

OLDHAM YOUTH COUNCIL



Make Your Mark 2017 Report



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INTRODUCTION

Every year the United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) holds a UK-wide ballot called 'Make Your Mark', where all young people, 11 – 18, can vote on what they feel is important in their lives and what they think Members of the Youth Parliament should campaign on for the year ahead. The UK Youth Parliament is managed by the British Youth Council (BYC), a youth-led charity which aims to empower young people across the UK to have a say and be heard.

On the 10th November 2017 Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) came together to debate and decide, at the UKYP House of Commons sitting, the issues to campaign on for the year ahead. The issues debated were the top 5 issues via the 'Make your Mark' public vote.

This report details the results of 'Make Your Mark' from the Oldham borough down to a school level and includes both the regional and national results.

MAKE YOUR MARK ISSUES

As with previous years, 10 topics were shortlisted on to the ballots papers by the MYPs from the UKYP manifesto. The topics shortlisted for this year's ballot were:

- **A curriculum to prepare us for life.** Schools should cover topics like finance, sex and relationship education and politics.
- **Votes at 16.** Give 16 and 17 year olds the right to vote in all elections/referendums.
- **Protect LGBT+ people.** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender+ young people deserve to be treated the same as everyone else; discrimination needs to be challenged.
- **Support for young carers.** Government should increase funding to support Young Carers. Schools and youth organisations should work together better to support them.
- **Transport.** Make public transport cheaper, better and accessible for all.
- **First aid education for all young people.** All young people should learn basic First Aid, on a regular basis, including CPR, and all schools in the UK should have a defibrillator.
- **Mental health.** Services should be improved with young people's help.
- **Make the invisible visible.** Not all debilitating illnesses and conditions are visible eg. epilepsy, autism and diabetes can be isolating. Young people should work together to raise awareness.
- **Protect schools budgets from damaging cuts.** Government should reverse the proposed cuts to schools so that each young person has an equal chance to succeed.
- **Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds.** Knowing where to find work experience can be challenging. Government should create an online space to help young people with this.

BALLOTING

Oldham's young people had three ways to get involved and have their say.

- Fill in an individual ballot paper, placing a cross in a box as they would in an election.
- Take part in a discussion group with a group leader, such as a teacher, then noting how many voted for each topic and completing a tally sheet to record the results.
- Fill in an online ballot form.

In Oldham the first two options were co-ordinated by Oldham Youth Council with our Youth Councillors and support staff contacting the schools and asking them to complete the tally sheets in form time or assemblies. The Youth Councillors then took the individual ballot papers to youth groups and organisations to capture those young people not educated in Oldham or whose school did not participate.

The online ballot option was managed and collected by BYC. The online results for Oldham have been added to this report and represent less than 0.03% of the total votes.

TARGETS

Once again, for 2017, the national target was set at 1,000,000 young people to be consulted with and the North West authorities also kept the same target as 2016, set at 150,000 ballots.

From last year's report, recommendations made to increase participation were to:

- Maintain engagement from the 17 establishments who took part last year
- Increase the numbers of organisations taking part to 20 by
 - Engaging the 1 remaining mainstream school
 - Working with Oldham's 3 special schools on how Make Your Mark can be delivered to pupils with learning difficulties
- Increase participation at all existing schools and colleges

From these recommendations we set Oldham's target at 15,000 ballots.

OLDHAM RESULTS

We were unable to maintain engagement with all of the schools from 2016 as both Collective Spirit and GM (UTC) no longer exist. However, all remaining mainstream schools took part in this year's ballot including the 1 school that didn't take part in 2016. The schools and colleges that took part were:

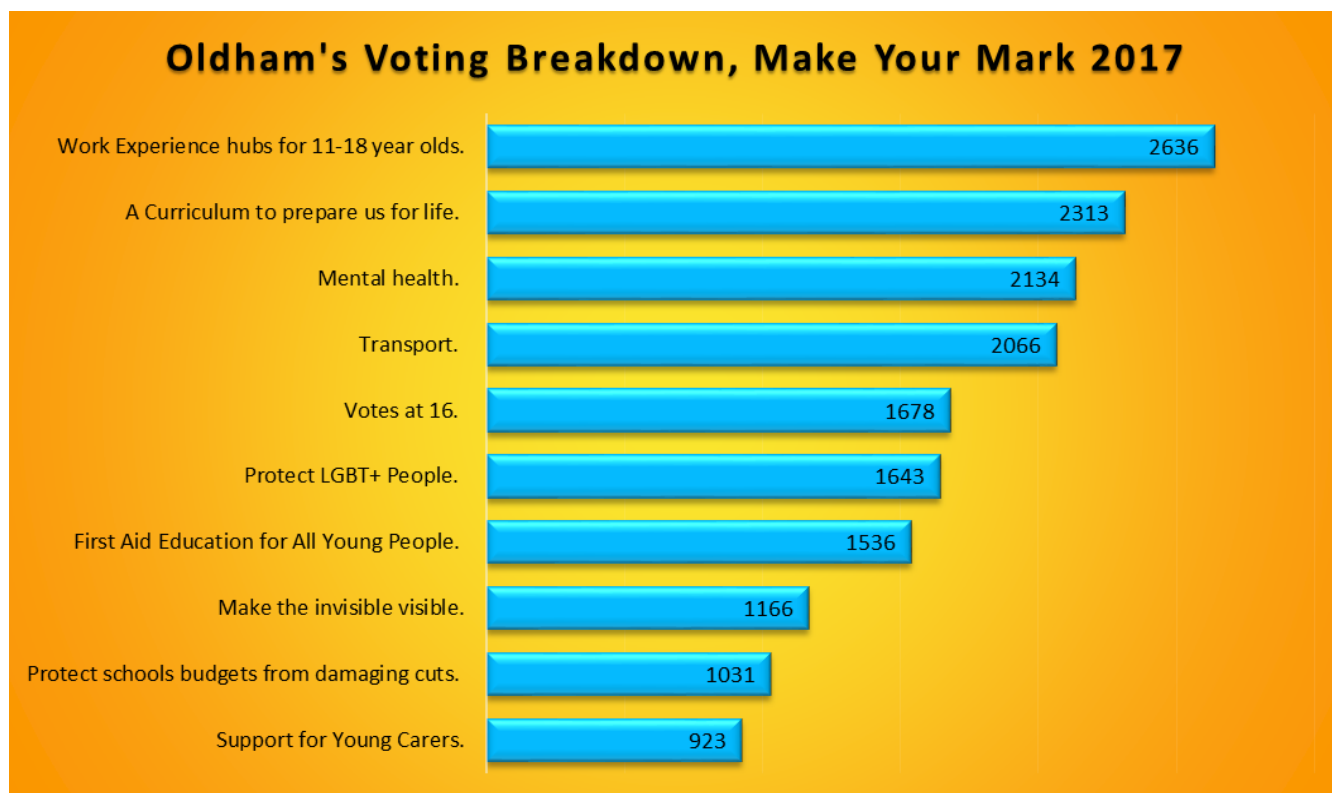
Oldham Youth Council specifically targeted engaging Oldham's Special Schools as none of these schools took part in 2016. We worked with the Newbridge group and were successful in getting ballots into their schools. In total we worked with 21 educational establishments bettering our target by 1.

Our final recommendation was to try and increase participation in existing schools and colleges. We were able to do this in 10 of the 15 organisations who took part both in 2016 and 2017.

All this meant that the total number of young people consulted as part of 'Make Your Mark' in 2017 by Oldham Youth Council was:

17,130

This represents a 71.7% voter turnout



Oldham Youth Council had 3 Make Your Mark Champions who each gathered more than 1000 ballots. The table below shows who these young people are and their position compared to other champions across the UK.

UK Position	Name	School	Ballots
16 th	Alex Robinson	Crompton House CofE School	3,440
22 nd	Andrew Shillito	Oldham College	1,645
76 th	Nathan Randles	n/a	1,270

Oldham Youth Council would officially like to thank all organisations for getting involved and helping their pupils to have a voice not only on what happens in Oldham but also the UK.

We have produced the results as a poster so that each school can display their individual results to show the student body which issues came out top.

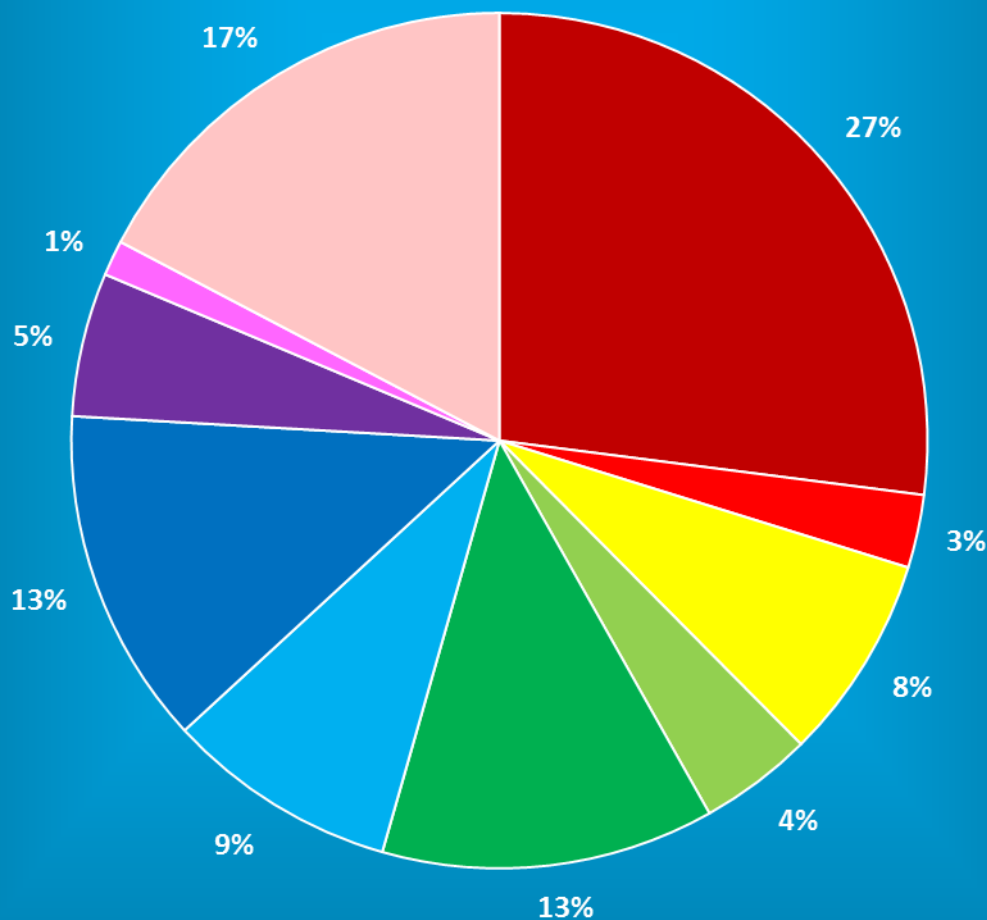


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

Blessed John Henry Newman RC College

With 1,121 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. A curriculum to prepare us for life
2. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
3. Mental health
4. Transport
5. First aid education for all young people



