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# Personal Development Newsletter

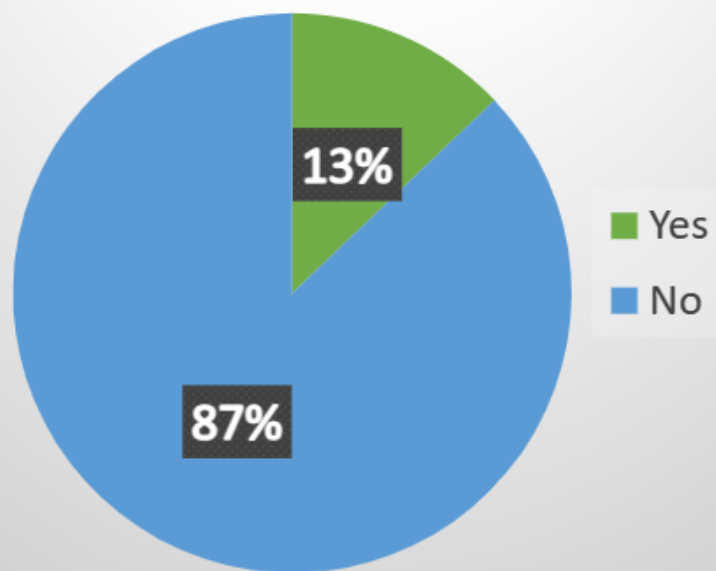
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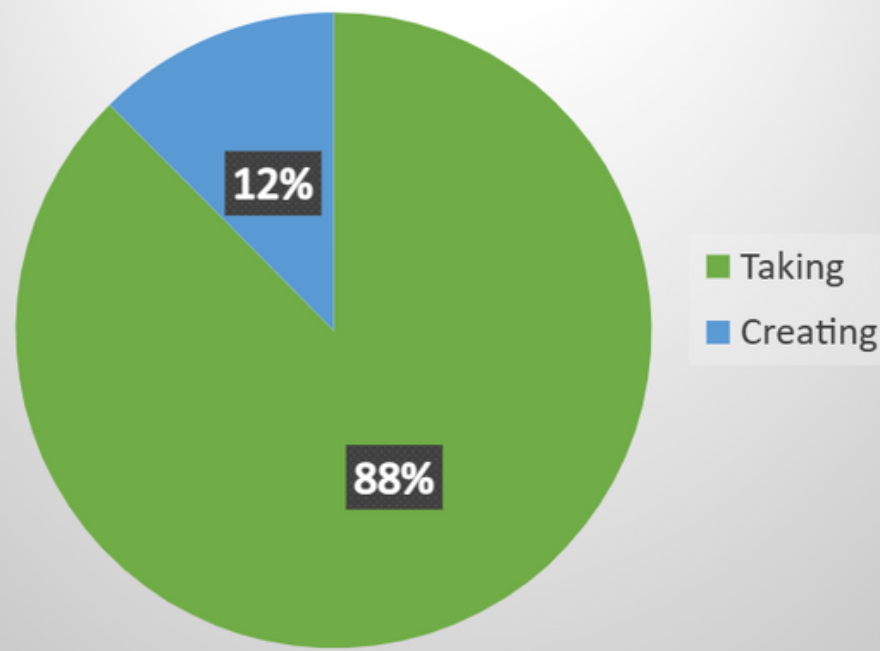
## WKGS Debates - Spring 1 Results



