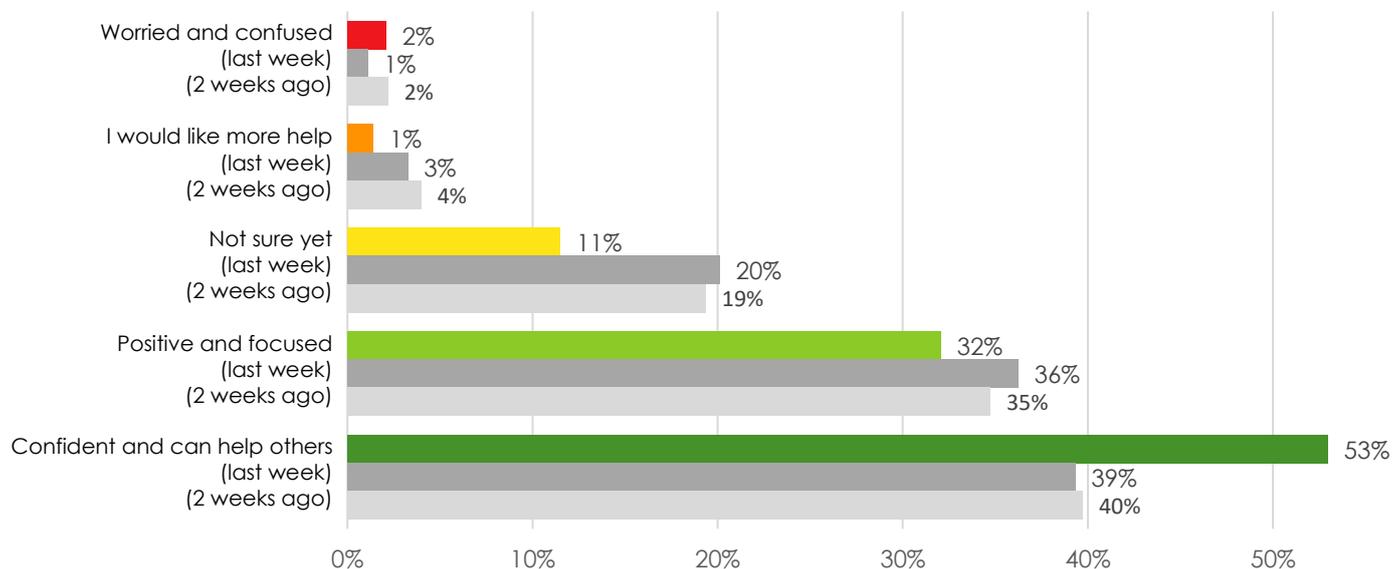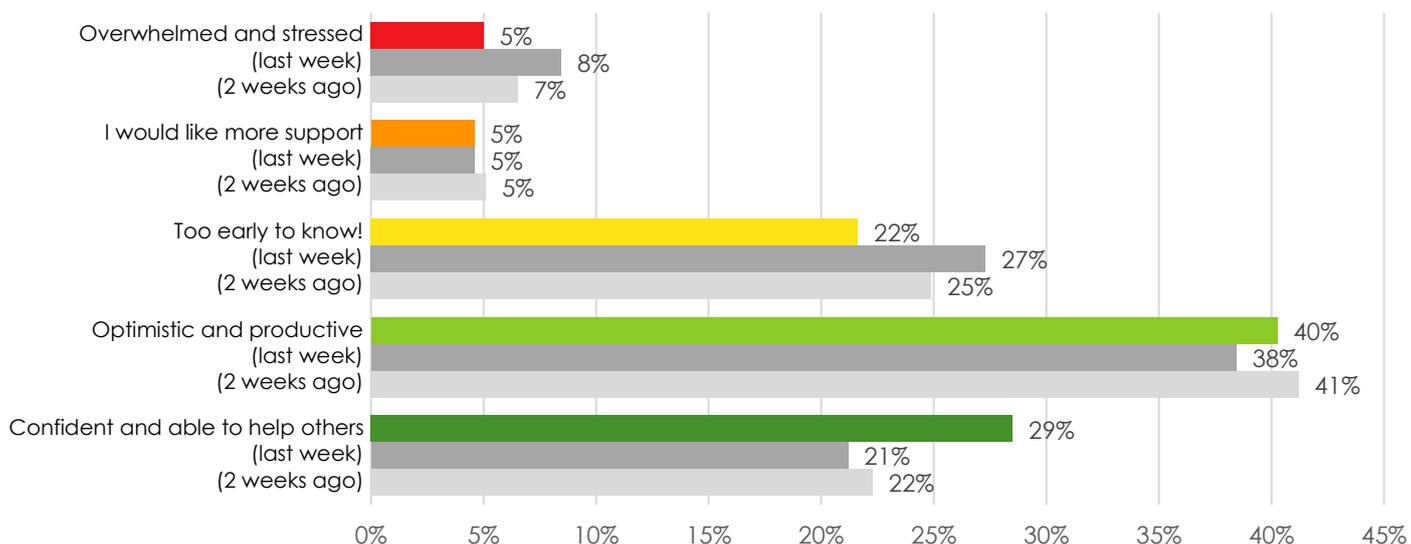# VOTESFORSCHOOLS