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| ■ Transport | ■ First Aid education for all YP |
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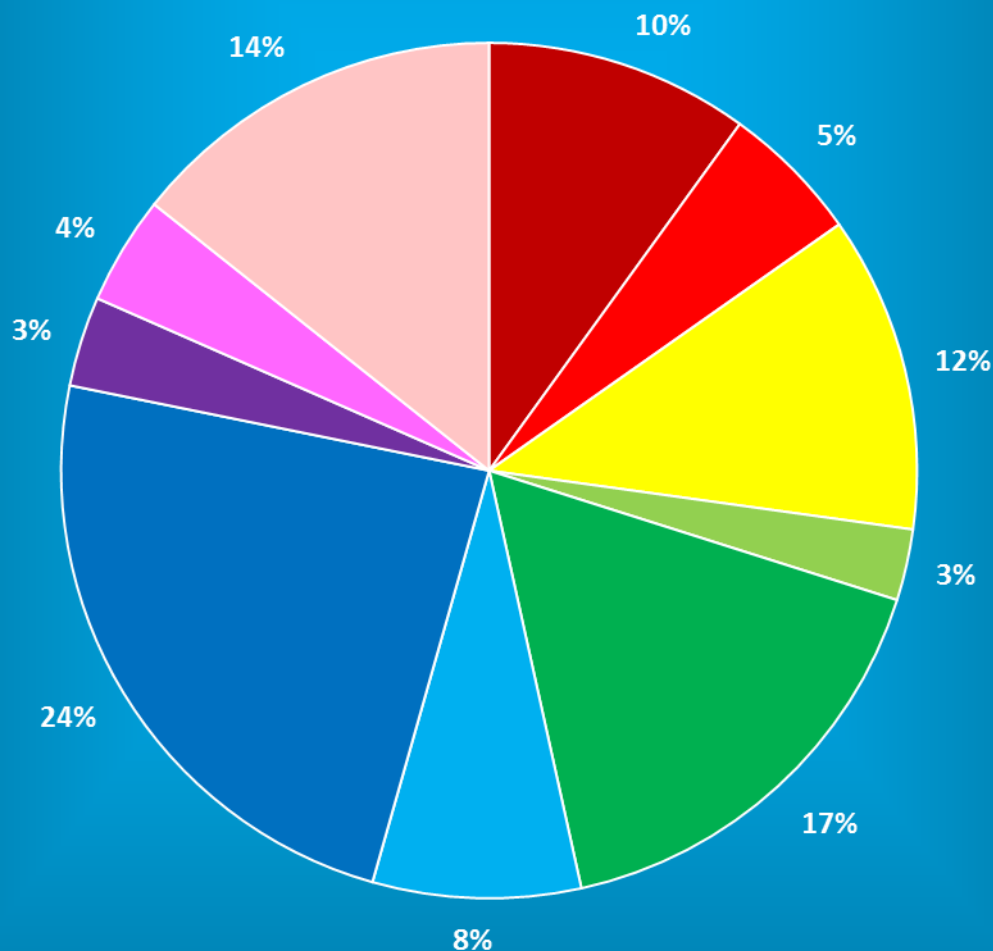


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The Blue Coat C of E School and 6th Form

With 853 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Mental health
2. Transport
3. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
4. Protect LGBT+ people
5. A curriculum to prepare us for life



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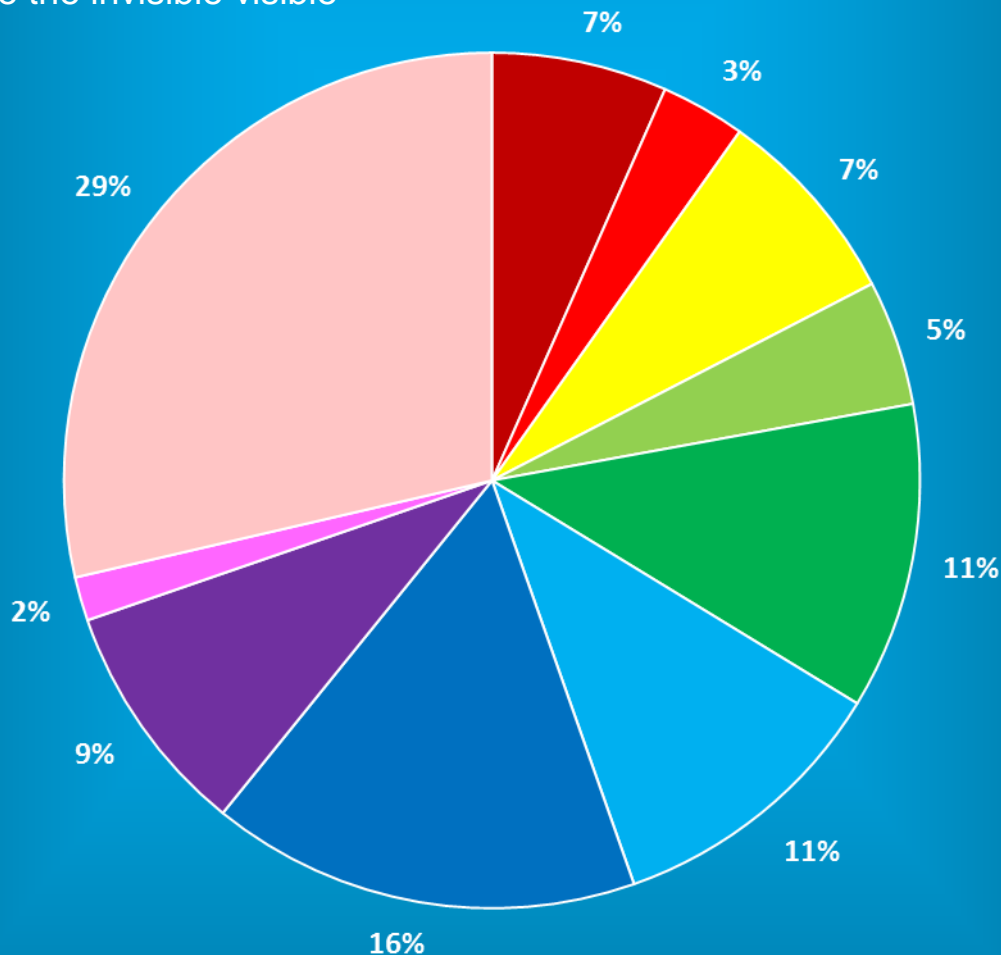


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

Co-op Academy Failsworth

With 845 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
2. Mental health
3. Transport
4. First aid education for all young people
5. Make the invisible visible



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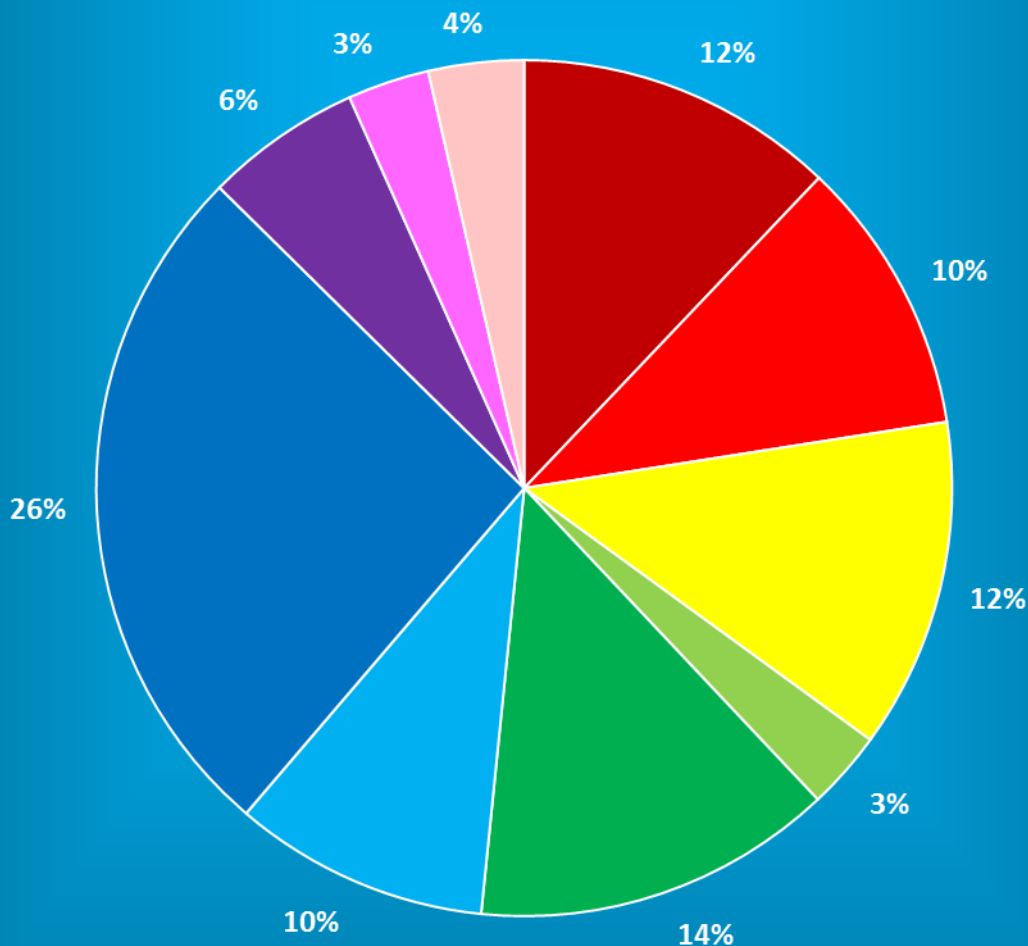


