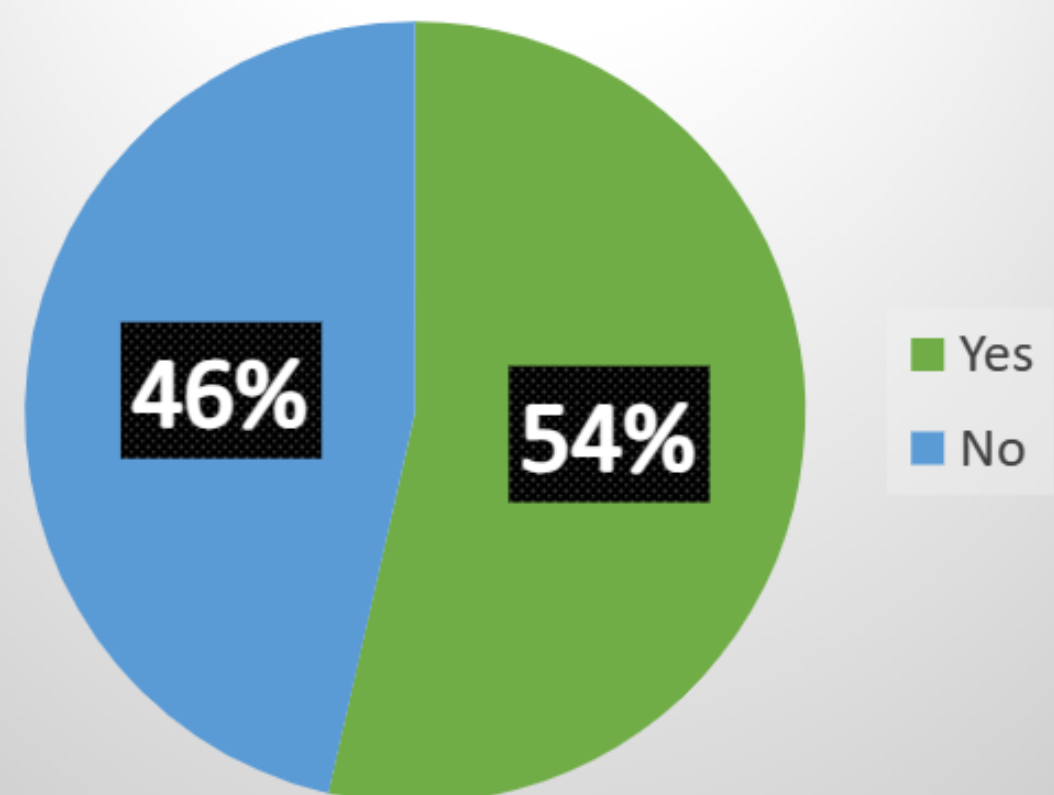
Should we allow a government to change PM without the public voting?



Can TV be as educational as reading?



Does pineapple belong on pizza?



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The Academic



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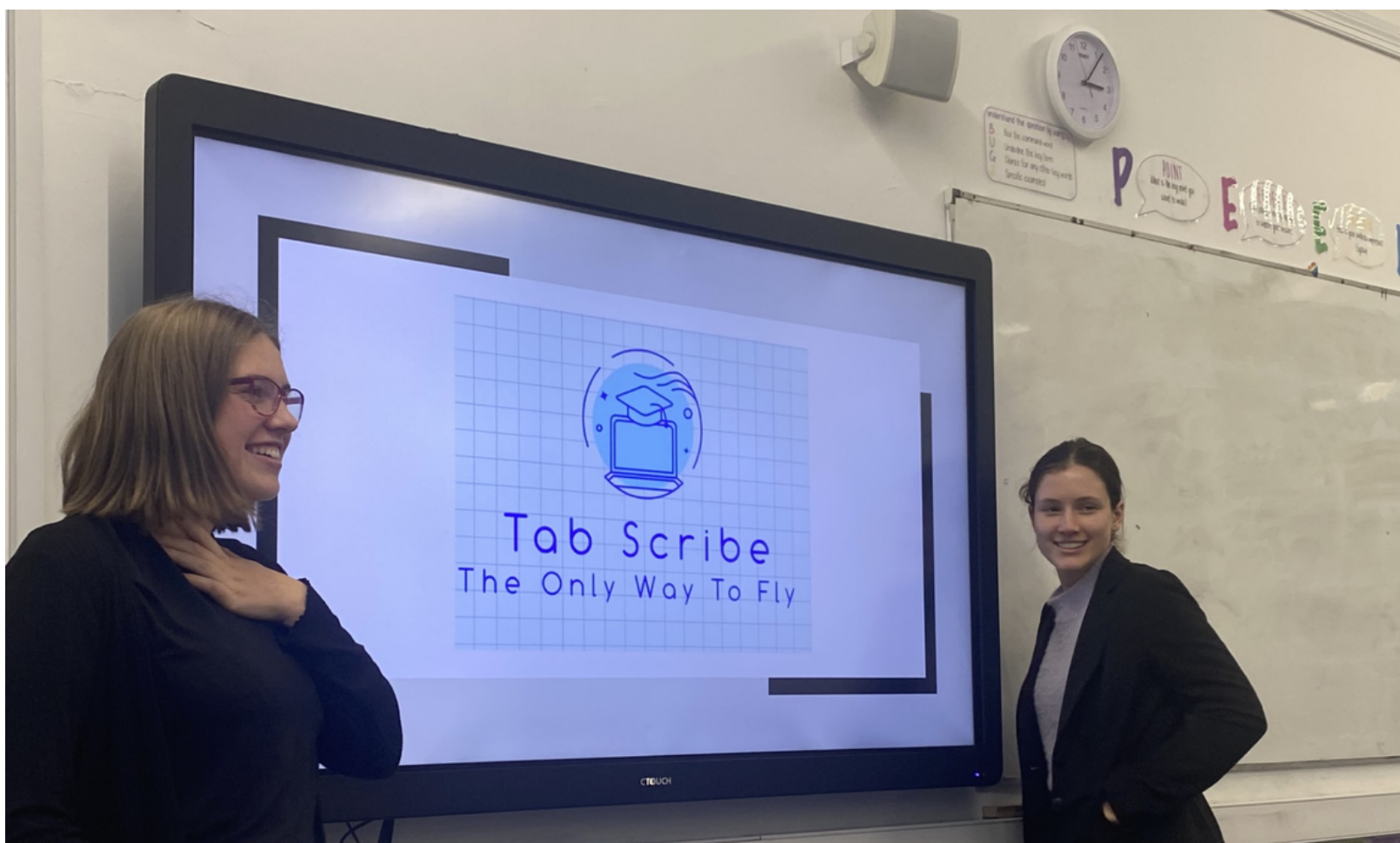
Autumn Half Term Highlights...