Do the Olympics need updating?
(Primary & Secondary)
10th July 2020 – 17th July 2020

As part of our vote this week, we encouraged students who were still learning from home due to the Coronavirus crisis, to share how they were feeling about learning from home with us. Here is an insight into what they said:
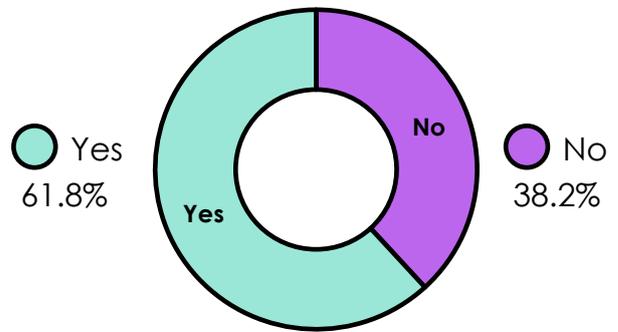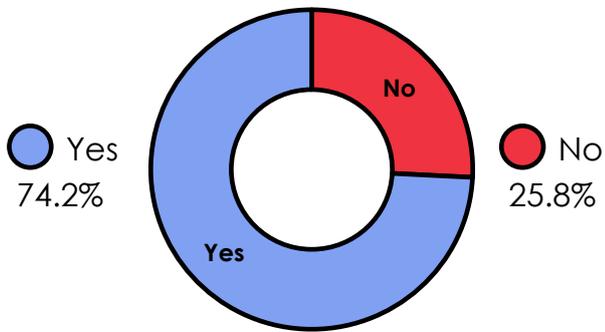
Primary

Category	This week	Last week	2 weeks ago
Worried and confused	2%	1%	2%
I would like more help	1%	3%	4%
Not sure yet	11%	20%	19%
Positive and focused	32%	36%	35%
Confident and can help others	53%	39%	40%

Secondary

Category	This week	Last week	2 weeks ago
Overwhelmed and stressed	5%	8%	7%
I would like more support	5%	5%	5%
Too early to know!	22%	27%	25%
Optimistic and productive	40%	38%	41%
Confident and able to help others	29%	21%	22%