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

Crompton House C of E School

With 777 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Mental health
2. Transport
3. Protect LGBT+ people
4. A curriculum to prepare us for life
5. Votes at 16



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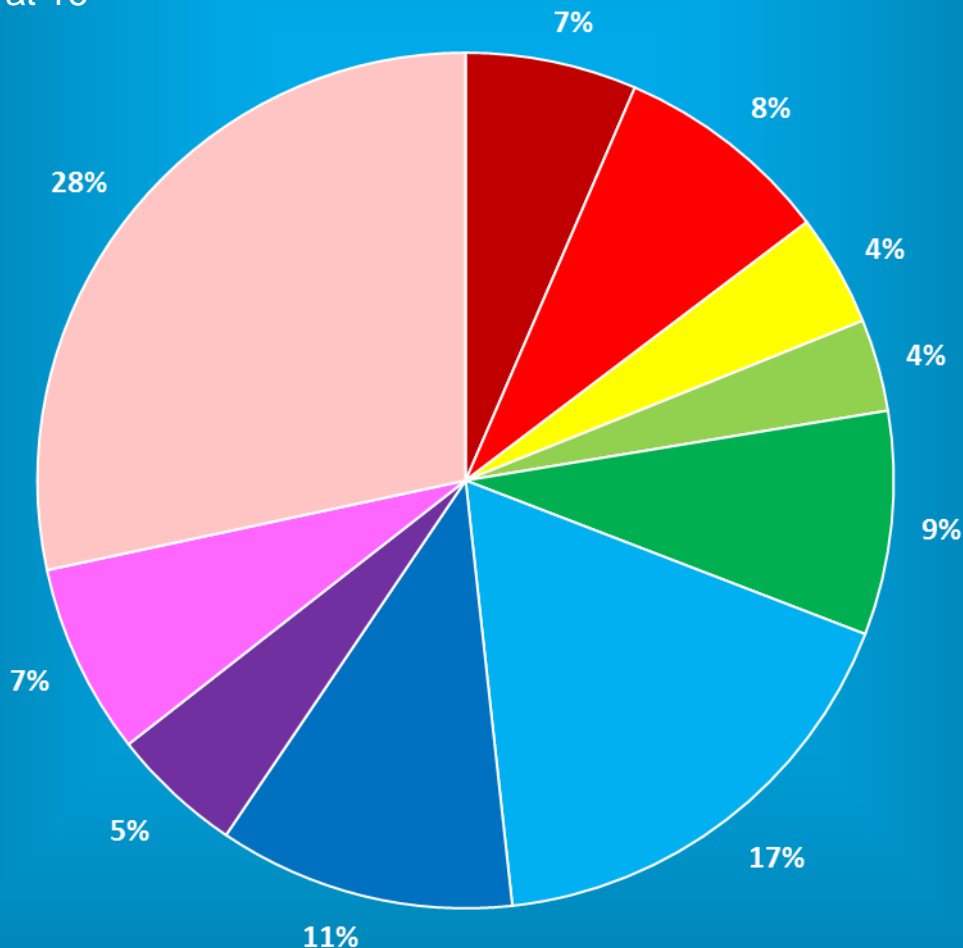


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

The Hathershaw College

With 402 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

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2. First aid education for all young people
3. Mental health
4. Transport
5. Votes at 16



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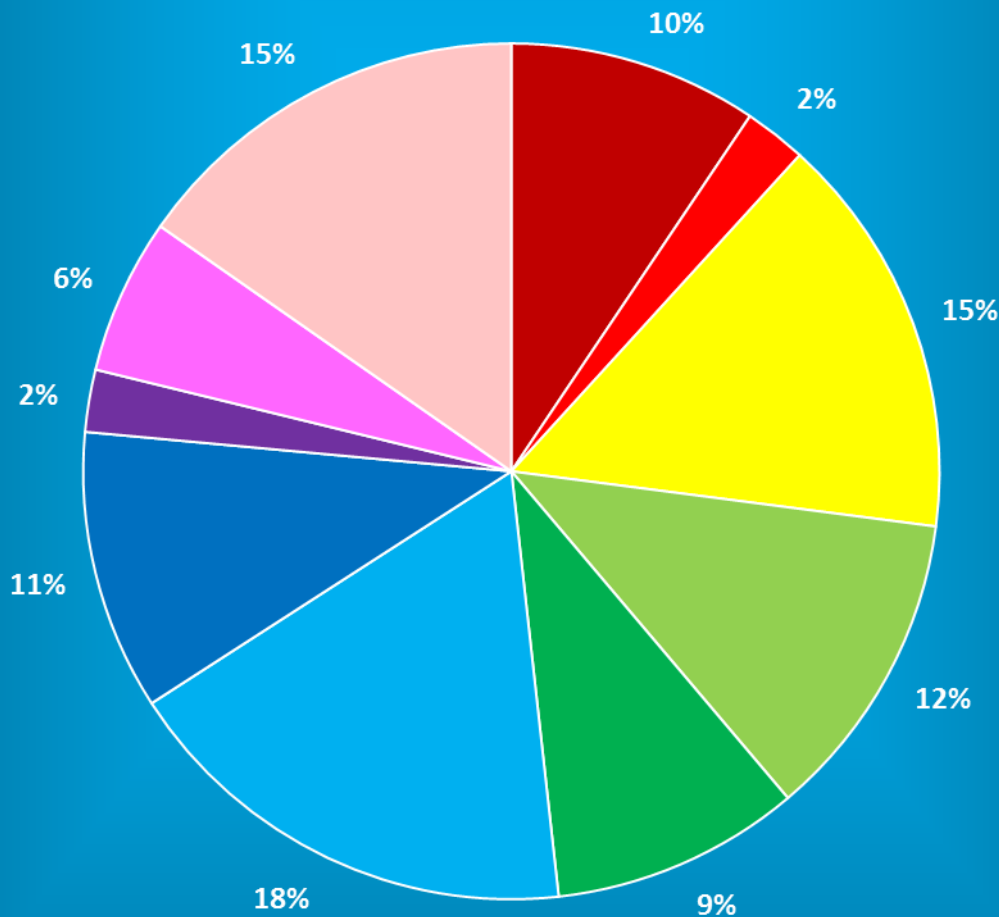


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Hollinwood Academy

With 85 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. First aid education for all young people
2. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
2. Protect LGBT+ people
3. Support for young carers
4. Mental Health



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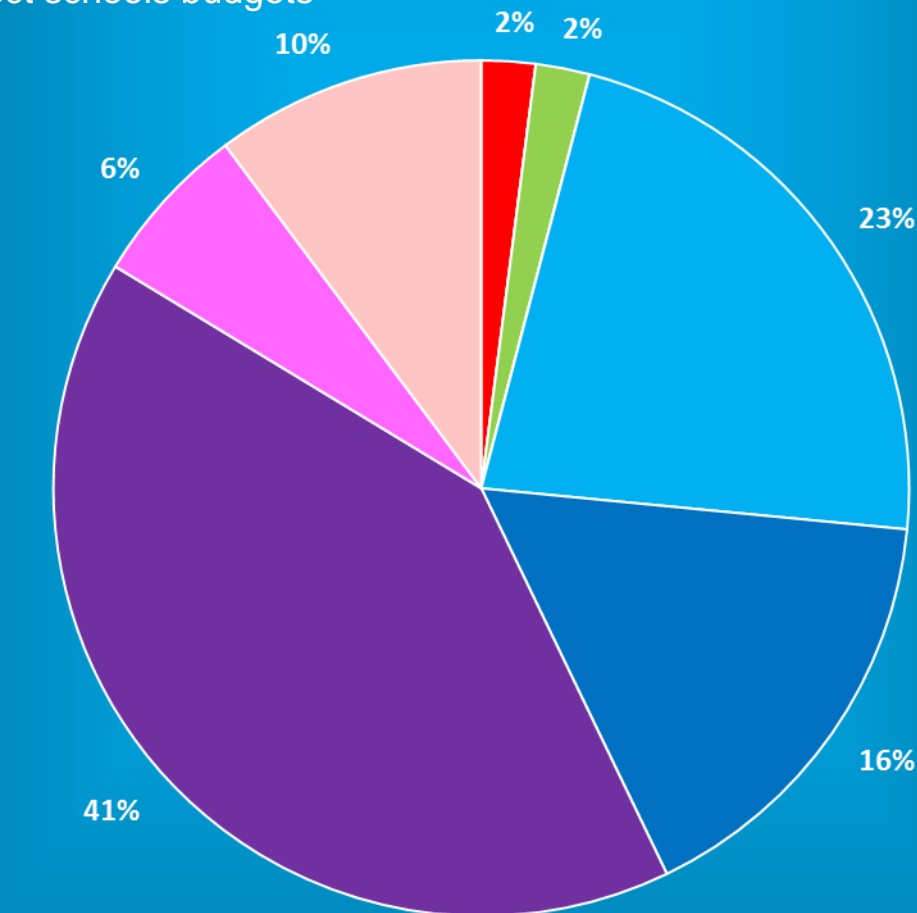