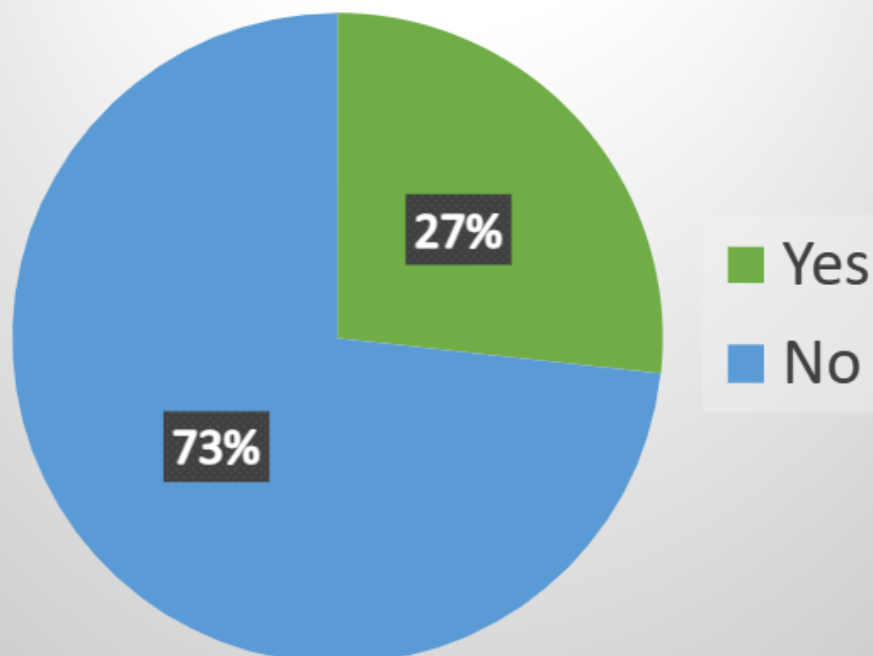
All teenagers should have to volunteer in their local community?



Is technology taking or creating jobs



Is the future of school online?



## WKGS Reads - Spring

As part of our form time programme students in year 7 - 11 have bi-weekly literacy sessions. Throughout the spring term, these sessions will be dedicated to 'WKGS Reads,' a programme crafted to enable students to explore short passages with their form tutor focusing on specific topics. Following the reading, students, according to their year group, will engage in brief tasks related to the text. These tasks may involve summarising the content, responding to or generating discussion topics and debate questions, or completing small literacy exercises.

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# Spring 1 Highlights...



## Subject Talks

Year 11-13

**January / February 2024**

**Isabella McGoldrick - 12/1/24**  
Former student studying Politics at Bristol University

**Abigail Bennett LLP - 19/1/24**  
Talk on studying and careers in Law

**Sam Sephton - 26/1/24**  
Former student discussing Paramedic Science as a career

**University of Lancaster - 2/2/24**  
Talk on modern foreign languages courses

**Journalism and Media - 9/2/24**  
Talk on courses and careers

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Redefine  
**Your Possible**

An exciting range of subject talks have been enjoyed by students in years 11 - 13. Some of these sessions were delivered by former WKGS students.



## Step into the NHS

Inspire yourself  
Raise your career aspirations  
Discover over 350 NHS careers

Year 8 have been working on the 'Step into the NHS' competition



## Future Innovators

Year 9 have begun the Unilever Future Innovators challenge

Sophie, Jess, Frances and Sathvika (Year 12) have qualified for the next stage of the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow National Competition



 **all about FUTURES**

**THE ASK PROGRAMME**  
APPRENTICESHIPS  
TRAINEESHIPS  
T LEVELS

 **Apprenticeships**

We celebrated National Apprenticeship Week with several workshops and talks including a session from All About Futures

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# This half term...

## Personal Development Lessons

Year 7 - Study Skills and Project Presentations

Year 8 - Citizenship and Study Skills

Year 9 - Study Skills and Unilever Personal Development Project

Year 10 - Study Skills

Year 11 - Income & Tax, Looking after your finances and Staying safe from frauds & scams

### National Careers Week

4th - 8th March

All students will have lessons about careers in subject areas.

Year 7 - 10 will have workshops with our Careers Advisor

Staff will share their 'Career Profiles' with students to celebrate Careers Week

Some of our year 10 students were successful in applying to become peer coaches - they will begin their work with small groups of years 7/8s to complete the Changemaker Challenge



## WKGS Debates

This half term students will be considering the following questions:

Is money a key criteria for job selection?

Should women footballers get paid the same as men?

## ☀️ 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

### March 2024

We are launching our Shaping Futures Programme which involves many of our year 12s mentoring year 4 students from local primary schools



All students will complete the 2024 'Big Legal Lesson' during the week beginning 11th March



International Women's Day will be celebrated with talks from the Police for Years 7 - 10 and form time activities for all.

Year 12 have a Personal Development day on Monday 25th March

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