Grand Total

Primary: Yes   74.21%
              No   25.79%
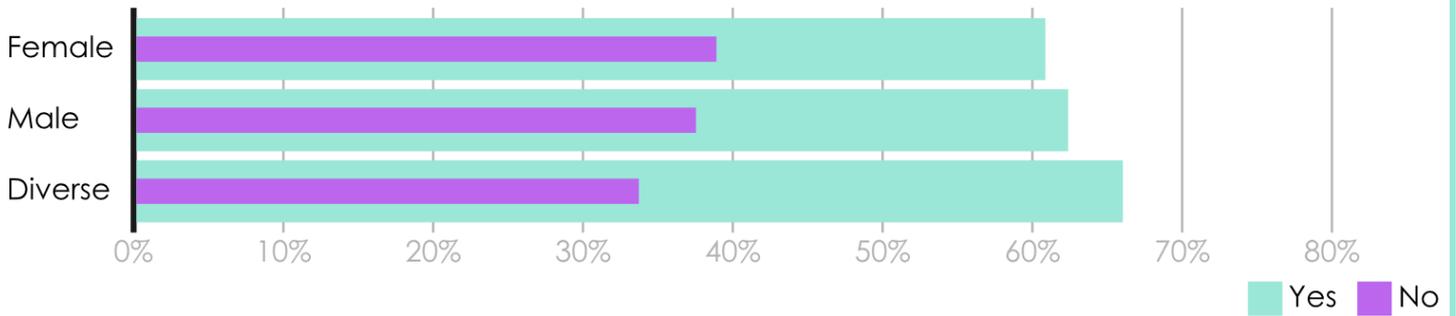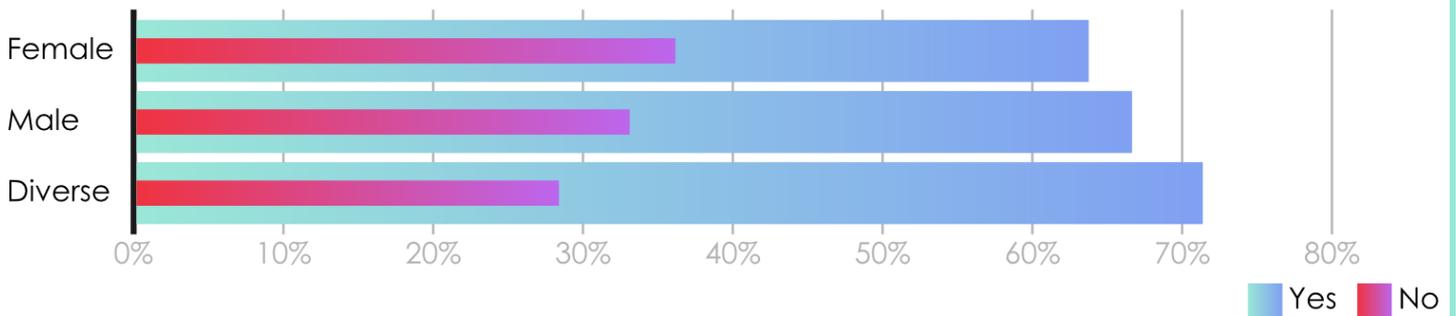
Secondary: Yes   61.81%
               No   38.19%

Yes 74.2%   No 25.8%

Yes 61.8%   No 38.2%

Gender

Primary

Female
Male
Diverse

Yes   No

Secondary
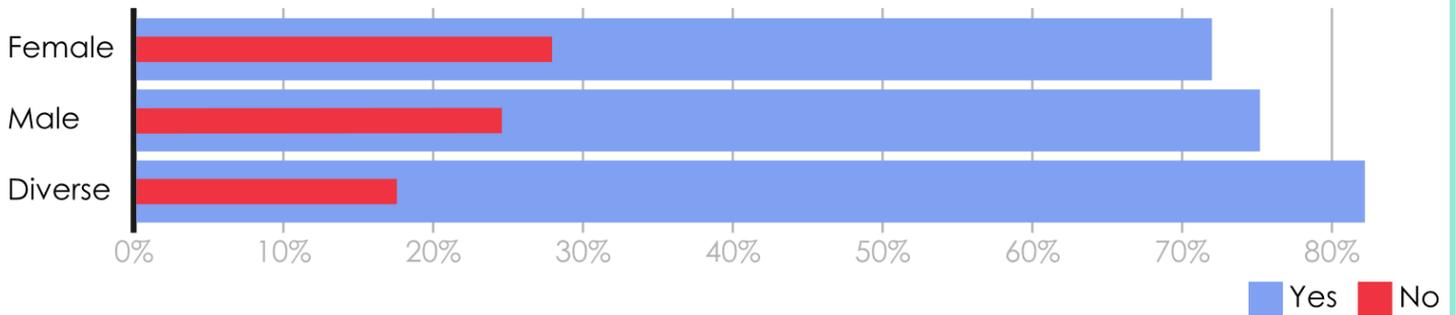
Female
Male
Diverse

Yes   No

Primary & Secondary Combined

Female
Male
Diverse

Yes   No

Primary:

	Yes %	No %
Female	72.08%	27.92%
Male	75.38%	24.62%
Diverse*	82.35%	17.65%

Secondary:

	Yes %	No %
Female	61.03%	38.97%
Male	62.47%	37.53%
Diverse*	66.18%	33.82%

Primary and Secondary Total:

	Yes %	No %
Female	63.81%	36.19%
Male	66.78%	33.22%
Diverse*	71.57%	28.43%

*Votes collected as "Diverse" include students that identify as gender diverse, as well as students that wish not to disclose their gender.