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Iqra High School

With 49 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Make the invisible visible
2. First aid education for all young people
3. Mental health
4. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
5. Protect schools budgets



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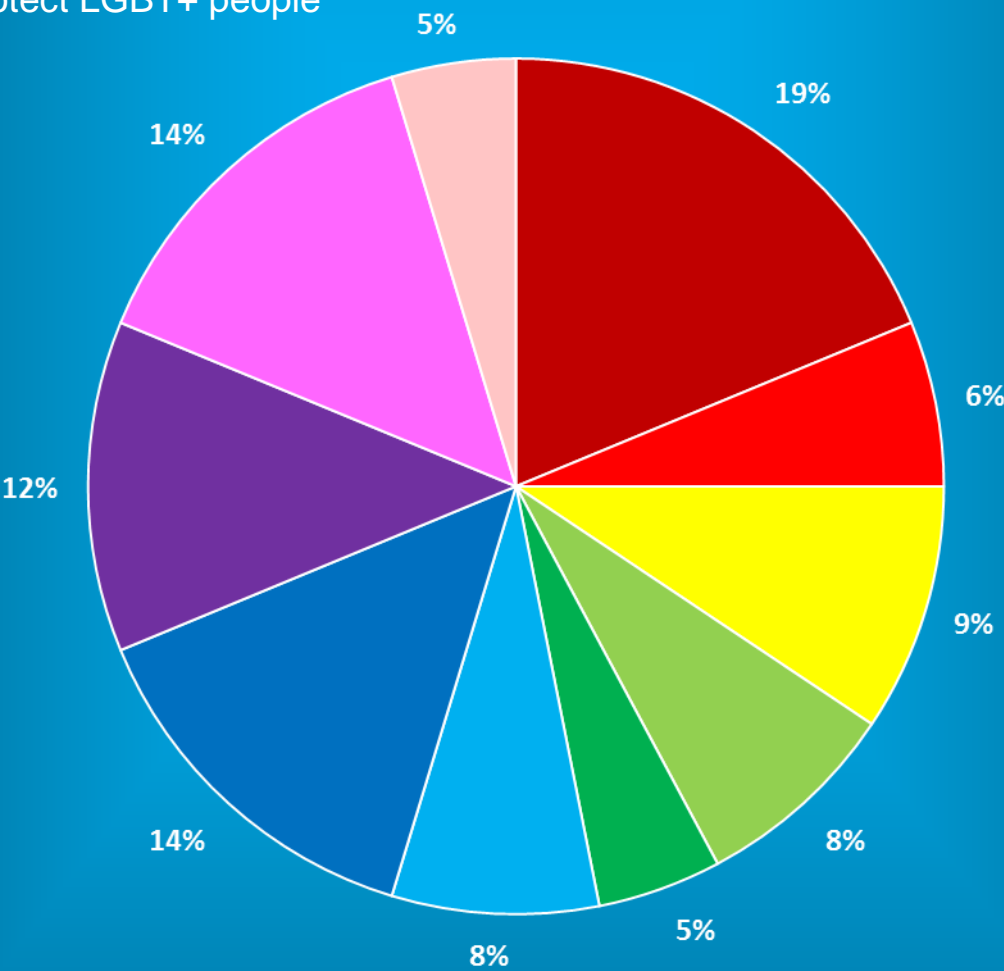


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New Bridge Learning Centre

With 64 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

- 1. A curriculum to prepare us for life
- 2. Mental health
- 3. Protect schools budgets
- 4. Make the invisible visible
- 5. Protect LGBT+ people



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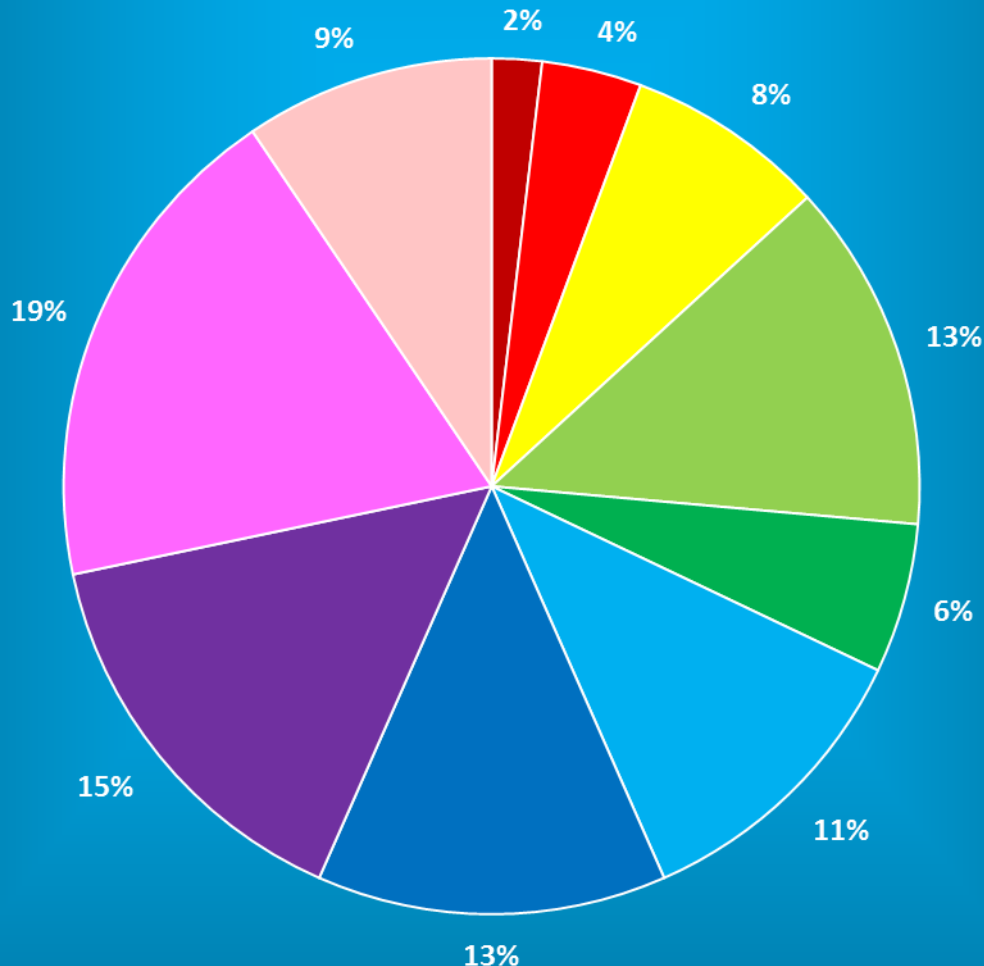


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New Bridge Medtia

With 53 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Protect schools budgets
2. Make the invisible visible
3. Mental health
3. Support for young carers
4. First aid education for all young people



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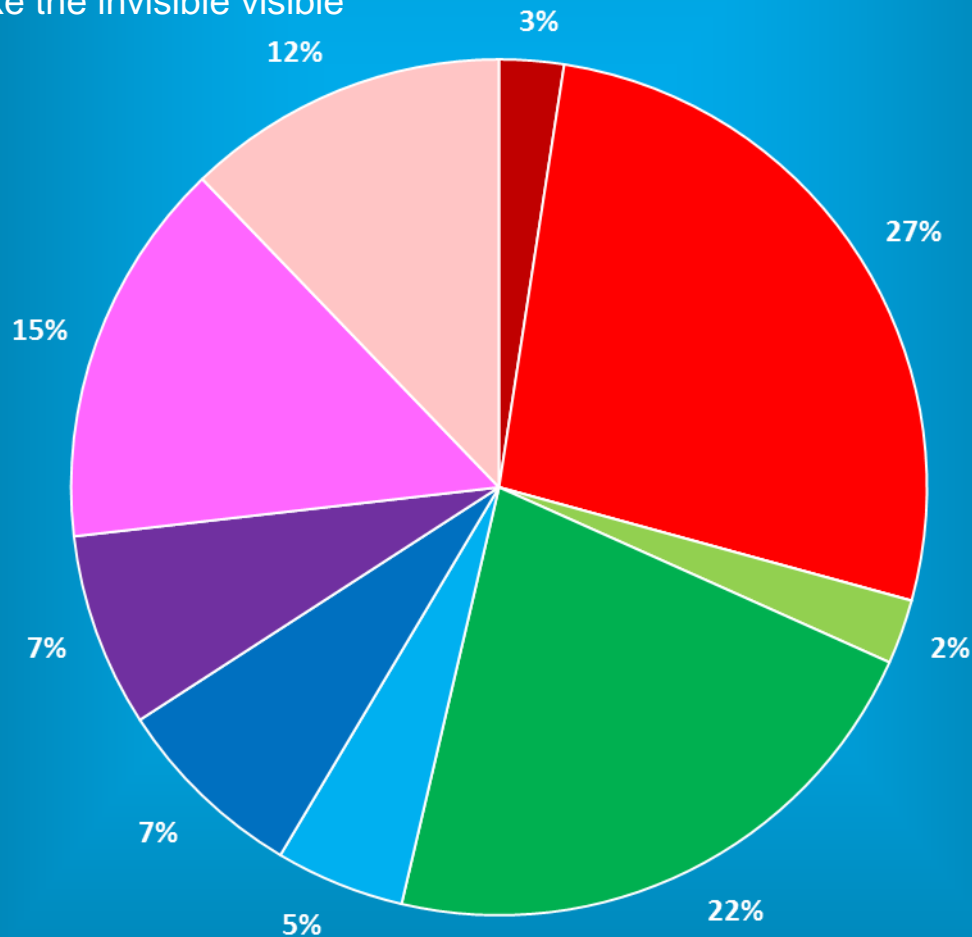