Daira, Safa and Olivia (Year 10) wrote to the Mayor as part of their ACTIVE citizenship personal development project and received a reply inviting them to discuss their thoughts and ideas regarding affordable travel costs in more detail. They are now in the process of setting up that meeting.



Students in year 7 - 10 took part in the BBC Bitesize Careers Tour

Over 35 extracurricular clubs and activities offered to students in all year groups



Year 12 students took part in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition as part of their Personal Development Day

Students in Year 11 - 13 have started their individual careers meetings with our careers advisor Ruth (Career Connect)

This half term...

Personal Development Lessons

Year 7 - Celebrating Difference & Personal Discovery Project

Year 8 - Dreams and Goals & Step into the NHS Competition

Year 9 - Changing Me & Unilever Personal Development Project

Year 10 - Budgeting and Study Skills

Year 11 - Healthy Relationships

Year 12 and 13 will have sessions with Brook on their Personal Development Day

Year 11 and 12 will have an Apprenticeship talk

Form Time

| Week A Week B | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Year 7 | Main Hall Assembly Interform Challenge | Achievement Journal Achievement Journal | WKGS Debates Prep WKGS Debates | House Competitions House Assembly | Numeracy Literacy |
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| Year 10 | Achievement Journal Achievement Journal | Main Hall Assembly Interform Challenge | WKGS Debates Prep WKGS Debates | House Assembly House Competitions | Numeracy Literacy |
| Year 11 | Numeracy Literacy | Study Skills Study Skills | Main Hall Assembly Wellbeing | House Assembly House Competitions | Numeracy Literacy |
| Year 12 | Sixth Form form time activity | Sixth Form form time activity | Year Group Assembly Year Group Assembly | House Assembly House Competitions | Main Hall Assembly Sixth Form form time activity |
| Year 13 | Sixth Form form time activity | Year Group Assembly Year Group Assembly | Sixth Form form time activity | House Assembly House Competitions | Main Hall Assembly Sixth Form form time activity |

WKGS Debates

This half term students will be considering the following questions:

Should all teenagers have to volunteer in their local community.

Is the future of school online?

Is technology taking or creating jobs?

✨ Exciting Opportunities Await! ✨

Stay in the loop with 'WKGS Futures' on Instagram (@wkgsfutures) and X (@WKGSFutures) for the latest on work experience and more! Examples below.

#WKGSFutures
#StayConnected
#OpportunitiesAwait

Year 10 - 12

Extracurricular Opportunities

STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD WITH

Medical Extra-Curricular Activities

Participating in extracurricular activities is of utmost importance for aspiring medical students. Engaging in activities outside of academics showcases a well-rounded personality and demonstrates your commitment to personal growth. However, balancing extracurriculars alongside exams and the demanding process of a medical school application can be incredibly challenging. That's why it becomes crucial to carefully select the most medically relevant extracurricular activities that offer the most value in terms of skill development and application requirements. You can access these through your free Medic Mentor Student Portal!



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<https://medicmentor.org/medical-extracurricular-activities/>

Redefine
Your Possible



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Year 7 - 13

Competition



Are you the next space explorer or climate change hero?

Do you have an idea that will transform people's lives?

More information

<https://www.thebigbang.org.uk/the-big-bang-competition/>

Deadline: 27th March

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