Both in **Primary and Secondary schools, female students had the smallest percentage of Yes votes**, followed by male students and gender diverse students, who in both cases had the biggest percentage of Yes votes to the question "Do the Olympics need updating?".

In **Primary schools, 3.3% more male pupils voted Yes, compared to female voters**. **Gender diverse pupils** had the biggest percentage of Yes votes, with **10.27%** more voting Yes, compared to females.

In **Secondary schools** this difference was slightly more subtly with **1.44% more male students voting Yes, compared to female voters** and **5.15% more diverse students Voting Yes**, when comparing the vote to female students.

Age

Year Group	Yes %	No %
1	61.84%	38.16%
2	80.19%	19.81%
3	79.21%	20.79%
4	80.78%	19.22%
5	70.43%	29.57%
6	73.17%	26.83%
7	63.33%	36.67%
8	62.30%	37.70%
9	62.12%	37.88%
10	55.81%	44.19%
11	75.41%	24.59%
12	47.06%	52.94%

Votes by Year Group

Yes   No
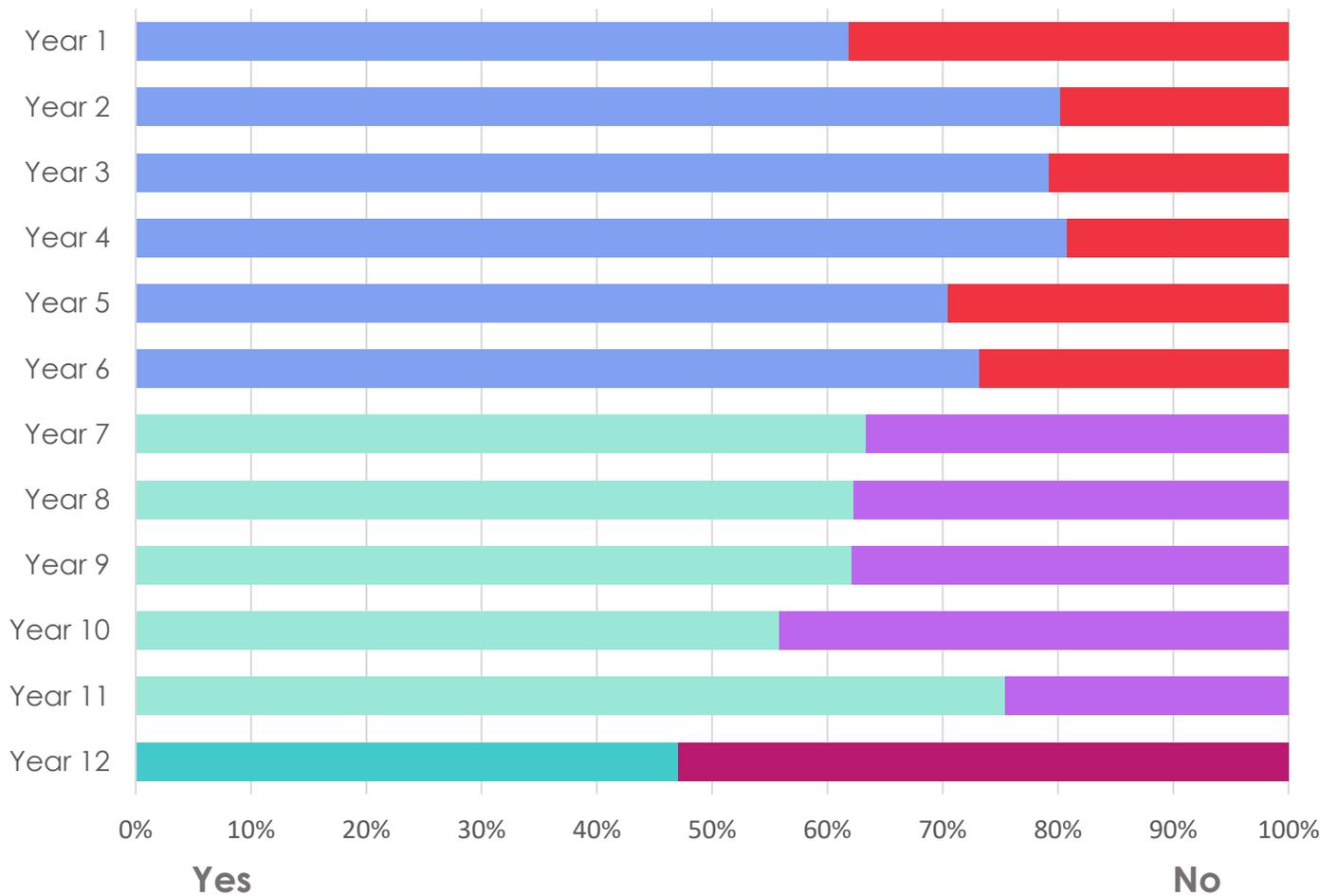
Students' Comments:

"Many sports need **as much skill, agility and teamwork** as popular ones so it **wouldn't be fair to cut them out.** Also, many sports have been around too long and **modern ones would be more entertaining.**"

Primary School, West Midlands

"If it stays the same it will **get repetitive** and people will **lose interest.**"

Primary School, West Midlands

"**For many years, the Olympics have been updated** so why is it not okay to do it now? If we update it once every couple years, it will **make people more interested** than if we had the same each year."

Primary School, Surrey

"It might be **nice to see sports that more kids enjoy** like gaming or parkour rather than seeing stuff that mostly adults like. I personally would like to see dodgeball, parkour or even E-sports. I would like to see some activities that haven't been involved in the Olympics. Not having football is okay, because **it already has its own tournament whereas dodgeball and parkour don't.**"

Primary School, West Midlands

"The Olympics need to be updated to **please younger audiences**, but **not too much** that the traditional events are not included."

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"New sports should be introduced in order to **show the skills of the current generation.**"

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"**Some sports should be added**, such as skating and parkour, but **some should stay out such as e-sports** etc."

Secondary School, London

"It's a little **boring seeing the same sports** over and over again with the **same athletes**. If we had new sports, then **new athletes get the chance to play.**"

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"Modern sports should be added to the Olympics so that there is a **wider variety of events and skills** displayed. It also **allows more people to get involved.**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

The Olympics will begin to add more events as it will **help them reach a wider.** The Olympics **have been updating and adding sports throughout the years** so it would only make sense if they were to keep doing so."

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"The Olympics are already at a good stage and **have most of the necessary sports** that are needed. Just because people may feel like their favourite game is not in the Olympics, **does not mean it is necessary in the Olympics**."

Primary School, Berkshire

"I do not know why it would be necessary to modernise it even more. In my opinion **we have a sufficient amount of games already**."

Primary School, Surrey

"If we keep adding things, we **may have too many sports** and quite a few people could **lose interest** in the Olympics."

Primary School, West Midlands

"If there are too many sports people won't be able to focus and know which sport they like and **it will get too confusing**."

Primary School, Berkshire

"The Olympics are **traditional games** but if we change it, it won't be traditional."

Primary School, Berkshire

"The Olympics are known as a **classic event** and everybody enjoys watching it. You only need a good opening and sports so **why would you change it?**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

"The Olympics is a **traditional event**, not an event to be constantly changed. **Adding new sports will make it more expensive** and there won't be as many people going as usual."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"Because the **Olympic Games are wonderful**."

Secondary School, London

"The Olympics **should be preserved**, because they are a part of the **culture of the world** and it should not be changed. However, I think that they should **consider adding popular sports that have been around for the same time** that the Olympic sports have been."

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"I don't believe the Olympics need updating. I believe more **modern events should have their own separate Olympics**. That way they can have two hosting countries and can have them **at two separate times** in order to not have too high a cost for hosting. I believe this will encourage youth to watch the more modern Olympics and **encourage sports in today's youth**."

Secondary School, South Yorkshire