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New Bridge School

With 41 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Votes at 16
2. Transport
3. Protect schools budgets
4. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
5. Make the invisible visible



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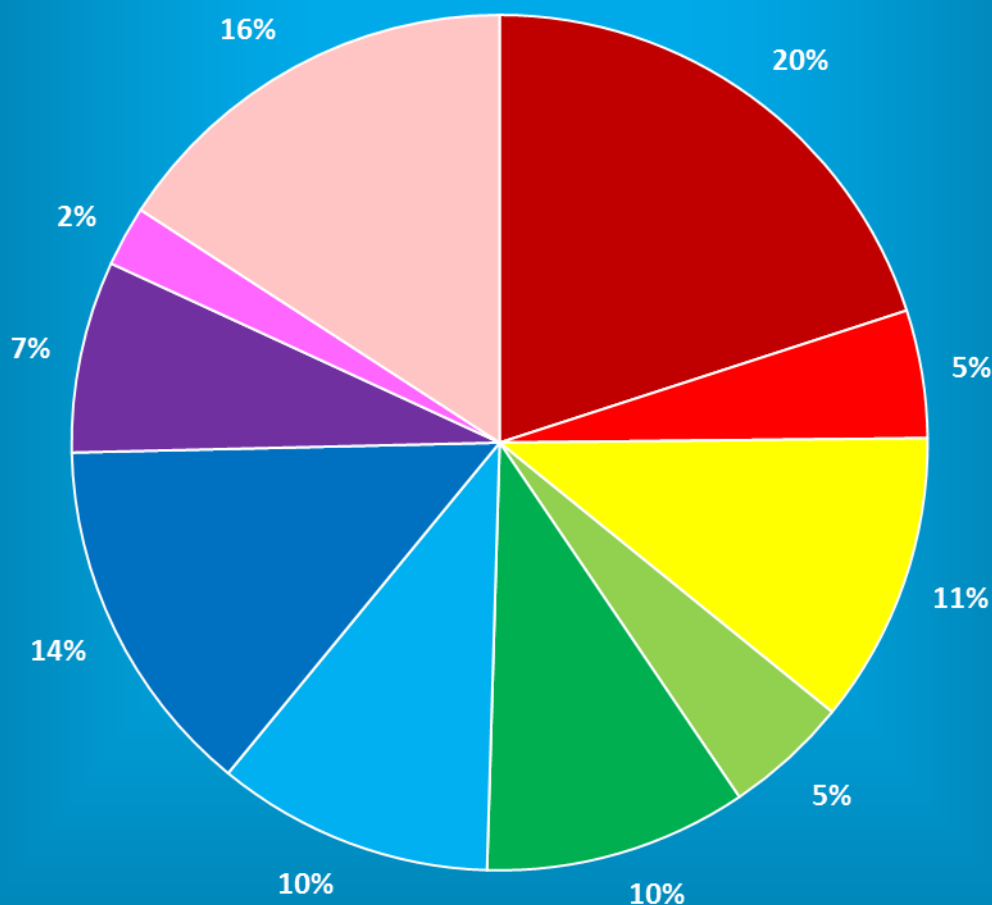


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North Chadderton School and 6th Form

With 745 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. A curriculum to prepare us for life
2. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
3. Mental health
4. Protect LGBT+ people
5. First aid education for all young people



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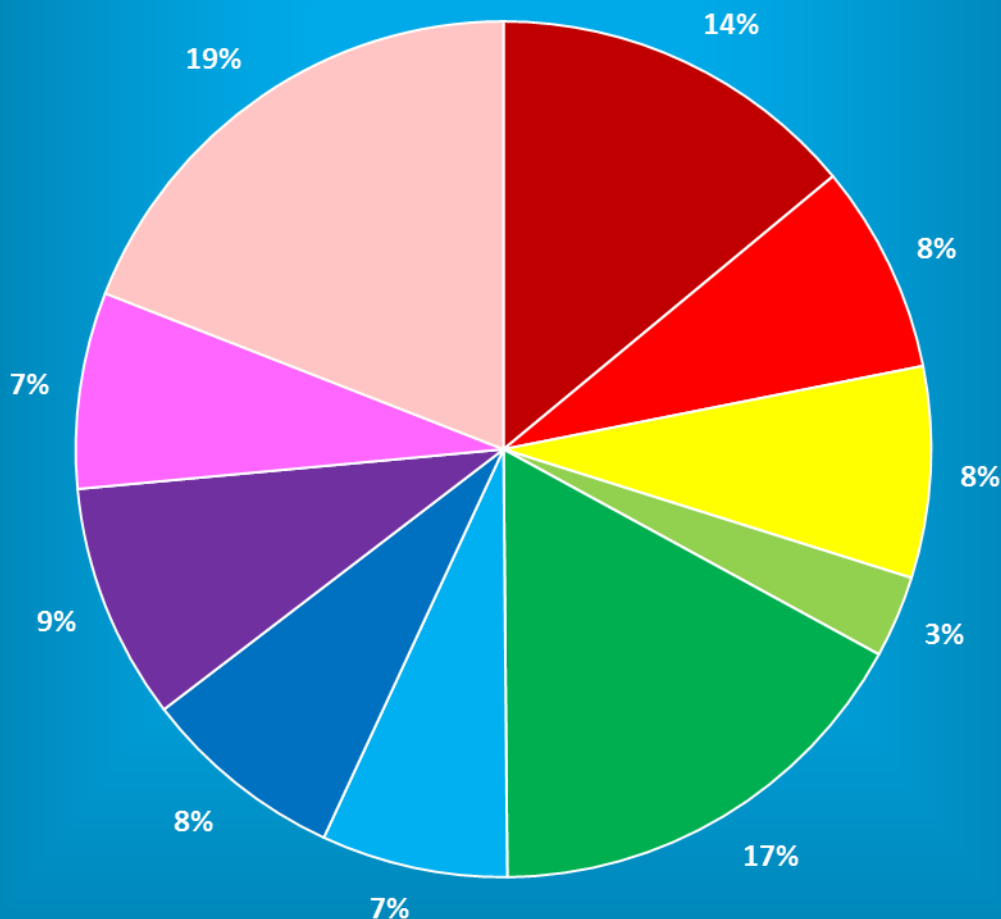


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Oasis Academy Oldham

With 1,065 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
2. Transport
3. A curriculum to prepare us for life
4. Make the invisible visible
5. Protect LGBT+ people



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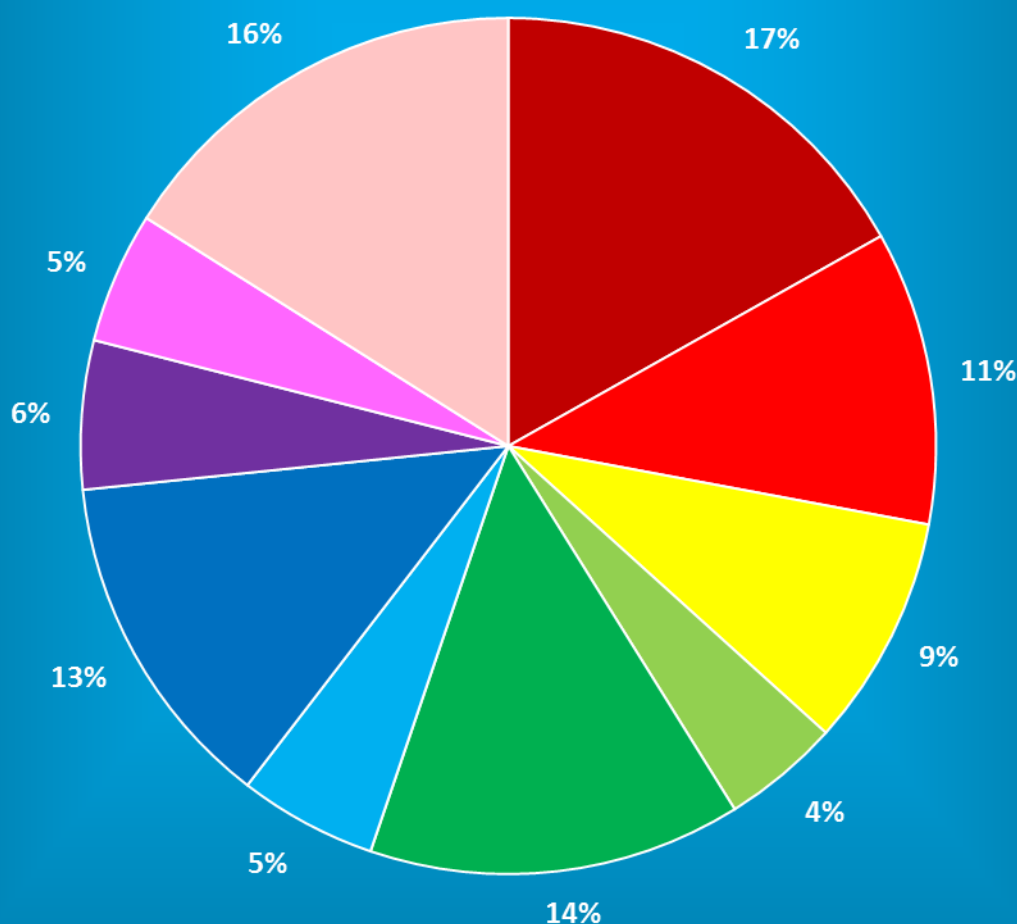


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The Oldham Academy North

With 766 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. A curriculum to prepare us for life
2. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
3. Transport
4. Mental health
5. Votes at 16



