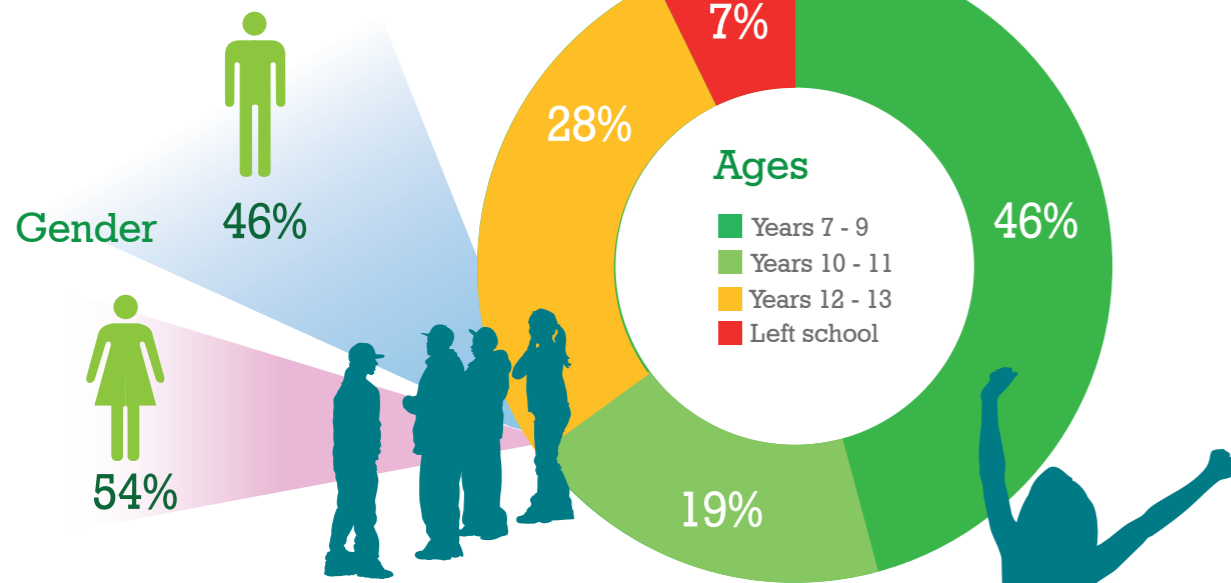


Cardiff Youth Council has conducted a survey to find out the views of young people about how well PSE prepared them for life. We had over 1030 reponses. Please see the findings below:

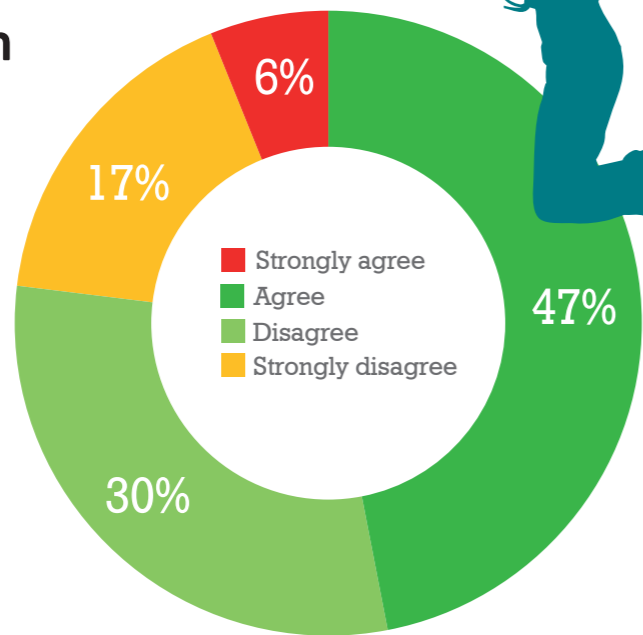


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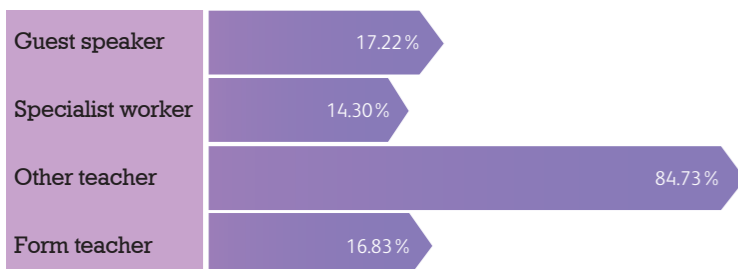


Does our curriculum prepare us of life?

"Although some of the work we are taught in PSE has relevance, it seems to lack substance in some areas. I often find that we jump from one subject to another before we have even started the first. Lots of the subjects need to be backed up with more detail, as I find that everything taught is very brief".



Who teaches us?



"At the moment, it just feels like a time killing subject. Schools could do more to make this a highly anticipated subject where you can learn helpful skills for life. It is also not given enough importance as teachers are often pulled from other areas (Psychology in my case) to teach it and this gives students the wrong impression"

Employment & Taxes

"I don't feel that I know a lot about government issues or working. I also don't know how taxes, voting, rent and other regular payments work"



Independent living

"It needs more lessons on how to independently manage on your own in real life eg. Bills, housing and taxes etc"



Documents

"It is really important that we get taught about these things like passports and driver's licences as these are things we need in the future, we need them for all sorts of things like identification, when applying for things"



Housing

"Having a roof over your head is important but nobody teaches you about rent, bonds or mortgages, that cant be right!"



Parenting

"We should learn more about our human rights, how to parent properly, how to recognise a mental disorder"



Money Skills

"I think we should get taught about money skills because we need to be taught how to use are money wisely when we are older"

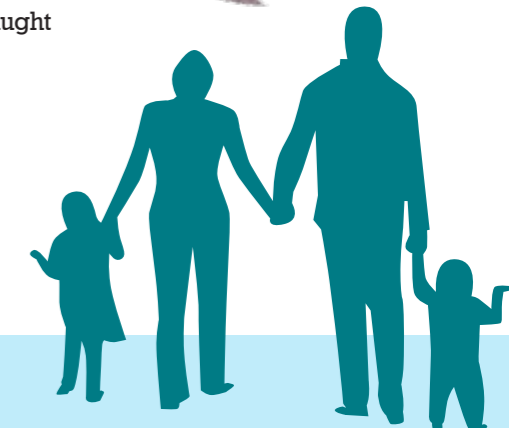


First aid

"I think that PSE is fine as it is right now but there should be more lessons about other subjects that could help us when we grow up like the first aid"



Should be taught (Red bar)
Are taught (Yellow bar)



How to prepare us for life?

"I think that we should be taught more about independent living and democracy and rights. I feel like our education system doesn't teach us enough about basic life skills such as housing, parenting, mental health and national politics rather than things such as healthy eating and smoking considering these are things most people with common sense should understand. This is why, in my opinion, that most young people (with basic life skills) are more confused than they should be in this day and age: due to our education system not teaching us the things we should know about"

"Poorly taught, very badly neglected as a subject. Get some teachers that actually specialise in the subject NOT COVER TEACHERS!"

"Personally my experience of PSE days has been very un-useful and irrelevant to my life. For the subjects that actually might hold some importance to me, we put on a video. I think they should inquire about what we would like/ need to learn to prepare them for life. I haven't learned any skill during my very few PSE days that has equipped me for deal with any real life scenarios. We learn theories that would all be become useless in practice"

"I think PSE would be more engaging if we had 'experts' teach the subject or even people with personal experiences with abuse/drugs or Citizen's Advice for financial/forms advice for examxple, instead of a PE teacher who didn't really care and we didn't trust to give us sound advice on the subject."