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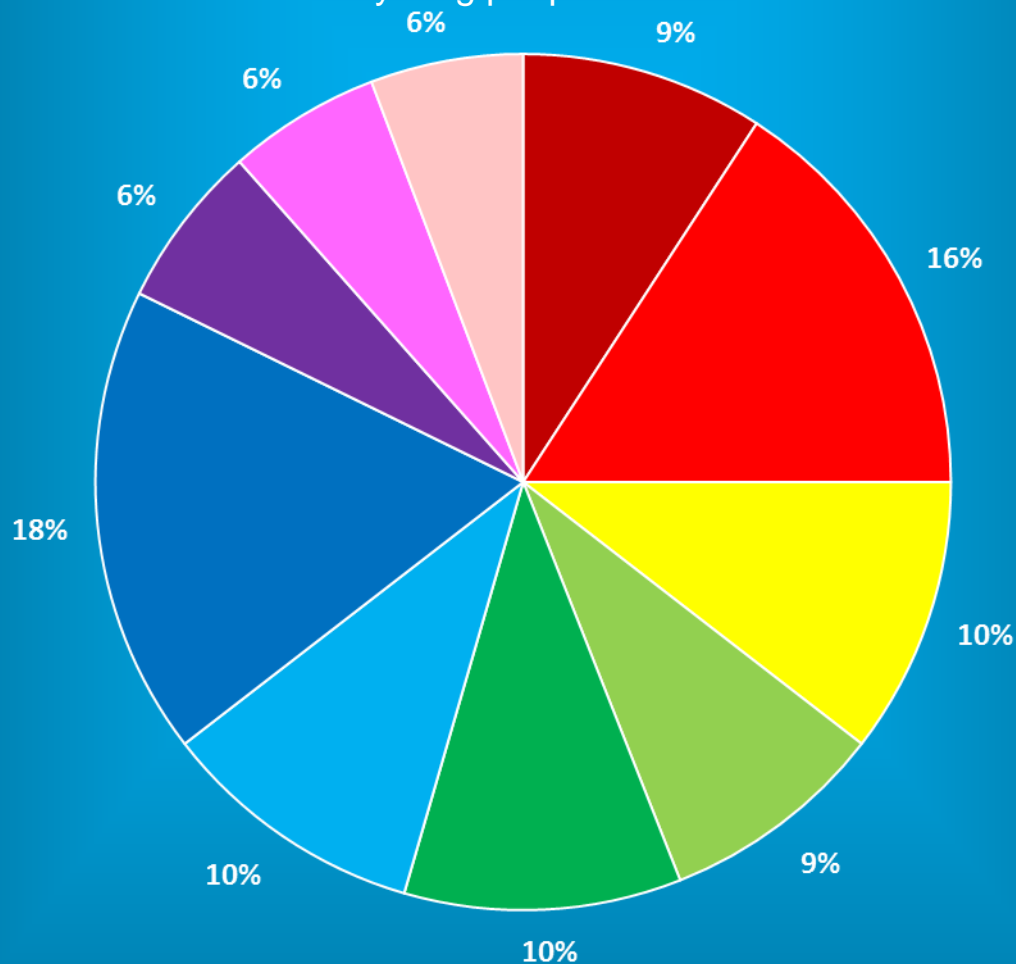


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Oldham College

With 468 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Mental health
2. Votes at 16
3. Protect LGBT+ people
3. Transport
4. First aid education for all young people



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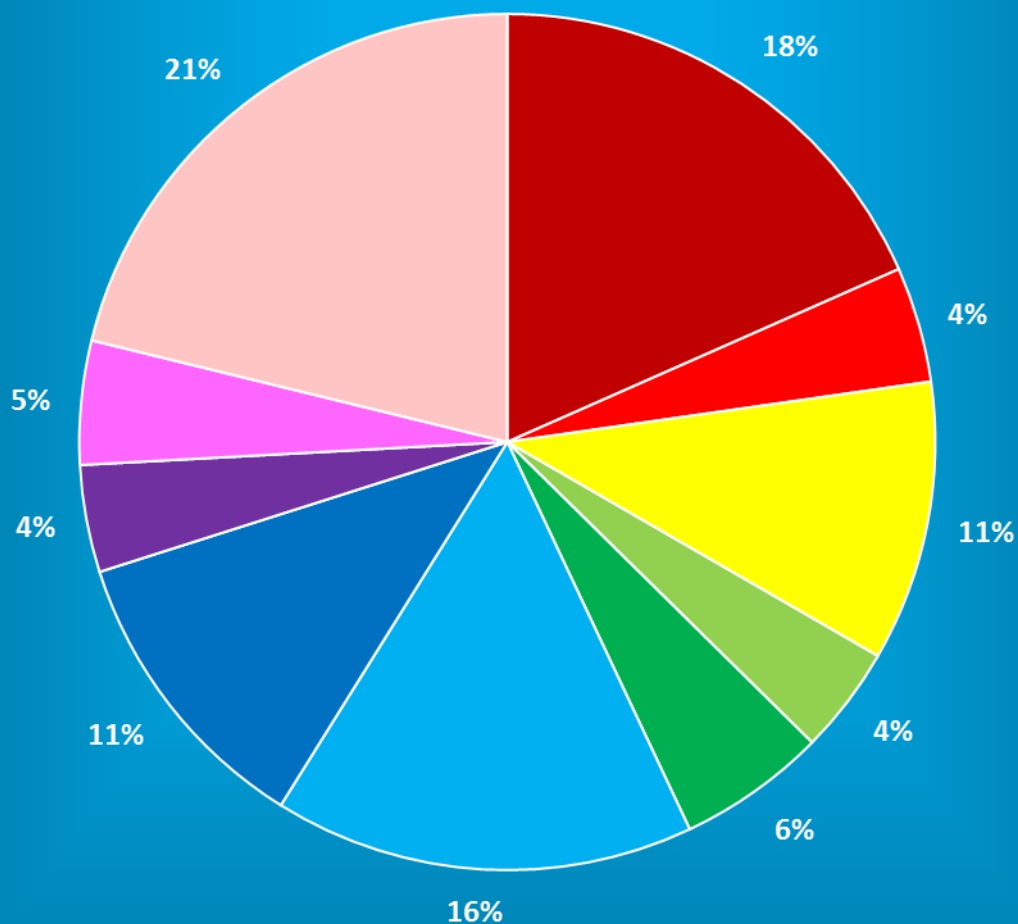


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Oldham Hulme Grammar School

With 321 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
2. A curriculum to prepare us for life
3. First aid education for all young people
4. Mental health
5. Protect LGBT+ people



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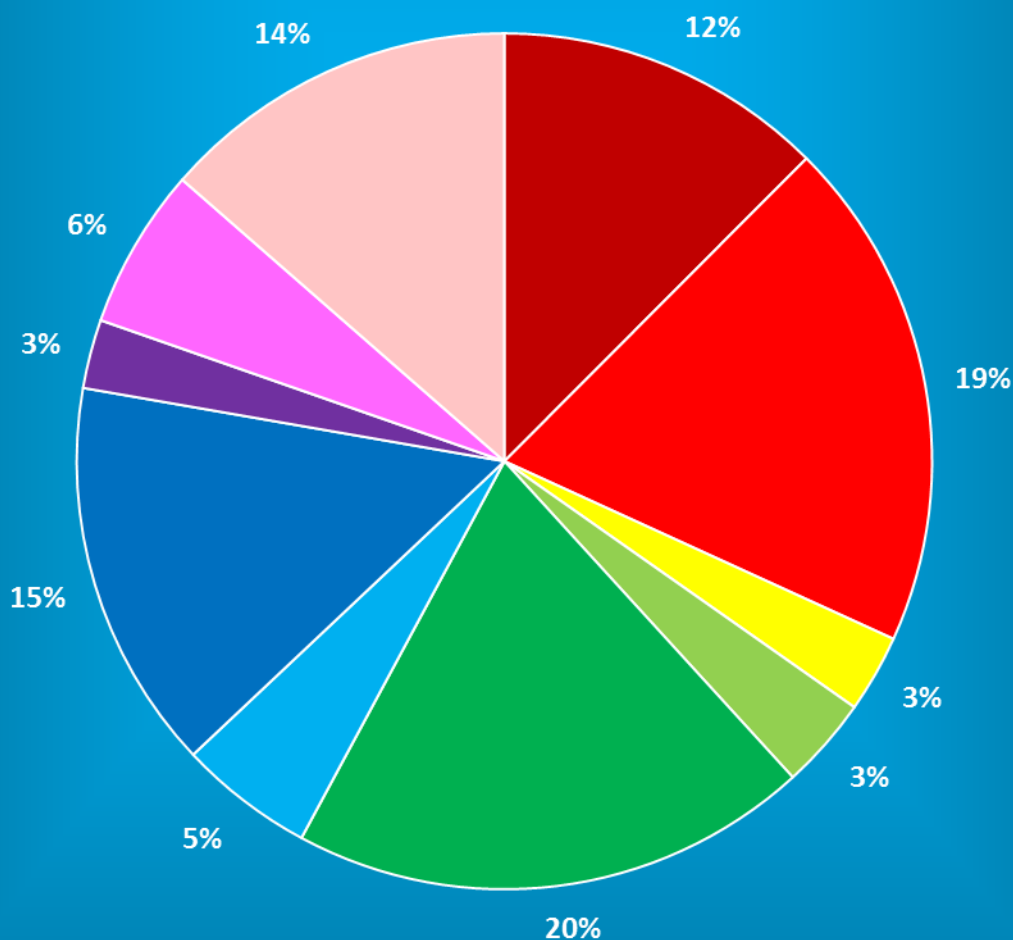


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Oldham Sixth Form College

With 921 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Transport
2. Votes at 16
3. Mental health
4. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
5. A curriculum to prepare us for life



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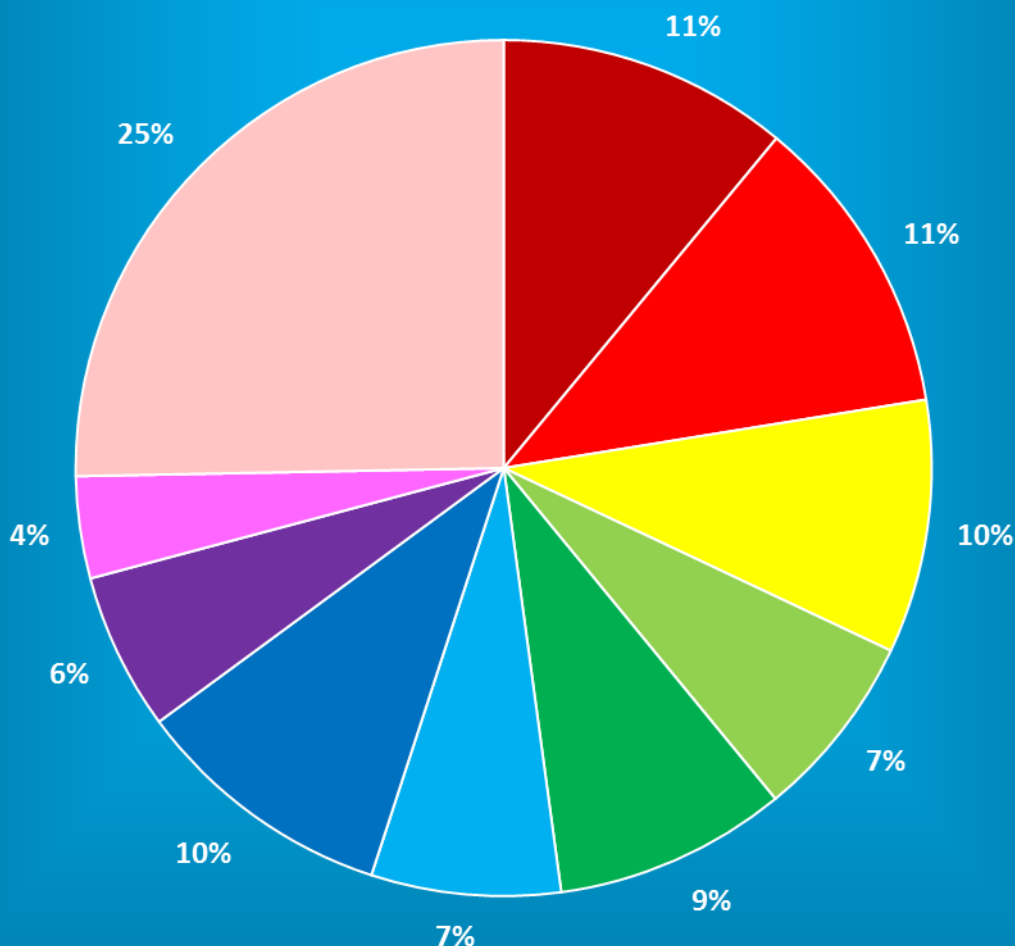


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The Radclyffe School

With 909 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

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2. Votes at 16
3. A curriculum to prepare us for life
4. Mental health
5. Protect LGBT+ people



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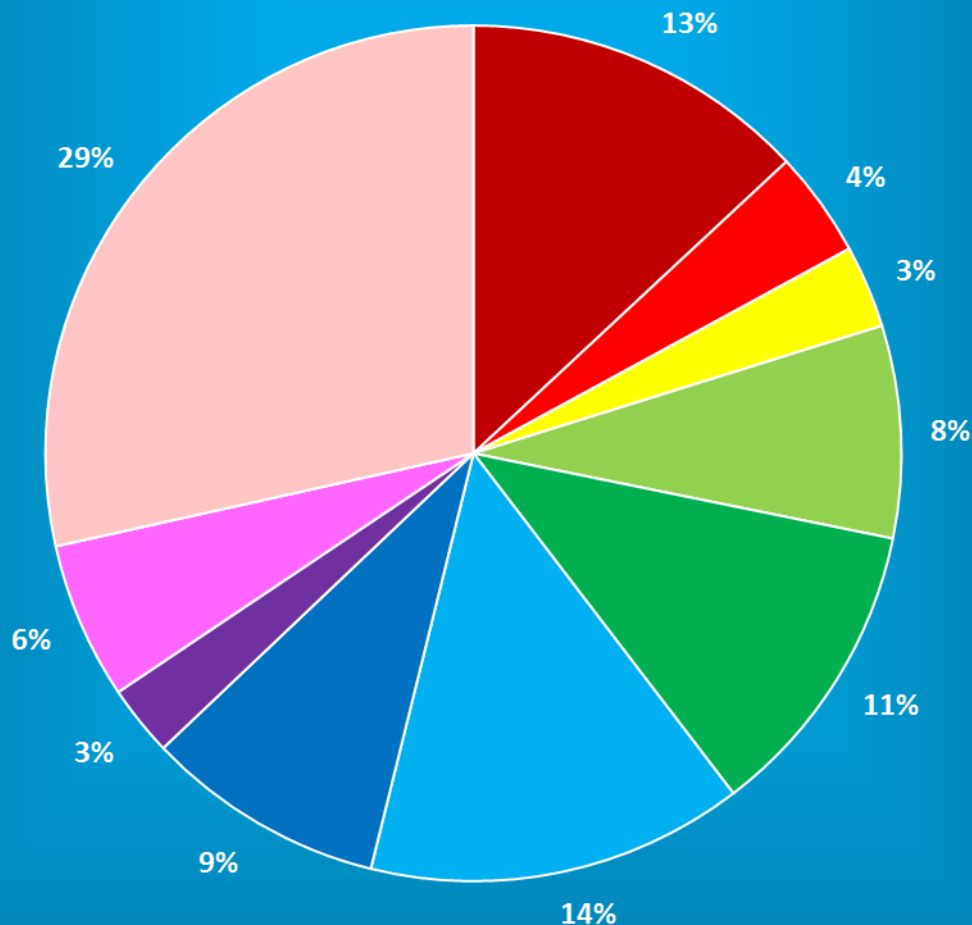


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

Royton & Crompton School

With 674 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

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2. First aid education for all young people
3. A curriculum to prepare us for life
4. Transport
5. Mental health



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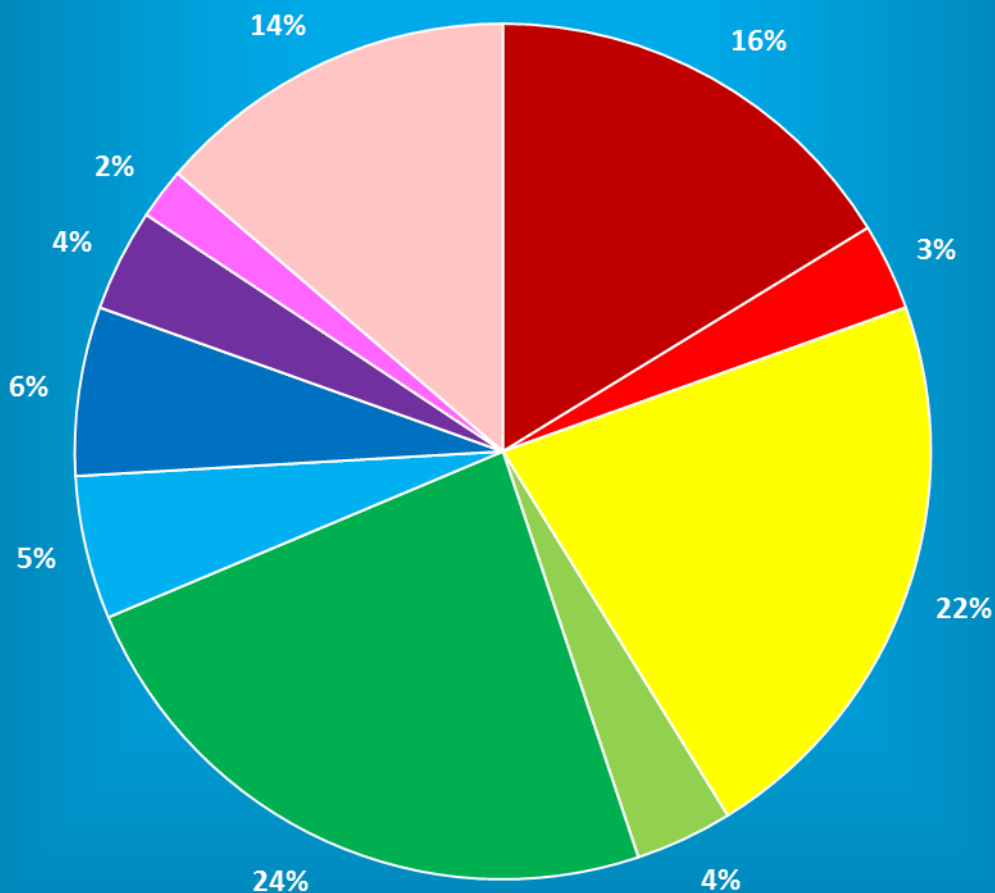


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Saddleworth School

With 517 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Transport
2. Protect LGBT+ people
3. A curriculum to prepare us for life
4. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
5. Mental health



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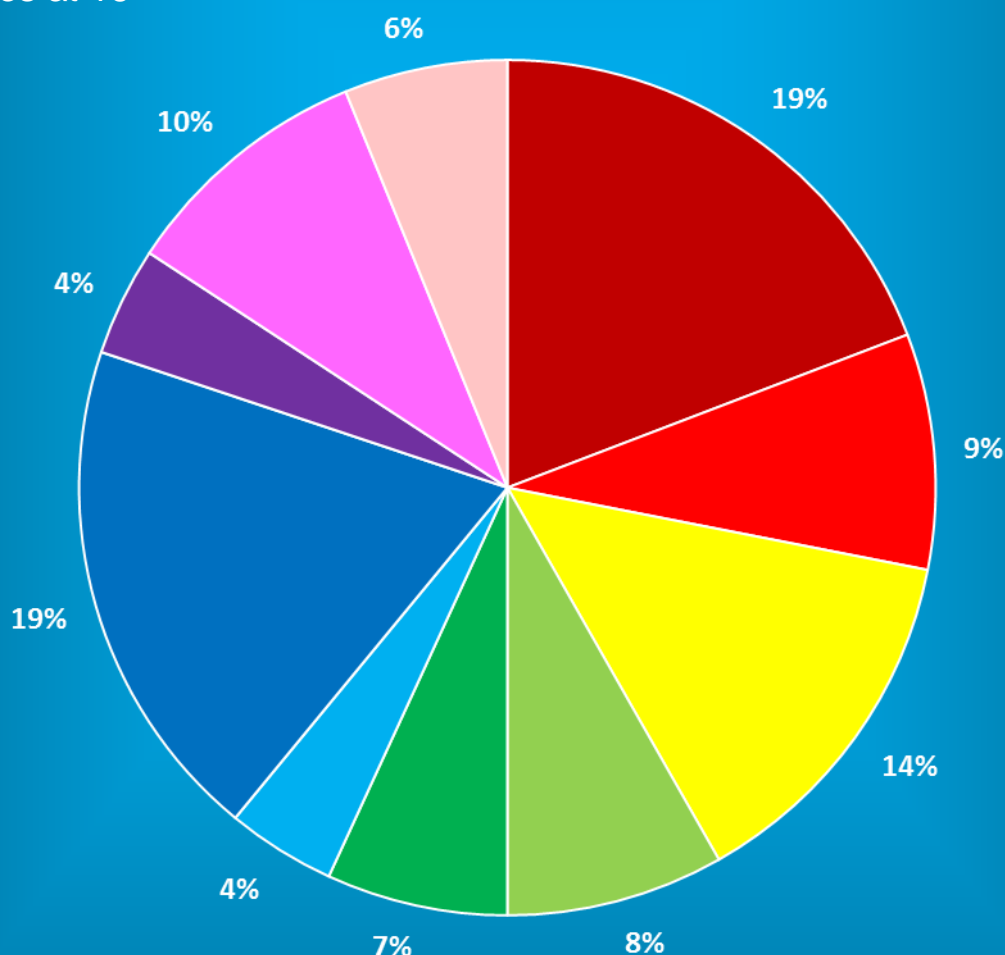


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University Campus Oldham

With 146 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

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1. Mental health
3. Protect LGBT+ people
4. Protect schools budgets
5. Votes at 16



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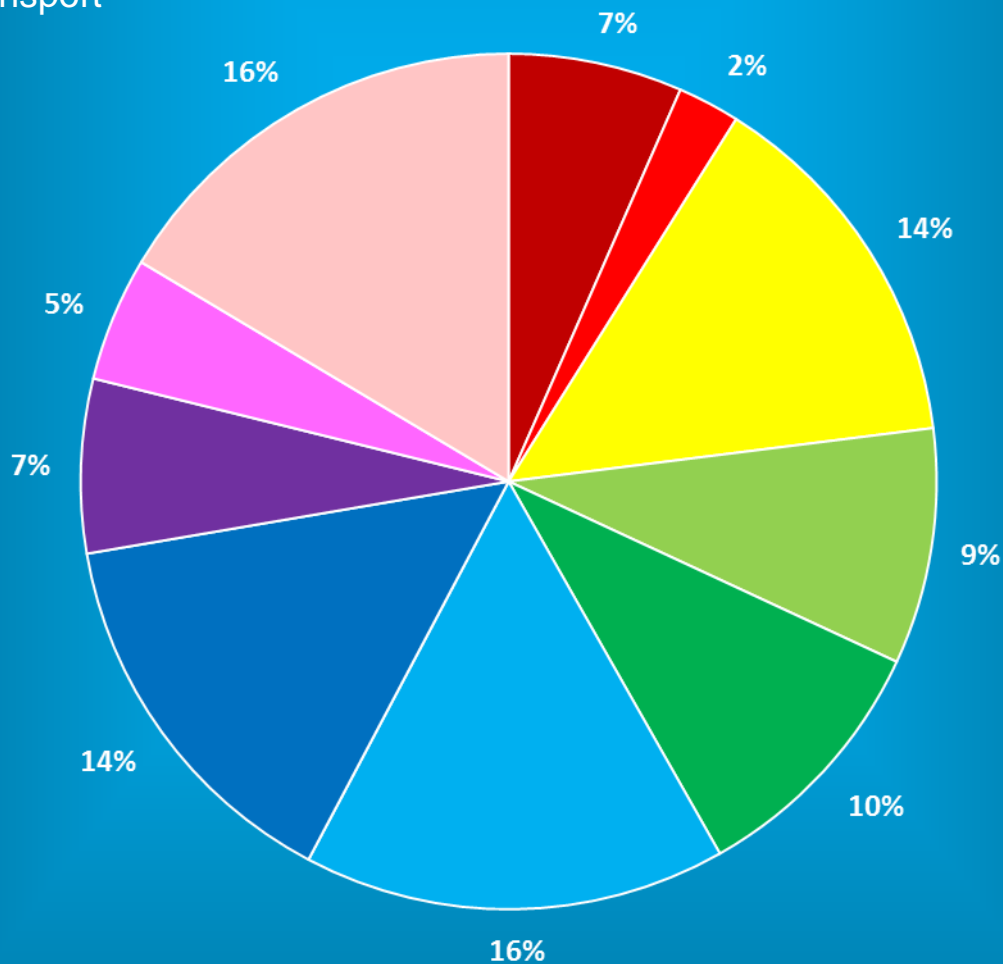


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Waterhead Academy

With 213 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds
2. First aid education for all young people
3. Mental health
4. Protect LGBT+ people
5. Transport



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REGIONAL RESULTS

The regional total for the North West smashed the target of 150,000 ballots with

203,614

This was the highest number of ballots for a region across the UK and also represents the highest turnout across the UK regions with of 33.47%.

The top 5 issues for the North West are:

1. Transport	28,710 votes
2. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds	27,326 votes
3. A curriculum to prepare us for life	27,067 votes
4. Mental health	26,726 votes
5. Protect LGBT+ people	21,965 votes

Oldham was once again a high performer in the region getting the highest turnout from across the North West, over 15% higher than our closest rival Warrington. Oldham also had the 4th highest number of completed ballots again, coming behind the 2 counties of Lancashire and Cumbria and the city of Manchester. We think this shows Oldham's young people want to be engaged in politics.

NATIONAL RESULTS

The number of young people consulted as part of 'Make Your Mark' in 2017 across the UK was:

954,766

The top 5 issues that young people have said affect them today are:

1. A curriculum to prepare us for life	130,674 votes
2. Transport	128,749 votes
3. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds	121,695 votes
4. Mental health	119,186 votes
5. Votes at 16	100,231 votes

Oldham was also a high performer nationally. Our total ballots of 17,130 were the 6th highest out of the 224 Authorities nationally and our turnout of 71.8% was the 2nd highest across the UK beaten only by Slough who gained a 79.6% turnout with just over 9,368 ballots.

To download a copy of the UKYP Make Your Mark 2017 report or for more information please go to <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark/>

HOUSE OF COMMONS SITTING

On 10th November 2017 Jade Calder and Nayema Kashem, as MYPs for Oldham, joined the other UK representatives at the House of Commons to debate the top 5 issues. Due to the devolved nature of the UK democracy, and to ensure relevant representation of the issues from all nations, the issues chosen for debate from Make Your Mark must include 2 UK wide topics and 3 devolved (England only) topics. These topics were:

- 1. A curriculum to prepare us for life** (England only)
- 2. Transport** (England only)
- 3. Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds** (England only)
- 4. Votes at 16** (UK wide)
- 5. Protect LGBT+ people** (UK wide)

After a full day of lively debates, presided over by the Speaker of the House John Bercow, the MYPs voted on which of the issues would form their UK-wide campaign for 2018 and also choose which issue would become the devolved campaign (England only) for 2018. Official footage from the debate can be seen on BBC iPlayer until 9th December 2017, search for UK Youth Parliament debates. Our very own MYP, Jade Calder, can be seen giving her opinion on Votes at 16 in the morning session (1hr 2mins in).

The United Kingdom Youth Parliament, UK wide campaign for 2018 will be **Votes at 16**.

The United Kingdom Youth Parliament, devolved campaign (England only) for 2018 will be **A curriculum to prepare us for life**.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

Once again Oldham Youth Council are immensely proud of their Make Your Mark results. 2017 saw the highest number of ballots (and highest turnout) ever achieved in Oldham and will be very difficult to top next year. However, to try and better this year's results we will not set a numerical target for 2018 but rather try to increase participation in organisations that take part.

Targets for 2018 will be to:

- Maintain engagement from the 21 establishments who took part this year
- Increase student participation at all schools and colleges

Reflecting back on this year's results on how schools engaged we will make the following recommendations for Make Your Mark 2018.

1. Continue to use the In-zine newsletter, set up by Oldham Youth Council informing schools of what events and projects are coming up through the year
2. Continue to develop a network of 'democracy' contacts throughout the schools and colleges.
3. Use social media such as twitter and Instagram to engage schools earlier and increase the amount of time they participate in Make Your Mark.
4. In 2017, we were able to develop ways of delivering Make Your Mark to large

groups such as assemblies capturing whole year groups in one go. The recommendation would be to roll this out in more schools.

SPECIAL MENTION

We would finally like to make special mention of Oasis Academy Oldham and in particular Katie McLaren, Head of Extended Services for the school. Since 2013, we have struggled to get high numbers of participation at the school for several reasons. Katie allowed Oldham Youth Council to use the school as a test case for delivering Make Your Mark through assemblies and develop a way in which large groups can be consulted in one go. This system worked very well and increased numbers from 146 votes in 2016 to 1,065 votes this year. Oldham Youth Council would like to thank the pupils of Oasis Academy Oldham, all of the staff who help with the process and Katie who facilitated us going in.